

State of California — The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #
 Trinomial
 NRHP Status Code

Other Listings
 Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: 809 S. Lark Ellen Ave.

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County: Los Angeles

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:

Date:

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c. Address: 809 S. Lark Ellen Ave.

City: West Covina

Zip: 91791

d. UTM: Zone: 10 ; mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation: APN 8486-010-011

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

The house located at 809 South Lark Ellen is a single-story Craftsman style bungalow built in 1920. The house has a cross-gabled roof, with overhanging eaves and a full width front porch. The roof is finished in asphalt shingle and the exterior walls are clad in wood clapboard siding. The front gable contains a small arched window (in the Palladian vernacular). The front porch and front gable are supported by wood columns set in concrete. The front porch stairs and the front porch are made of concrete. The front façade is rhythmically balanced with long narrow windows flanking the glass front door. The house fronts east on South Lark Ellen Avenue in a residential area comprised mainly of single family homes. The house is listed with the Los Angeles County Assessors office as a single family resident with 1,924 square feet of interior space with two bedrooms and one bath and is situated on a 14,168 foot square lot. The house appears to have had little alteration and is very well maintained. Additionally, the house is nearly identical to its neighbor 803 South Lark Ellen Avenue.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (HP2) single family property

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

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



P5b. Description of Photo:
 (View West, taken Nov. 22, 2005)

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: Historic
 Prehistoric Both
 1920 (Fidelity National Title)

*P7. Owner and Address:
 Robert and Sylvia Young
 (same as above)

*P8. Recorded by:
 Historic Preservation Partners
 419 Concord Ave
 Monrovia, Ca 91016

*P9. Date Recorded:
 Nov. 22, 2005

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
 Intensive Survey of pre-1946 homes in West Covina city boundaries

*P11. Report Citation:
 Reconnaissance Survey of pre-

1946 homes in West Covina city boundaries (Historic Preservation Partners, 2005)

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch 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):

DPR 523A (1/95)

*Required information

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Name or # 809 South Lark Ellen Avenue

- B1. Historic Name:
B2. Common Name:
B3. Original Use: Dwelling
B4. Present Use: Dwelling

*B5. Architectural Style: Craftsman

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

809 South Lark Ellen Avenue was constructed in 1920, according to Fidelity National Title. The house does not appear to have had any major exterior/interior alterations however, according to City of West Covina, pre-1947 building permits are no longer available. The house is virtually identical to its neighbor, 803 South Lark Ellen Avenue.

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

*B8. Related Features: none

B9a. Architect: unknown

b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Residential Architecture

Area: West Covina

Period of Significance: 1920-1921

Property Type: Dwelling

Applicable Criteria: C (NR), 3 (CR)

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

809 South Lark Ellen is locally significant under National Register Criteria C: Design/Construction. The house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman style, popular in the first part of the 20th century in West Covina. The house features key Craftsman style elements, such as wide-overhanging eaves and a large front porch with wood columns. The house emphasizes horizontality and has a unique miniature Palladian-style window located at the front gable peak. Additionally, the house is virtually identical to its neighbor, 803 South Lark Ellen. The house is eligible for the California Register under the same criteria (California Register Criteria 3).

West Covina was unincorporated in 1920, but had a burgeoning agricultural industry. By 1922 the walnut industry in the valley was at its maximum and the crop that year totaled 25,000 tons. Population at the time was relatively small, but community members were active in helping to form the new city. West Covina incorporated in 1923. 809 South Lark Ellen is an excellent example of Craftsman style residential architecture built in the 1920s. The house does not appear to have been altered and retains its historic integrity.

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

*B12. References:

- Historical Society of Southern California Pub. Vol. 14, 1929
- "Walnut Growers in Splendid Shape," (1920 newspaper article)
- Barbara Pronin, West Covina: Fulfilling the Promise (Windsor Publications, 1989).
- West Covina Building Permit File

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator:

Historic Preservation Partners
419 Concord Avenue
Monrovia, Ca 91016

*Date of Evaluation: Nov. 22, 2005

