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P1. Resource Name: Fred J. and Mary Dow Home

***P2. Location:** *a. County: Fresno

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno South, California (Photorevised 1981); Section 2,T14S R20E

c. Address: 3369 E. Huntington Blvd.

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 461-104-08

***P3a. Description:** This one story Tudor Revival cottage has a steeply pitched cross gabled façade bay and cross-gabled bay on the rear of the home. The rafter tails are exposed and a scalloped edge bargeboard provides a "Swiss" design to this distinct home. The cladding is stucco over wood construction. Decorative vents under roof peaks and over the front door have a triangular top and lattice in-fill. The Norman (semi-circular arched) door is recessed under a side gabled porch hood and faces on a diagonal to the corner of 4th and Huntington. The door is heavy wood and glass with an Art Deco style stained glass design. This design is repeated on the three 4/4 sash windows to the right (east) of the front door as well as on the 1/1 windows which frame a fixed window to the left (south) of the door. The front entrance leads out into a raised terrace that is encircled by a wrought iron fence. A fixed picture window with an unusual decorative top to the piercing is located on the end gabled façade bay. Applied wall ornaments are located on both sides of this picture window and are also found above a three sided bay window located on the east elevation of the home. This bay has three windows, of wood with applied muntins of 4/4, 6/6 and 4/4 lights. Most other visible windows on the home are 1/1 wood sash. There are two outbuildings in the rear yard. A two car garage with flat roof faces onto Fourth Street. A chimney is located on the west elevation of the home and has an inset herringbone design at the base.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2 (Single Family Residence)

***P4. Resources Present:** ● Building ● Element of District



P5b Photo date: 30 July 2014

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1929; certificate of completion

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Troy May and Robin Sheppard
3369 E. Huntington Blvd.
Fresno, CA 93702-3219

***P8. Recorded by:**
Karana Hattersley-Drayton
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Manager, City of Fresno

***P9. Date Recorded:** 30 July 2014

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of the Fred J and Mary Dow Home for Fresno's Local Register of Historical Resources"

***Attachments:** ● BSO Form

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5B

*Resource Name: Fred and Mary Dow Home 3369 E. Huntington Blvd.

B3. Original Use: Single-family residence

B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

***B5. Architectural Style:** Tudor Revival

***B6. Construction History:** A permit for new construction valued at \$7,000 was issued on 6 September 1928. A Certificate of Occupancy was issued 4 June 1929. A permit for a sleeping room over the garage was issued on November 23, 1933 and this work may have been completed by Taylor-Wheeler.

***B7. Moved?** ■No

***B8. Related Features:** The home faces onto the former right-of-way for the Sunnyside and Recreation Line. The dual track for the street car was removed in 1939 and the area is now a grassy median.

B9a. Architect: N/A

B9b. Builder: Fred Dow

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Streetcar Suburb **Area:** Huntington Blvd./Alta Vista Tract

Period of Significance: 1929

Property Type: Residence/Tudor Revival

Applicable Criteria: i; iii.

This home is a variant of the Tudor Revival, a style loosely based on a variety of Medieval English prototypes which was popular in the Fresno area between the two World Wars. Character-defining features of this unique one-story "cottage" include the scalloped edge bargeboard, the decorative vents, the use of Art Deco motifs in the stained glass windows and front door, as well as the decorative medallions on the front bay and side bay window. The home was built by and for Fresno pioneer Fred J. Dow, who moved to Fresno with his family in 1865. Dow initially worked in the viticultural and fruit packing business for Griffin-Skelley Company. As he advanced financially he purchased both ranch property and town lots in Fresno. In 1912 Dow organized a contracting and building firm, Dow and Cannon (Vandor 1919). By 1929 when this home was completed he had extensive experience in both commercial and residential building "of all classes of construction and practical planning." Interior details such as frescos are attributed to a "Hollywood artist" (San Joaquin Power Magazine, 1930) or to a German craftsman (NR draft nomination). The property is architecturally significant and appears eligible for designation to the Local Register of Historic Resources under Criterion iii and is as well a contributor to the proposed Huntington Blvd. Historic District (Criterion 1).

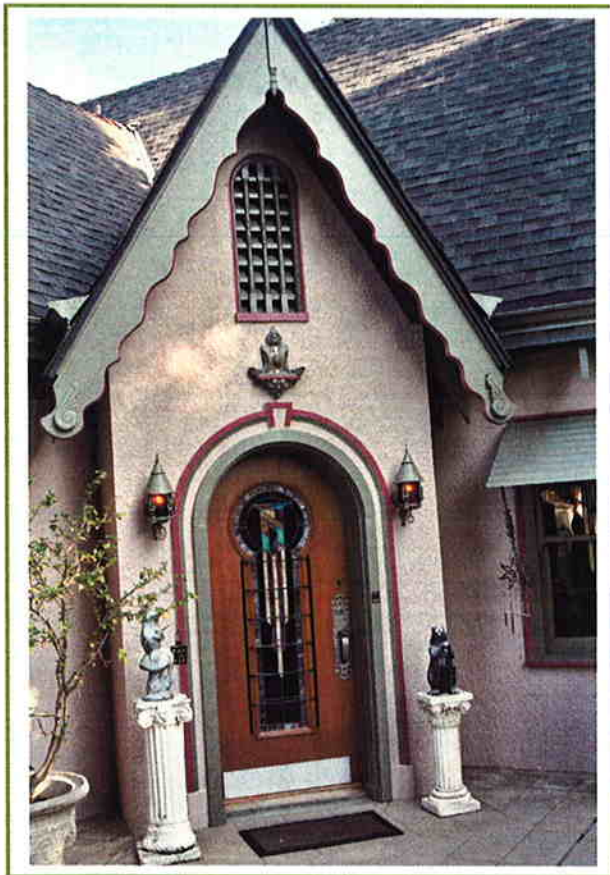
***B12. References:** 1918, 1948, 1963, 1968-70 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Building permits on file with the City of Fresno Planning Division; Draft Nomination forms for Huntington Boulevard, National Register of Historic Places (1994); Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, 2002; Garcia, Uvaldo. "History of the Alta Vista Tract and Huntington Boulevard: A Work of Albert Graves Wishon." Unpublished Ms. Prepared for History 100, Fresno State University, 13 May 2003; Edward Hamm, Jr. *When Fresno Rode the Rails* (1979); Kerckhoff Avenue Architectural Survey, 1991; Paul E. Vandor, *History of Fresno County*, 1919, 730-731; *San Joaquin Power Magazine*, January 1930.

***B14. Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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***Date of Evaluation:** 30 July 2014

(This space reserved for official comments.)





Top photo: ribbon windows on façade with Art Deco stained glass; front door with porch hood; east elevation.