

C. Clarence and Fannie Park Home

4604 Date Avenue

This one and a half story Craftsman bungalow was the residence of Charles Clarence Park, co-founder of the Park-Grable Investment Company that subdivided 200 acres of land in and around central La Mesa into 1,000 town lots, stimulating the initial development of the area.

In addition to being involved with the land development company, members of the Park family were officers in the La Mesa Lumber Company and the Bank of La Mesa. Park's father, Dr. Donald Franklin Park, served as Mayor and City Councilman. His son, Harry Park, served on the City Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission.



Located at the northwest corner of Date Avenue and Finley Avenue in the heart of the Date Avenue historic district, this 1907 residence pre-dates the planting of the Canary Island Date Palms by one year. Park and his wife, Fannie, owned and lived in the house until 1921.

The house has a medium cross-gable roof, wide eaves, and an expansive front porch that sits on a high foundation above street level. The porch roof is supported by heavy, short tapered columns. Original double-hung wood windows, trim details, and siding are present and the house is in excellent condition. An early (prior to 1929) addition extended a rear bedroom and added a walk in closet. The back porch was also replaced with a kitchen extension. In 1949 a permit was issued for interior bathroom improvements and in 2007 the foundation of the house was reinforced. A detached garage was added in the rear yard shortly after the house was completed.