

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION William Smith House
1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Herman Hotel Carriage House
3. Street or rural address: 50 "F" Street
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 569-171-18
5. Present Owner: William G. & Cleoann Smith Address: 50 "F" Street
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Victorian
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Legal: CV Sub QS 124, por Lots 20 & 21
This home was formerly a carriage house and has undergone a number of alterations. The building has a two story section at the center with a one story attached garage at the right end, a one story section with a brick chimney at the left end, and a one story screen porch with a flat roof across the front. The home features a medium, hipped roof with boxed cornices and paired brackets. Other details include horizontal, wide, shiplap siding with wide corner boards, and various types of windows including double hung and louvered.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1888 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 172 Depth 160
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: windows altered; room additions
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: stablekeeper's house and barn foundation nearby

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This house was once the carriage house for the Herman Hotel that stood on the southwest corner of "F" Street and Hilltop. The hotel was originally built as a home for George W. Roberts. After his death in August 1888, his sister, Mrs. Minnie Herman, added 13 rooms to the house in 1894. The Herman Hotel burned down soon after 1913, but the carriage house remained. The hotel property was split up in 1920 and 1921. On Dec. 18, 1923, William S. Boyd and his wife, Maggie, acquired the old carriage house. They lived there and raised chickens. The next owners were Willis and Eloise Nance who bought the property in 1944. Although considerably altered, the carriage house is significant as one of the last remains of the Herman Hotel. The suggestion that the building was also a stage stop has not been verified. Minnie Herman, who once owned this property, was a prominent Chula Vista. She bought and sold real estate and promoted oil exploration in Chula Vista.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement 1
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
NC Record 8-23-94; 9-20-94; 12-13-94
SD Union 2-18-97; 8-7-1888 (obit)
8-8-1888; 8-18-1888
SD County Deeds
CV Tax Assessment Rolls
22. Date form prepared 8-6-1985
By (name) K Webster
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City Chula Vista Zip 92012
Phone: 691-5101

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

