

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

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P1. Resource Name: The Eugene and Elsie Brinker Home

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

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

c. Address: 3965 E. Huntington Blvd.

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 461-193-06

***P3a. Description:** This distinctive one-story Tudor cottage faces south onto E. Huntington Boulevard. As typical to the style it is cross-gabled with two front gabled bays on the façade and a medium to steeply pitched roof. The east most bay is unusual as it is five sided with decorative strapwork under the eaves. The windows on this hexagonal bay are all 1/1 wood double hung sash. The irregular plane of the building's facade includes a deeply inset raised front porch with no porch roof. The principle entrance faces east onto this porch and is wood with a round arched top. A small fixed cathedral style window is to the west of the door on the façade. Three French doors face south onto the porch with the middle door 12 lights and the other two, 8 lights each with wood muntins. Two low pedestals with flat caps are located on the porch. The end gabled bay on the west side of the home has a large fixed picture window with round top. A wing wall with an arched opening on the west end of the home leads to the rear yard. No external chimney is visible from the street.

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

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



P5b Photo date: 14 January 2014

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1930, building permit; garage added in 1947.

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Otilio and Jo Anna Salazar
3965 E. Huntington Blvd.
Fresno 93702-2827

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

***P9. Date Recorded:** 14 January 2014

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of the Eugene and Elsie Brinker Home to the Local Register of Historical Resources"

***Attachments:** ● Building, Structure and Object Form

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5B

*Resource Name: The Eugene and Elsie Brinker Home

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

*B5. Architectural Style: Tudor Revival cottage

*B6. Construction History: Permit for new construction valued at \$4,500 issued 12 June 1930. Permit for 8x18 addition to garage 3 July 1947.

*B7. Moved? ■No

*B8. Related Features: The home faces south 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: 1930

Property Type: Residential/Tudor Revival Applicable Criteria: i. iii

This charming Tudor Revival cottage was constructed in 1930. The first residents were William Eugene and Elsie [Askew] Brinker. Eugene Brinker was a co-owner with his mother (D.S. French) of the French Furniture Company, located at 2949 Fresno Street. He and his mother also constructed at least two bungalow courts in the Tower District, both built by R. G. Leach. Although the residence has been attributed to Taylor-Wheeler, a highly respected design-build firm in Fresno during this period, the building permit does not attribute the home to this partnership and no other confirmation in the Taylor-Wheeler files could be found. Nevertheless, the home with its hexagonal bay and decorative strapwork is a distinctive example of the Tudor Revival, a style of residential building particularly popular in Fresno between the two World Wars and which was executed in simple vernacular expressions as well as in formal architect designed buildings (Criterion iii). Additionally, it is a contributor to the proposed Huntington Boulevard Historic District (Criterion i) and to the NR eligible Alta Vista Tract.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes:

*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), sundry *Fresno Bee* articles.

*B14. Evaluator: Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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*Date of Evaluation: 14 July 2014

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