

Recorded by: Rebecca Haskins / Reviewed by: Jane K. Newell & ARG

Continuation Update [July 2017]

Intensive Survey (Anaheim survey for Qualified Historical Structure status)

P3a. Description [updating information in 2003 survey]: This one-story single family residence is Spanish Colonial Revival in style. The exterior is finished in stucco. The front façade is defined by two front gables connected by a recessed entrance porch. The front gable and shed roofs are covered by clay barrel tile. The remaining bulk of the plan has a flat roof surrounded by a parapet. Fenestration consists of wood frame, mostly single light, double-hung windows throughout. Those on the primary façade and flanking the fireplace are multilight. The window within the porch is a fixed central window with two-over-one double-hung windows flanking it. The main window at the living room is similar but full-length and has fixed windows with a two-over-one configuration in a single frame flanking the central window. The detached garage, opening to the rear alley, may be later than the house. An open, covered patio with a solid back wall along one side of the rear yard connects the garage and house. The house is in good condition and appears to have good historic integrity with no known alterations.

P6. Date Constructed: 1928(f) Anaheim Building Permit Reports

B6. Construction History: The house was constructed in 1928; In October 1928 Fred Sweeney took out building permit no. 2908 for a new dwelling valued at \$3,500, and on October 8, 1928 had the water meter turned on at 609 S. Helena St., indicating the start of construction; Building Permits: Reroof (1941); Fire hose (1954); Patio slab & roof + slab for future garage (1957); Sprinkler system (1959); Furnace replacement (1971); Reroof (1984); Sewer cleanout (2000); Reroof garage (2003).

B10 Significance [updating information in 2003 survey]

The property contributes to the significance of the Anaheim Colony Historic District through its representation of the early 20th century residential streetscapes of the neighborhood due to its age, building type, and architectural style. The property retains its historic integrity.

609 S. Helena St. was part of 20-acre Vineyard Lot H-5, originally planted with wine grapes by Anaheim colonists F. Bachman, Louis Dorr and Henry Boege. For nearly twenty-five years Anaheim was the greatest wine-producing district in California. But in 1885 a strange disease attacked the vines and within five years the two million vines that made up this huge vineyard were dead. After the destruction of the grape vines, an effort was made to raise a variety of agricultural products (grain, strawberries, etc.), but the majority of Anaheim residents planted Valencia orange and walnut trees. A few vineyardists chose to subdivide and sell off portions of their parcels for residential and commercial development. Following the death of Henry Boege in ca. 1876, the northerly 9 acres of Vineyard Lot H-5 were sold to John Meredith.

John Meredith (b. 1828), was a native of England who emigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1840, where they settled in Missouri. John moved to Sierra County, California during the gold rush and engaged in mining (per the 1852 California Census). There he met and married in 1857 Harriett (Libbey) Staples (b. 1825 in Maine), a widow with three children (Albert, Roscoe and Harriett Adelaide). In 1859 they moved to Anaheim, where they raised sheep on 100 acres east of Anaheim (per Harriett Meredith's obituary published in the *Anaheim Gazette*, 1/19/1905) and grew walnuts and apricots on Vineyard Lot H-5. After John's death on May 2, 1901, the 9 acres in Vineyard Lot H-5 became the sole property of Harriett Meredith. Following Harriett's death on January 8, 1905, the property was inherited by her married daughter, Mrs. Harriett A. Kelly.

On May 4, 1909, Harriett A. Kelly sold the 9.13-acre property to W.W. Adams. Adams and his wife, Carrie, quickly sold the parcel to Fred Wiese on June 10, 1910. Wiese then sold the property to Charles E. Cowan on April 8, 1911. Cowan and his wife, Nora, sold the parcel to Peter Rueter on October 21, 1913.

On September 14, 1920, Peter Rueter entered into an agreement with Paul H. Kamrath to sell 7.5 acres in Vineyard Lot H-5 for \$55,000. Peter Rueter (b. 1860) was a native of Germany, who emigrated to the U.S. in 1874 and settled in Nebraska. Following the death of his first two wives, he moved to Anaheim in 1912. Here he married a widow, Philippina Butler (b. 1869 in Germany), in 1916 and was a citrus rancher (per Peter Rueter's obituary published in the *Anaheim Bulletin*, 1/3/1932). Paul H. Kamrath (b. 1888), was born in the neighboring town of Olive, where he also was a citrus rancher. In 1908, Paul married Katherine Sandersfeld (b. 1886 in Iowa) and they had four daughters (Elsie, Esther, Stella and Margaret). The family moved to Anaheim in 1920, where Paul owned and operated a service station on Anaheim Blvd. at Water St. (per Paul Kamrath's obituary published in the *Anaheim Bulletin*, 9/7/1941). In January 1923, Peter Rueter and Paul H. and Katie Kamrath subdivided the 7.5-acre parcel into the California Square Tract (No. 406), with 42 residential lots.

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On September 24, 1928 Fred and Ina M. Sweeney purchased unimproved Lot 3 in Block D from Rueter and the Kammraths. In October 1928 Fred Sweeney took out building permit no. 2908 for a new dwelling valued at \$3,500, and on October 8, 1928 had the water meter turned on at 609 S. Helena St., indicating the start of construction. Fred Sweeney, Jr. (b. 1887), a native of Iowa, joined his parents in Anaheim in the mid-1920s, where he found employment with the Anaheim Cooperative Orange Association packing house (per local directories). In November 1926 he married Ina Myrtle (nee Force) Mann, a widow with two children (per Orange County Marriage Records). After living in the house for nine years, the Sweeney family moved to San Diego (per the 1940 U.S. Census).

The Sweeneys sold the property to Henry C. and Maude Landon on June 30, 1937. Henry Calvert Landon (b. 1877) was a native of Pennsylvania, where he met and married Maude Jesse Moon (b. 1883, Pennsylvania) in 1902. The couple moved to Kern County, California by 1910, before relocating to Brea with their five children (Ralph, Randall, Gladis, Nina and William) by 1930. Henry Landon worked in the oil industry his entire career, eventually retiring as foreman of the Brea Canyon Oil Co. After living in the house for eight years, the Landons returned to Brea (per local directories).

On August 6, 1945 the Landons sold the house to Darlene M. Lester, a married woman. Per local directories, Darlene M. Lester was married to Melvin Lester, who was serving in the U.S. Navy (1945). By 1948, the couple had left Anaheim.

Six months later, on February 7, 1946, Darlene M. Lester sold the house to Archie M. and Vivian Grace Henry. Archie Miles Henry (b. 1903), a second generation Anaheim native, married in 1928 Vivian Grace Merriam (b. 1907, Michigan). Archie Henry co-owned three Henry Brothers Drugstores from 1927 to 1956, with his brothers George, John and Marion Henry [per Archie Henry obituary, *Orange County Register*, 5/27/1988]. After residing at 609 S. Helena St. for five years, the Henrys moved in with his parents on S. Lemon St.

The Henrys sold the property to M.E. and Grace M. Williams on October 15, 1951. In the 1953 Anaheim Directory, M. Earl Williams is listed as a carpenter.

On December 3, 1953, M.E. and Grace M. Williams sold the house to Ted R. and Dolores J. Williams (no relation). Theodore Ralph Williams (b. 1921), a California native, grew up in Los Angeles County and the City of Tustin with his brother, Raymond. Per local directories, from 1953-1963 Ted Williams worked his way up from television technician to supervisor of the television department at the Sears store in Fullerton. After living in the house for 16 years, the Williamses moved out of Anaheim.

On March 18, 1969 Ted R. and Dolores J. Williams sold the house to Allis V. Wall, a single woman. On May 26, 1969 her mother, Edna N. Wall, a widow, was added to the property title, then removed on June 14, 1971. The property was placed in the Allis V. Wall Trust on July 9, 2009. Allis Virginia Wall (b. 1925), a native of Iowa, served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a teacher and recruiter during the Korean War. She moved to Anaheim in the late-1960s and worked for the Southern Pacific Bell Telephone Co., retiring around 1990 [per her obituary, *Deseret News*, 10/16/2005]. After residing in the house for 34 years, Allis Wall moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where she passed away in 2005.

Allis V. Wall, Trustee of the Allis V. Wall Trust, sold the property on August 28, 2003 to Brian D. Stoddart, a single man.

On June 9, 2008, Brian D. Stoddart sold the house to Anthony P. Michalski, a single man.

On May 3, 2017, Anthony P. Michalski sold the house to the current owner, Rebecca A. Haskins, a single woman.

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Front façade, view facing west
Taken July 18, 2017

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 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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 HRI #
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 Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Sweeney House

P1. Other Identifier: 609 S. Helena

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Orange and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad _____ Date _____ T ____; R ____; ____ 1/4 of ____ 1/4 of Sec ____; _____ B.M.

c. Address 609 S. Helena City: Anaheim Zip 92805

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone __, _____ mE/ _____ mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

APN: 036-221-29 Lot 3 Block D California Square Tract 406

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This one story ranch style home bears Spanish influences that typify the residential development of the 1920s in Anaheim. The cross gabled roof is covered in red clay tiles that barrel roll over the fascia lines. A brick chimney on the south side of the house breaks the roofline. The structure is clad in a Mediterranean pink plaster/stucco coat. The southernmost gable face is fenestrated by a bank of windows in tripartite. The central window is a fixed square picture window, capped in a band of 4 vertical rectangular panes. Vertical windows flank both sides of this central feature, in divided light panes that result in 2 over 1 design.

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*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

*P4. Resources Present: Building
 Structure Object Site District
 Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) Front Elevation
 East Facing

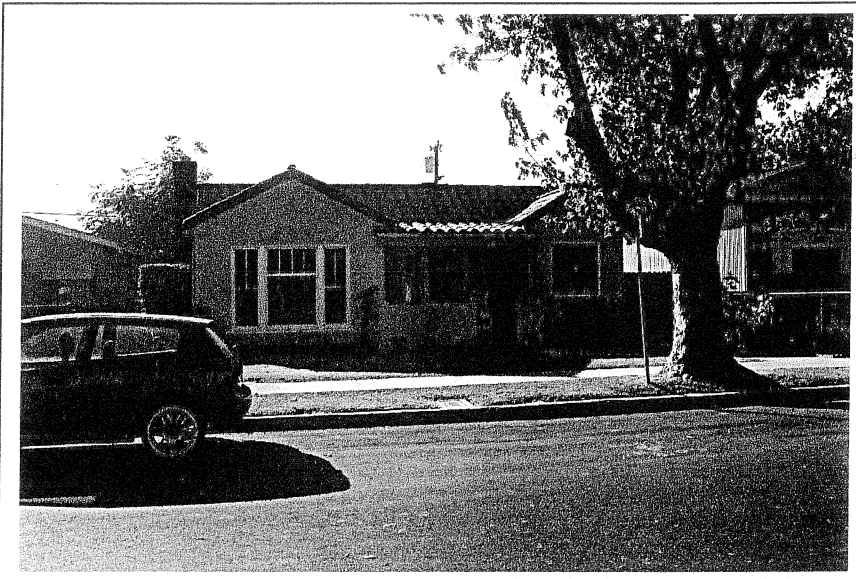
*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both
 1928

*P7. Owner and Address:
 Brian Stoddard 714-758-3799
 609 S. Helena
 Anaheim, CA 92805

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) Cynthia Ward
 Architectural Historian
 123 S. Melrose Street
 Anaheim, CA 92805

*P9. Date Recorded: November 2003

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



737 N. Clementine St
 Anaheim, CA 92805

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Historic Home Survey Anaheim Colony Historic District

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") None

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

***NRHP Status Code**

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- B1. **Historic Name:** Sweeney House
B2. **Common Name:** 609 S. Helena
B3. **Original Use:** Residential B4. **Present Use:** Residential
*B5. **Architectural Style:** Spanish Influenced Ranch
*B6. **Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

1928

*B7. **Moved?** No Yes Unknown **Date:**

Original Location:

*B8. **Related Features:**

B9a. **Architect:** Unknown b. **Builder:** Unknown

*B10. **Significance:** Theme Residential Architecture Area Anaheim Colony Historic District
Period of Significance Early 20th Century 1920s Property Type Single Family Residential

Applicable Criteria (Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Original Vineyard Lot H-5, was subdivided into the California Square development, Tract# 406, during the building boom Anaheim experienced in the 1920s. Many orchards were divided into housing lots to accommodate the huge population explosion in the Orange County area as people from all over the country relocated to California in search of milder climates, and the sunshine lifestyle depicted on the citrus crate labels shipped to frozen eastern states.

On September 28, 1928, Fred and Ina Sweeney, husband and wife, purchased Lot 3 of Block D with a mortgage loan of \$2,500.00 from the Savings Loan and Building Association of Anaheim. Records show that Fred Sweeney was issued Water Permit # 3031 for 609 S. Helena in October 1928. Also in October of 1928, Fred Sweeney was issued Building Permit # 2908 to construct a New Dwelling at 609 S. Helena, valued at \$3,500.00. At that time, City Directories show the Sweeneys living at 409 Melrose, and Fred Sweeney was employed as a warehouseman for the Anaheim Cooperative Orange Association. Mr. Sweeney retained that employment for some years, as he is depicted in a group photo of employees of that organization dated August 15, 1941. That photograph is available through the Local History Room of the Anaheim Public Library, as file P13263X.

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B11. **Additional Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes)

*B12. **References:**

Chain of Title from Old Republic Title Company, City Tax Assessor's records, City Building Permits, City Water records, City Directories, Archive photos: Anaheim Public Library Local History Room

B13. **Remarks:**

*B14. **Evaluator:** Cynthia Ward, Architectural Historian

*Date of Evaluation: November 2003

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

(This space reserved for official comments.)

609 S. Helena

The body of the house, combined with the cross gables at southern and northern ends of the structure, form a horseshoe shaped footprint. Within the main body of the structure, a tiled porch shelters the entrance and another bank of windows. The central window is again a square fixed picture window, capped by a bank of 3 vertical panes. Flanking both sides of the central window are the 2 over one vertical windows seen in the southern gable face. A short, parapet shaped ½ wall of plaster encases the porch, creating a sheltered seating area.

Set within the northern gable face is a double hung window in a 3 over 1 design.

All window frames appear to be white wood.

Landscaping consists of lawn, with few foundation plantings. An alley-loaded garage is sited on the rear of the property.

Overall condition of the property appears good.

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*Recorded by: Cynthia Ward, Architectural Historian *Date November 2003

Continuation Update

There is no record of the Sweeneys selling the house, but a Deed recorded August 6, 1945 shows Henry and Maude Landon as the owners, selling the house to Darlene Lester. Darlene Lester sold the house to Archie and Vivan Grace Henry on February 7, 1946. The Henrys sold the house to M.E. and Grace Williams October 15, 1951.

On December 3, 1953, M.E. and Grace Williams sold the house to Ted and Delores Williams (possible family connection?) and the Williams' sold the home to Allis Wall on March 3, 1969. On May 26, 1969, Allis Wall recorded the Deed to the house in the name of both Allis Wall and Edna Wall, suppositionally a family connection. On June 14, 1971, Edna Wall deed the house back to Allis Wall. Edna passed away in 1977.

The home has recently been sold to Brian Stoddard.

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