

PRIMARY RECORD

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P1. Resource Name: The J.H. Waller Home

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno South, R20E T14S

c. Address: 306 N. Park Avenue, Fresno 93701-1737

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 459-144-16

***P3a. Description:** This single-family residence sits on a brick foundation and is located on the northeast corner of N. Park and McKenzie in the Lowell neighborhood. It is a vernacular expression of the Greek Revival (although late) with its low pitched end gable roof and two story plan. A two story room on the rear of the home has a lower roof plane and smaller footprint from the main house (see continuation sheet). The building is clad in horizontal wood lapped siding. Craftsman influences are also apparent with the exposed rafter tails and treatment of the full width one story porch with its hip roof, solid wood balustrade and segmental arched opening supported by two wood piers. The front entry is offset to the north and is a newly purchased wood Craftsman style door with multiple lights. A 1/1 sidelight is located to the north of the front door, one double hung sash window is located to the south. All visible windows appear to be 1/1 wood sash with the exception of a newer vinyl window on the rear elevation. A one story bay window with three 1/1 double hung sash windows is on the south elevation. A brick chimney is visible on the rear of the main house. A one car board and batten clad garage is located on the rear of the property and faces onto McKenzie. It has an end gable roof and simple barn doors.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2 (Single-family residence)

***P4. Resources Present:** ●Building



P5b Photo date: 19 November 2015

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** Building permit issued 3 April 1911. Garage is noted on the 1948 Sanborn.

***P7. Owner and Address:** Stephen R and Amanda Walter Trustees, 881 E. Country View Circle, Fresno CA 93730

***P8. Recorded by:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A. Historic Preservation Project Manager, City of Fresno

***P9. Date Recorded:** 19 November 2015

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

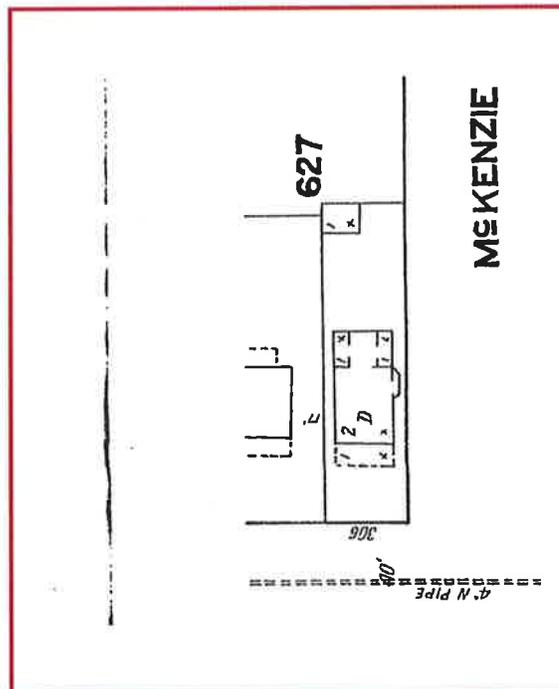
***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of the J.H. Waller Home 306 N. Park Avenue for the Local Register of Historic Resources."

***Attachments:** ● Building, Structure and Object Report; ● Continuation Sheet

*Recorded by: Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.

*Date: 19 November 2015

■ Continuation



1919 Sanborn
Fire Insurance
Map:264

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5S2

*Resource Name: The J.H. Waller Home

B3. Original Use: Single-family residence

B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

*B5. **Architectural Style:** Vernacular Greek Revival with Craftsman influences

*B6. **Construction History:** A building permit was issued for a new dwelling on 3 April 1911; an addition was permitted in 1922. A one story garage was added on the rear parcel line facing McKenzie by the 1948 Sanborn map.

*B7. **Moved?** No

*B8. **Related Features:** The home is adjacent to the circa 1900 Cowdrey Home which is listed on the Local Register of Historic Resources (HP#033). It is located in the Lowell, a residential neighborhood of early 20th-late 20th century buildings. Lowell Elementary school is directly south across the street.

B9a. Architect: N/A

B9b. Builder: J.H. Walker

*B10. **Significance: Theme:** Residential development

Area: Lowell neighborhood

Period of Significance: 1911

Property Type: single-family residence

Applicable Criteria: i, iii

This .22 acre parcel is located on lots 2-4 of block 7 of the Terry Tract, which was first subdivided in 1887 (engineer unknown). The 2-story home was built in 1911 and is a vernacular expression of the Greek Revival with Craftsman influences. It was apparently constructed by the first owner, J.H. Waller who was listed in the Polk Directories for the years 1911 and 1912 as a carpenter and stair maker. Of interest is that his address, and that on the building permit for this property, lists "330 N. Park" which is the Cowdrey Home adjacent to and immediately north (HP#033). As the Cowdrey Home is also a vernacular house type, the "I House," as found throughout the Midwest and Upland South, it would not be surprising to learn that Mr. Waller brought this traditional building type with him when he located to Fresno. Other than a new front door, the house appears to be unchanged since it was first built. It has excellent integrity to its period of significance (1911) and as an example of vernacular architecture constructed for the working class, is an important and unusual housing type for the Lowell neighborhood (Criteria i, iii).

B11. Additional Resource Attributes:

*B12. **References:** City of Fresno Building permits; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for 1919 and 1948; McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*; Carter and Goss, *Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940*; *Polk Directories for 1911-12*.

*B14. **Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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