

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

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NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**P1. Resource Name:** C.M. and Gertrude Prescott Home

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

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

c. Address: 3707 E. Huntington Blvd.

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 461-191-01

**\*P3a. Description:** This full 2-story Tudor style home faces south onto the boulevard and is located on a corner half-acre parcel. The medium pitch roof is side gabled with two cross gabled cantilevered windows on the second story of the façade. Thus contrary to most Tudor style homes the building does not have a true cross-gabled plan. The façade has an irregular plane with the southeast bay of the home stepped forward. The construction is frame with stucco cladding. Character defining features include the decorative strapwork (non structural half-timbering) on both cantilevered windows as well as at the cornice of the one story former library, on the west end of the home. The glass and wood main door is centrally located and is protected by a one story porch, apparently added in 1940. Double multi-paned French windows lead out into a small balcony on the top of the porch. Ribbon windows on the second floor of the façade are 4/1 double hung sash on the west most bay and 4/1, 6/1 and 4/1 on the east bay with true divided lights and wood muntins. The first floor façade has matching windows on each side of the entrance consisting of a fixed central pane flanked by 4/1 light windows. Immediately west of the front door are four leaded glass casement windows of 21 lights each. A one story sun room/sleeping porch on the west elevation is five sided with both single and double French doors. A bay window on the east elevation lights the dining room with a series of narrow multi-pane windows. An external brick chimney with simple cap is located on the west end of the two-story portion of the home. A detached 2-car garage also formerly served as maid's quarters and is a contributor to the property.

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

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



**P5b Photo date:** June 4, 2014

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1921, building permit; addition to porch, 1940

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**  
Allen and Nancy Stegall  
3707 E. Huntington Blvd.  
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**\*P8. Recorded by:**  
Karana Hattersley-Drayton  
Historic Preservation Project  
Manager, City of Fresno

**\*P9. Date Recorded:** June 4, 2014

**\*P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

**\*P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of 3707 E. Huntington Blvd for the Local Register of Historic Resources."

**\*Attachments:** ● BSO and Continuation Sheets

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

\*NRHP Status Code: 3D; 3CB; 5B

\*Resource Name: C.M. and Gertrude Prescott Home

**B3. Original Use:** Single family residence

**B4. Present Use:** Single family residence

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

**\*B6. Construction History:** A building permit for a new dwelling, valued at \$13,000 was issued on 1 October 1921. Of interest is that a permit for a garage was issued two months earlier on 18 August 1921, perhaps so that the crews could store materials while the home was being constructed. Unspecified alterations occurred in 1928 and the porch was altered in 1940. According to the property owner the sun room on the west end of the home was an addition. Repairs to the servant's room in the garage were completed by Fisher and McNulty in 1944.

**\*B7. Moved?**  No

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

**B9a. Architect:** Unknown

**B9b. Builder:** Unknown

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

**Period of Significance:** 1921-1938 **Property Type:** Tudor Revival **Applicable Criteria:** 1, i; 2, ii; 3, iii

This residence was built in 1921 for Ned Prescott and family on lot A and the west half of Lot B, Block 15 of the Alta Vista Tract (Building permit #311). The tract was platted in 1911 as a streetcar suburb on either side of the Sunnyside and Recreation Line which had been extended circa 1907 by Albert Graves Wishon to carry Fresno residents out to Recreation Park (Garcia 2003). C.M. "Ned" and Gertrude Prescott came to Fresno from Iowa and were prominent in the lumber and logging business. Prescott and his uncle C.S. Pierce established Prescott Lumber Co and thereafter Valley Lumber and were active in the early logging of the Hume district. Mr. Prescott ran unsuccessfully for mayor and along with his wife was important in civic and community affairs (NR draft 1994). The home is a particularly grand example of a variation of the Tudor Revival, a style of residential building particularly popular in Fresno between the two World Wars from simple vernacular expressions to architect designed buildings (Criterion iii). The property is also associated with a family important in early Fresno, the Prescotts (Criterion ii). Additionally, it is a contributor to the proposed Local Register Huntington Boulevard Historic District and to the NR eligible Alta Vista Tract (Criterion i).

**\*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; personal communication Allen Stegall, 4 June 2014; Edward Hamm, Jr. *When Fresno Rode the Rails* (1979).

**\*B14. Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.  
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**\*Date of Evaluation:** 3 July 2014

(This space reserved for official comments.)



\*Recorded by: Karana Hattersley-Drayton

\*Date: June 4, 2014

■ Continuation

Top:  
Cantilevered  
bay window  
with decorative  
strapwork;  
Bottom:  
decorative tile  
on porch; bay  
window, east  
elevation  
(dining room).

