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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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P1. Resource Name: The Alice and John Williams Home (Stonehedge Hall)

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno North

c. Address: 1525 N. Wishon Avenue, Fresno

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 451-045-08

***P3a. Description:** This 1½ story Arts and Crafts style home faces east onto N. Wishon Avenue and is located three blocks southwest of Fresno City College. The façade of the home is bilaterally symmetrical with a centrally placed wood and glass front door and sidelights of clear fixed glass. Windows on either side of the front entrance are of the same ribbon design with a large fixed pane in the center and smaller casement windows on either side. A transom of 12 lights with true wood divides completes the assembly. The home is of frame construction with horizontal lapped wood siding. The side gabled roof has composition shingles and is of medium pitch with a wide overhang and simple decorative wood knee braces. A front gabled dormer has three windows which have been replaced and are now vinyl with 8/1 lights. Small windows on each side of this dormer are original and appear to be casement with a design of 4 true divided lights over 1. This same design is also found on the north and south elevations of the home; these windows are an important character-defining feature. The full width porch is inset and is supported by four tapered piers on square pedestals with a lattice wood balustrade. A "pop out" with shed roof is located on the north elevation as is a side entrance to the home; two of these one story bay windows are also located on the south side of the building.

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

***P4. Resources Present:** ●Building



P5b Photo date: 7.29.2015

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1915 (Assessor's records)

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Pete and Maria Romero
1525 N. Wishon Avenue
Fresno, 93728

***P8. Recorded by:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
Historic Preservation Project
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 9.17.2015

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of 1525 N. Wishon Avenue for Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources."

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

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5S3

*Resource Name: The Alice and John Williams Home/Stonehedge Hall

B3. Original Use: Single family residence

B4. Present Use: Single family residence

***B5. Architectural Style:** Arts and Crafts

***B6. Construction History:** No original building permit exists as it was located outside the City limits until 1918. The Assessor has a construction date of 1915 and there is a building permit for an alteration valued at \$50 in 1920 by S. L. Allen (who also built the Bates Home located on the same tract block.) The home is depicted on the Sanborn map of 1919 and remains unchanged in its footprint through the years. A garage was constructed in 1937 and two old garages were removed in 1952.

***B7. Moved?** No

***B8. Related Features:** North Wishon is a mix of residential buildings, many of which have been converted to business uses. The home is located three blocks southwest of Fresno City College.

B9a. Architect: N/A

B9b. Builder: perhaps S.L. Allen (1920 alteration)

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Streetcar subdivisions **Area:** Wilson's North Fresno Tract

Period of Significance: 1915

Property Type: Arts and Crafts sfr **Applicable Criteria:** i, iii

The home is located on portions of lots 2 and 3 of Block 10 of Wilson's North Fresno Tract, a subdivision first developed in 1908 by Rosanna C. Wilson and her son A. Polette Wilson. Unlike the homes to the west in the more exclusive "Wilson Island Historic District," this residence was located on the Fresno Beach street car line which ran up Wishon Avenue beginning in 1914 and connected residents of these suburbs with businesses downtown as well as recreational opportunities at the San Joaquin River. The first owner identified on a 1920 building permit is Mrs. Williams, presumably Alice V. Williams who lived with her husband John, a rancher. Mr. Williams had died by 1931 but Alice Williams is still listed as the owner by 1937 when a permit for a 16x30' garage was issued. As a widow she may have needed additional income and at some point the home served as "Attractive Approved Housing for Selective Women Students Near Fresno City College Campus." Mrs. Williams may have been the "House Mother in Residence" for "Stonehedge Hall." No other information about this rooming house has been found to date.

The Alice and John Williams Home is 100 years old and is one of the earliest extant homes in this neighborhood. It is a fine example of an Arts and Crafts style home built for the middle class. Other than the dormer windows which have been replaced with vinyl, the building has excellent integrity to its period of significance of 1915. It appears eligible for individual listing on the Local Register of Historic Resources under criteria i and iii.

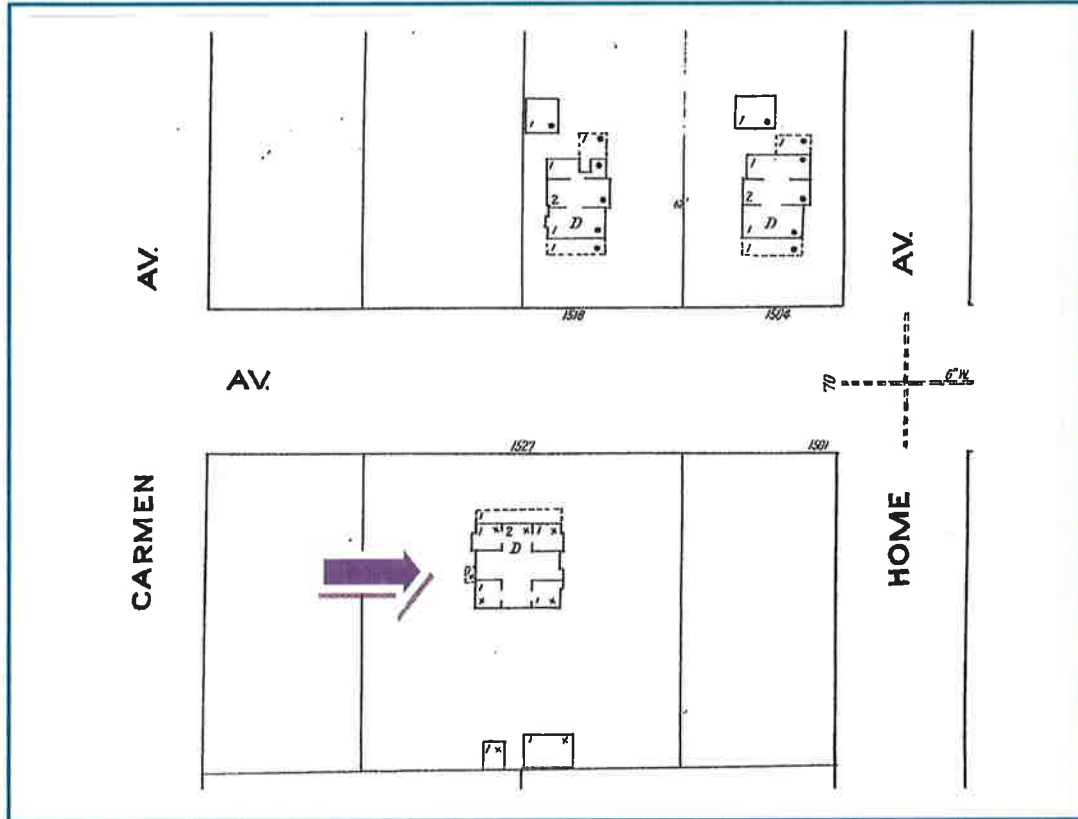
***B12. References:** City of Fresno Building permits; Polk Directories; Hamm, *When Fresno Rode the Rails*; The Wilson Island Historic Survey, 2007; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 1906, 1919, 1948, 1950, 1963, 1970.

***B14. Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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***Date of Evaluation:** 18 September 2015

(This space reserved for official comments.)





Sanborn Fire Insurance
Map 1919:207

