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\*NRHP Status Code: 3S, 3CS, 5S3

\*Resource Name: Huntington Boulevard Historic District

**\*D3. Detailed Description:** The Huntington Boulevard Historic District includes 121 residential properties (116 contributors) located on both sides of the grassy median that once served as the streetcar corridor. This boulevard is located within the Alta Vista Tract which was officially platted in 1911 and annexed to the City on January 23, 1912. The tract extended from First Street on the west to Twelfth Street (now Cedar Avenue) on the east, the north side of Balch Avenue and the south side of Platt Avenue east of Fifth Street and both sides of Platt Avenue to Twelfth Street. Residential parcels on the south side of Verrue Avenue were also included from Sixth to Twelfth (Alta Vista Tract Map Amended). Homes on the boulevard date from 1914 to 1977 and represent some of the finest examples of Craftsman and Period Revival architecture in the City. In addition, many of Fresno's influential families with important ties to banking, education, architecture and commerce have lived on the street. The neighborhood has been "called out" as an area of architectural interest in Virginia and Lee McAlester's A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods and Museum Houses: The Western States (1998:45-47). Eleven homes are individually listed on the Local Register of Historic Resources with one additional home a Heritage Property (*For the list of resources, see attached continuation sheets and individual primary records*).

**\*D4. Boundary Description:** The proposed boundary includes all residences, public spaces (including the median) and landscape features that front onto Huntington Boulevard, beginning at First Street on the west and ending at Cedar Avenue on the east (see map as attached).

**\*D5. Boundary Justification:** The District boundaries are concurrent with the residential buildings and landscape features on both sides of the former streetcar corridor and main street of the Alta Vista Tract.

**\*D6. Significance: Theme:** Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Residential Expansion, Street Car Suburbs

**Area:** Huntington Boulevard (Alta Vista Tract) **Period of Significance:** 1914-1977

**Applicable Criteria:** Local Register District i, ii, iii and iv.

Huntington Boulevard is one of the most architecturally distinct neighborhoods in Fresno with a diverse mix representing the major styles prevalent during the period (1914-1977). Several homes were designed by prominent local and regional architects (and/or design-build firms) including Butner and Glass, Coates and Traver, Felchlin, Franklin and Shaw, H. Rafael Lake, Fred Swartz and Taylor-Wheeler Builders. W.D. Coates (who served as the California State Architect from 1909-1911) designed the only French Eclectic style residence on the boulevard as his home. Henry Shields, a partner in the design-build firm of Trewitt-Shields and Fisher, also had a home built for him on the boulevard. Shortly after its annexation in 1912 Huntington Boulevard became the preferred address for the intellectual and business elite of Fresno. Property owners included A.G. Wishon; Fred Billings, who with his business partner Rhine Meyering developed the Alta Vista Tract; *Fresno Bee* editor Carlos McClatchy; the President of Gottschalks Department Store (Abraham Blum); and numerous attorneys, teachers, physicians, ranchers and local business owners.

The District appears to be eligible for Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources pursuant to FMC 12-1607(b) under Criteria i, ii, iii and iv. The District also appears to be eligible to the National Register of Historic Places although separate forms will be required for this nomination.

**\*D7. References:** See bibliography included in historic survey report.

**\*D8. Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.

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# PROPOSED HUNTINGTON BOULEVARD HISTORIC DISTRICT



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**Block 1, Map Reference #001: The John and Bertha Garabedian Home, 3104 E. Huntington Boulevard:** This single story Ranch style home was constructed in 1952 by contractor J.T. Cowan. John Garabedian was a rancher who owned acreage in Madera, Fresno and Riverside Counties. He patented several varieties of stone fruit and was a partner in Peters and Garabedian Fruit Packing Co. He was appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan to the State Board of Agriculture in the 1960s.

**#002: The Elmer and Neva Lord Home, 3120 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was built in 1919 by C.V. Smith. Elmer Lord was President/Manager of Fisher Glassford Hardware Company which was established in 1903. Mr. Lord was prominent in Fresno's civic affairs.

**#003: The Joseph and Clara Lord Home, 3130 E. Huntington.** The Lords were the parents of the next door neighbor, Elmer Lord, and had this Craftsman bungalow built in 1919.

**#004: The Frank Giannini Home, 3136 E. Huntington Boulevard. (Non-contributor).** A building permit was first issued for this home in 1917. Unfortunately it has been significantly altered over the years and is not a contributor to the historic district.

**#005: The Oscar Roy and Maude West Home, 3146 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story Minimal Traditional style home was constructed in 1936 by Trewitt-Shields and Fisher. O.R. West was a division engineer for the Santa Fe Railway here in Fresno.

**#006: The Helen May Wienke Home, 3154 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Tudor Revival style home was constructed in 1938 by contractors Walker and Walker, who are also listed on the original building permit as the owners of the parcel. Helen May Wienke owned and resided in the home from 1938-1951 and also from 1960-1987. Ms. Wienke was the Principal at several local elementary schools and in 1959 became an assistant professor at the University of the Pacific.

**#007: The Charles and Sarah Hood Home, 3166 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The first property owners for this parcel were the Fresno Home Builders, who pulled the construction permit on May 22, 1930. According to research prepared by the Huntington Boulevard Homeowners Association, Charles and Sarah Hood were the first residents of this one-story Tudor home in 1938, although they quickly sold it in 1939. Charles Hood was a civil engineer and was appointed Postmaster by President Roosevelt in 1934.

**#008: The H.C. and Lena Wienke Home, 3210 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1922 home is among the few Prairie style residences on the block. The first owners, H.C. and Lena Wienke, were one of three Wienke families who lived on Huntington Boulevard. H.C. Wienke was a retired director of Vocational Education at Fresno Technical School.

**#009: The George and Anne Reed Home, 3220 E Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file for this Airplane Bungalow although a major alteration occurred in 1927. The County Assessor has assigned a construction date of 1924. Huntington Boulevard Homeowners Association notes that the first property owners, George and Anne Reed, lived in the residence from 1920-1927.

**#010: The G.L. and Frances Moore Home, 3228 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This two-story home reflects Craftsman aesthetics but is a bit of an anomaly. A building permit was issued to contractors Dan Blosser on October 24, 1919. The porch was enclosed in 1949. The Moores lived in the home for 25 years.



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**#011: The Fred and Virginia Billings Home, 3238 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This full 2-story Arts and Crafts style home was one of several residences along Huntington owned by the developer Fred Billings. In 1914 Billings and his business partner Rhine Meyering acquired the Alta Vista Tract, completed the infrastructure and began to market the subdivision. A building permit for this property was issued to Alta Vista Homes Company on April 20, 1918. Billings partner in real estate from 1935 on was H.R. Fine. Fine and his wife Mildred also lived in the home in later years.

**#012: The James and Anzanetta Erskine Home, 3248 E. Huntington Boulevard.** James and Anzanetta Erskine were the original owners of this residence which was constructed in 1922. James Erskine was manager of the Central Ice Company and later had an interest in the Calwa Water Works. Mrs. Erskine (aka Jessie Miller) was a professional musician who performed in both the United States and abroad.

**#013: The Lena Antitich Home, 3264 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A building permit valued at \$7,650 was issued to contractor R. Pederson and Son on November 13, 1939 and a Certificate of Completion was issued on 6 April 1940.

**Block 2, Map Reference #014: The Dr. Adam Konigmacher Home, 3300 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story Tudor home was constructed in 1936 by the contractor J.D. Shorb. Dr. Adam Koinmacher was a well-known local physician who served on the City Health Board for 16 years.

**#015: The Anna Kahn Home, 3318 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This very distinct 1922 home has a varied pedigree with stylistic influences from both Neoclassical as well as Italian Renaissance. At least two other homes in the Tower District neighborhood share an affinity with this house and may have been designed by the same firm or architect. The home is one of several on Huntington Boulevard featured in the publication, *A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods* (p. 46). Mrs. Anna Kahn is listed as the owner on the original 1922 building permit.

**#016: The Leland Frenzel Home, 3326 E. Huntington Boulevard. (Non-contributor).** This one-story residence was constructed in 1939 by contractor T.W. Howard. It has been modernized to the point that it has lost its integrity to its period of significance and is therefore a non-contributor to the Huntington Boulevard Historic District.

**#017: The A.M. King Home, 3338 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1919 apparently for A.M. King whose name appears on the original building permit. A 1954 addition was constructed by Fisher and McNulty.

**#018: The Jesse and Zella Rodman Home, 3348 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Spanish Revival style home was the residence of Jesse and Zella Rodman from 1929 (the year of construction) to 1940. Jesse Rodman was the owner of Rodman Chevrolet Distributorship. He also owned two radio stations, KFRE in Fresno and KERO in Bakersfield. The Rodmans subdivided their ranch property on the east side of Fresno and the area became known as Sunnyside.

**#019: The A.J. and Mattie Rudy Home, 3358 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Apparently this two-story home was initially a Colonial Revival style residence when it was constructed in 1920. It is unclear when the alterations to the façade entrance were made. All façade windows have been changed out.

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**Block 3, Map Reference #020: The B. B. Turner Home and guest house, 3406 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This stately Neoclassical home was built in 1938. The 2-story guest house, also with a portico entrance, was constructed at the rear of the parcel and attached to the garage in 1950 by Taylor-Wheeler Builders. This home is also featured in the publication, *A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods*. The residence was later the home of a J.E. O'Neill who apparently entertained widely, including President J.F. Kennedy.

**#021: The Dudley Carlsen Home, 3420 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Trewhitt-Shields and Fisher constructed this contemporary home in 1936. The original owner, Dudley Carlsen, was the manager and vice president of Borden Dairy Delivery Company. He was a founding member of the Bulldog Foundation.

**#022: The Clarence and Bessie Bernhauer Home, 3428 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#287).** This Italian Renaissance style home was built in 1919 and sits on a .5 acre parcel, which previously included private tennis courts. Clarence Bernhauer was the Vice President of the Fresno Planing Mill. The home was designated individually to the Local Register of Historic Resources on September 25, 2014. Additional historical information can be found on the survey forms for this property.

**#023: The Le Roy St. John Home, 3448 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one-story Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1921 by contractor S.L. Allen. Alterations occurred in 1950---perhaps the rock veneer to façade and base of the porch piers. Le Roy St. John was a restaurant operator.

**#024: The Florence Folsom Home, 3462 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Walker and Walker were the contractors for the 1941 Spanish Revival style home. Florence Folsom was the first owner and resided in the residence from 1941-1952, after which other members of her family continued to own and live here. This home is included in the publication, A Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods.

**Block 4, Map Reference #25: The J.B. and Maria Cella Home, 3504 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Italian Renaissance home was completed in 1939 and commands the .34 acre parcel on the southeast corner of E. Huntington and Fifth Street. The design is attributed to San Francisco architect, Louis Franceschi, and the property owner, J.B. Cella, is listed as the contractor on the building permit(s). J.B. Cella emigrated from Piacenza, Italy in 1898 and was influential in the American wine industry. Cella owned the Roma Wine Company in Fresno (and other wineries as well) and was the director and vice president of Schenly Distillers Corporation.

**#026: The Peter and Evelyn Loinaz Home, 3528 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Peter and Evelyn Loinaz were the original owners of this 1919 Prairie/Italian Renaissance Revival home. Loinaz was a Fresno County rancher and wholesale liquor dealer. The contractor listed on the building permit is W.H. Ackerman.

**#027: The Edward and Myrtle Granz Home, 3530 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1931 Tudor Revival home easily disappears behind a facade of English ivy. The roof is slate. Original owners with Edward and Myrtle Granz; Edward Granz was a local rancher and insurance agent.

**#028: The Dr. Dwight and Margaret Trowbridge Home, 3560 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This impressive 2½ story Tudor Revival style home is attributed to the design-build firm of Felchlin, Shaw and Franklin (see context section on architects). It was constructed in 1925 for Dr. Dwight and Margaret Trowbridge. Dr. Trowbridge was a physician and surgeon and also owned ranch property. Margaret Trowbridge was a schoolteacher and active in community affairs.

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**Block 5, Map Reference #029: The Aaron and Selma Maisler Home, 3606 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The first residents of this 1939 Spanish Revival home were in the lumber business and lived on the property for 44 years. The home appears to have been built on speculation as the original owner is the contractor on the building permit(s), A.G. Lampases.

**#030: The Erle and Bertha Gearhart Home, 3618 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1½ story Tudor Revival cottage has a two story side gabled rear addition and was built in 1925. Erle and Bertha Gearhart were part owners of the firm, Gearhart and Scheuler Radio Manufacturers.

**#031: The William and Bess Blayney Home, 3626 E. Huntington Boulevard.** William Blayney was a display manager for Gottschalks Department Store, a professional musician as well and treasurer of the Fresno Musicians Union. This Italian Renaissance style home was constructed in 1923. A room and bath were added in 1941 by Fisher and McNulty.

**#032: The F.B. and Virginia Billings Home, 3638 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This very distinctive 1919 Arts and Crafts style home is one of five Huntington Boulevard properties owned by the Billings family. Fred Billings was a native of Marshalltown, Iowa and came to Fresno in September 1910. He went into real estate with Rhine Meyering (aka Billings and Meyering). In 1914 the partnership acquired the Alta Vista Tract, completed the infrastructure and began to market the subdivision in earnest. The Billings lived in this home from 1920-1939.

**#033: The Fred and Virginia Billings Home, 3650 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP# 289).** Apparently the Billings family moved one parcel east in 1939 following the completion of this Colonial Revival home in 1938. The building is attributed to architect Charles E. Butner (see historic context section on architects). The home was designated as an individual resource on the Local Register of Historic Resources by the Fresno City Council on September 25, 2014.

**Block 6, Map Reference #034: The F. Rex and Vera Sporleder Home, 3702 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#288).** This home claims stylistic influences from both the Spanish Eclectic as well as the asymmetrical sub-type of the Italian Renaissance Revival. It was constructed in 1926 by the contracting firm of Fisher and McNulty. The home includes an extant second story sleeping porch on the rear elevation. F. Rex Sporleder was by 1950 the sole owner of the Hollenbeck-Bush Planing Mill in Fresno.

**#035: The Oran and Rhoda Davis Home, 3720 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1919, at a time when numerous other bungalows were built on Huntington Boulevard. Of interest is that a building permit for a sleeping porch was issued in 1934. The first residents were Oran and Rhoda Davis. Oran Davis was in real estate and insurance.

**#036: The Edward and Rose Casner Home, 3728 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file in the City of Fresno but Huntington Homeowners' Association research on the property states that Alta Vista Homes constructed this Prairie style home in 1919-1920. Alta Vista Homes was the business entity of developers Fred Billings and Rhine Meyering. The Casners owned the Casner Drug Store chain and they lived in this home for 43 years.

**#037: The Lester and Cecil Heitzig Home, 3738 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was constructed in 1938 by contractor J.T. Cowan. The Heitzig family lived here for 30 years.

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**#038: The Phillips Home, 3748 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Contractor C.E. Buckmaster constructed this distinct Craftsman bungalow in 1922. Harris Construction built an addition in 1938.

**#039: The Dr. A.F. and Nellie Howard Home, 3758 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This altered bungalow was originally constructed in 1920.

**Block 7, Map Reference #040: The Dr. Elmer and Minnie Smith Home, 3802 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Spanish Eclectic style home was built in 1931 in a rambling plan around a courtyard garden. Dr. Schmidt moved to Fresno in 1921 and was the first Board Certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist in Fresno County.

**#041: The Ira Homer and Eleanor Rowell Home, 3828 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Ira Rowell was the nephew of Dr. Chester Rowell, the editor and publisher of the *Fresno Morning Republican*. Ira Rowell served as the advertising manager of the newspaper and eventually moved to San Francisco to practice law. This Tudor Revival Home was constructed in 1919, although no original building permit exists, only a permit noting alterations in 1919.

**#042: The Lesley and Ruth Einstein Home, 3850 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This ranch style home was apparently designed by Walter Wagner and constructed by contractor/builder J.T. Cowan in 1950. Unfortunately it has been altered by the change-out of original windows for vinyl sliders. The first residents were descendants of early Fresno families: Lesley Einstein was the son of Louis Einstein, Fresno's first Postmaster and Wells Fargo agent. The land for Einstein Playground was donated by Lesley Einstein's mother. Mr. Einstein farmed in the Reedley area and was an original director of Fresno State College. He had numerous other civic duties and connections (see property file in City's historic preservation archives).

**#043: The Abraham Blum Residence, 3870 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#198).** This rambling Spanish Eclectic style home includes an enclosed garden courtyard and fountain. It was constructed in 1927 for Abe and Mildred Blum who apparently patterned the design of the home after ones they had admired in Pasadena. Blum was the President of the Department store, Gottschalks.

**Block 8, Map Reference #044: The Coates-Paul Home, 3904 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1923 Tudor Revival home was designed by architect W.D. Coates. From 1909 to 1911 Coates served as the California State Architect. He then entered private practice with H.B. Traver. In 1914 the firm moved to Fresno where they continued to practice until 1925. He and his wife only lived in the home for two years while their home across the street at 3901 was being constructed. The second family, Albert and Julie Paul lived in this residence for 18 years. Albert Paul was the principle owner and manager of the California Products Company which he purchased in 1929.

**#045: The Andrew and Pearl Graham Home, 3916 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit exists for this property but the construction date assigned by the Assessor (and Huntington Boulevard researchers) is 1949. The home has Colonial Revival detailing and is attributed to Trewitt-Shields and Fisher. Andrew Graham worked for the design build firm as an estimator and was a contractor as well.

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**Block 8, Map Reference #046: The Otto and Maude Baty Home, 3924 E. Huntington Boulevard.**

A building permit was issued for this Craftsman bungalow in 1922. The odd "overhang" on the façade was added in 1935. The Baty family lived at this address for 13 years.

**#047: The Henry and Doris Lathy Home, 3940 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one-story Tudor Revival home was built in 1931. Henry K. Lathy Jr. was a rancher.

**#048: The Dan and Mary Chamberlain Home, 3946 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Dan Chamberlain was an engineer who prior to coming to Fresno worked on dams on the Mississippi River. He was an avid photographer and often hosted parties to share travel photos in the basement of this home. Following his death, Mary Chamberlain married architect Fred Swartz who during the Depression was a member of the Allied Architects and worked on the design of the Fresno County Hall of Records and the Fresno Memorial Auditorium. This stucco-clad Tudor Revival home was constructed in 1931.

**#049: The Peter and Aznive Hanoian Home, 3966 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The Ranch style home was constructed apparently on speculation by contractor J.W. Bruce in 1945. Of interest is that the City's building department did NOT approve the "tile" used in the home. Whether this reference is to the tile roof or most likely to the walls, which on the permit were also noted as being tile, is unknown. However the walls are apparently constructed of pumitile, hollow masonry units made of cement and pumice pebbles from volcanic deposits along the San Joaquin River. The first residents were Peter and Aznive Hanoian. Peter Hanoian was the son of the founder of the Hanoian Market.

**Block 9, Map Reference #050: The Louie and Stella Siskovich Home, 4010 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story Spanish Eclectic style home was constructed in 1949 by contractors Yager and Yager.

**#051: The Henry and Katherine Rosenthal Home, 4018 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 2-story Colonial Revival home was owned and constructed by Henry Rosenthal in 1937.

**#052: The William and Ella Washburn Home, 4024 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Harris Construction Company built this one-story Colonial style home in 1940 for William and Ella Washburn. J.B. and Madeline Perenchio purchased the home from the Washburns in 1944. Perenchio was a contractor and in 1952 was issued a permit for a 20x20 addition to the rear of the garage.

**#053: The C.E. and Ruth Appling Home, 4038 E. Huntington Boulevard.** C.E. Sisler is the contractor on the 1926 building permit for this Craftsman bungalow.

**#054: The Electro and Margaret Maselli Home, 4042 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was built in 1941 by contractor Leo F. Jarvis. Elector Maselli was a co-owner with his father and brothers in the Maselli Winery.

**#055: The Dr. Daniel and Merle Aller Home, 4056 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This ranch/Minimal Traditional style home was constructed by Taylor-Wheeler Builders in 1941. Prior to World War II, Dr. Aller was the company doctor for the Yosemite Lumber Company at Merced Falls. His wife, Merle, was a registered nurse and anesthesiologist for the Company during Dr. Aller's service. When the Allers moved to Fresno Dr. Aller specialized in orthopedics.



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**Block 10, Map Reference #056: The George and Esther Lips Home, 4104 E. Huntington Boulevard.**

This charming Minimal Traditional style home wraps the southeast corner of Eleventh Street and E. Huntington Boulevard. It was constructed in 1937 for George and Esther Lips.

**#057: The Howard and Ada Richards Home, 4114 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was completed in time for Christmas in 1940, with a certificate of occupancy dated 16 December 1940.

**#058: The K.K. and Alma Fifer Home, 4122 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Walker and Walker Contractors built this Ranch style home in 1949. Apparently the house has an enclosed courtyard.

**#059: The Harry and Evelyn Thuessen Home, 4136 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was constructed in 1936 by C.V. Smith.

**#060: The Louis Zlokevich Home, 4142 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The first property owner of this distinctive Tudor is a tad unclear: the building permit issued in 1931 notes an R.P. Moore as owner; the Huntington Boulevard Association notes that it was the residence of Louis Zlokevich.

**#061: The K.M. and Jane Mitchell Home, 4156 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was completed on 1 February 1937. G.C. Walker was the contractor on the record.

**#062: The Jesse and Nancy Quinn Home, 4168 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman cottage was constructed on the southwest corner of E Huntington and Cedar in 1923. A 10x20 foot addition was built in 1930. Another 6x6' addition was permitted in 1947 as well as a 10x20 foot addition to the garage. A swimming pool was constructed on the parcel in 1956.

**Block 11, Map Reference #063: The J.W. and Freda Bruce Home, 4161 E. Huntington Boulevard.**

The principle character-defining feature of this single-story Mission Revival style home is the roof parapet over the south facing façade window. A certificate of completion was issued in 1936 to contractors Walker and Walker.

**#064: The Robert and Mary Fisher Home, 4151 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Robert Fisher of Trehwitt-Shields and Fisher designed this Spanish Eclectic style home which was ready for occupancy in February 1939.

**#065: The Walter and Marjorie Johnson Home, 4145 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home has modest Spanish Revival detailing. It was probably built in 1937 as a speculator home by the contractor Frank Jackson (who is listed as the original owner). However, the first residents were the Johnsons. Mr. Johnson was the local Hudson Automobile dealer and was the commanding officer of the Civil Air Patrol at Chandler Field in 1948.

**#066: The Roy and Margaret Hall Home, 4135 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Tudor Revival 2 ½ story home has some unusual features, including the very stout columns which support the steeply pitched porch roof. The house was constructed in 1920 by the Fresno Building Corporation who continued to own the parcel in 1922 when a permit was issued for a garage. Roy Hall was the manager for the Inland Iron Works.

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**#067: The John and Virginia Carter Home, 4123 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Taylor-Wheeler, Inc. owned the parcel and constructed this Minimal Traditional style home in 1936. John Carter owned Carter's Dairy in Selma.

**#068: The H.R. and Mildred Fine Home, 4119 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story Tudor cottage was built by H.R. Fine as his family residence. The contractor on the Certificate of Completion in 1936 was M. Manoogian. **Manoog Manoogian** was born in Harput, Armenia in 1885 and settled in Fresno in 1920. During his career as a home builder, he designed and constructed approximately 185 custom homes.

**#069: Paul and Elinor Ashley Home, 4105 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This distinct 1½ story Tudor Revival home is attributed to architect, Fred Swartz. The contractor on the home was A.E. Clifford and the Certificate of Completion was issued to the owner, Paul Ashley in 1936. Ashley was the general manager of the Central California Ice Company, Fresno Consumers Ice Company and Valley Ice Company, which were located on P Street near to the current Fresno City Hall. Elinor Ashley served in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps in France during World War I.

**Block 12, Map reference #070: The Edward and Emma Kellas Home, 4057 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This full 2-story (with attic) Arts and Crafts style home commands the northwest corner of E. Huntington Boulevard and Eleventh Street. The house and garage were constructed by the Fresno Building Corporation in 1920. Edward Kellas began his law practice in Fresno in 1919 and was appointed as a judge by Governor Earl Warren in 1949.

**#071: The O.D. and Ida Rae Atkins Home, 4047 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1922 by the owner, builder O.D. Atkins, who constructed several homes in the Alta Vista Tract including 4017 E. Huntington Boulevard.

**#072: The W.E. and Ethel Simpson Home, 4035 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This nice Craftsman bungalow was constructed during a "hey-day" for the style on the boulevard. Contractor S. L. Allen pulled the building permit in 1921. William Simpson was an attorney and Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles.

**#073: The V.M. and Edith Gregory Home, 4025 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was built in 1925.

**#074: The Hans and Anna Beck Home, 4017 E. Huntington Boulevard.** O.D. Atkins was the contractor for this 1921 bungalow.

**#075: The G. G. and Margaret Dervishian Home, 4007 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This contemporary Ranch style home was completed in 1953; the owner G.G. Dervishian served as the contractor.

**Block 13, Map Reference #076: The Eugene and Elsie Brinker Home, 3965 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#290).** This charming Tudor Revival cottage was constructed in 1930. Character-defining features of the residence include the hexagonal bay window and decorative strapwork. William Eugene Brinker co-owned the French Furniture Company with his mother. He and his mother also constructed at least two bungalow courts in the Tower District. The property was designated to the Local Register in 2014.

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**#077: The J.A. and Leila Reilley Home, 3943 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Minimal Traditional style home was built in 1941. J.A. Riley worked for the Santa Fe Railroad.

**#078: The W.M. and Neva Dustan Home, 3937 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The original owners of this Craftsman bungalow came to Fresno from Canada. William Dustan was president of the Rose Society. The home was built in 1921 by Yarnell and Garges and a permit was issued to the same firm a year earlier for a garage on the parcel.

**#079: The D.A. Shope Home, 3927 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was also built by the contracting firm of Yarnell and Garges in 1921 and is one of many bungalows along the north side of Huntington constructed during this time period.

**#080: The Clayton and Emily Chandler Home, 3917 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1919 Craftsman bungalow is similar to the two homes adjacent to it to the east. T.H. and Alvina Curry were the first owners but they sold the home immediately to the Chandlers who lived here for 16 years. Clayton was a farmer and the Director of Sun Maid Raisin Growers. His father was State Senator W.F. Chandler who donated the acreage on which Chandler Field Airport was constructed.

**#081: The W.D. Coates Home, 3901 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This home is known on the boulevard as the "Witches House." This French Eclectic style home is identified through its character-defining feature of the round tower with conical roof which serves as the principle entrance. The residence was completed in 1928 and was designed by the owner, architect W.D. Coates. The contractors were Shorb and Meads. From 1909 to 1911 Coates served as the California State Architect. He then entered private practice with H.B. Traver. In 1914 the firm moved to Fresno where they continued to practice until 1925.

**Block 14, Map Reference #082: The Daniel and Esther Diel Home, 3869 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This ranch home wraps around the northwest corner of Ninth Street and E. Huntington Boulevard on a .34 acre parcel. It was completed in 1953 by contractors Ericson and House. Daniel Diel owned a grocery store and was a beer distributor. His parents were Germans from Russia pioneers who immigrated to the Fresno area.

**#083: The Harold and Jeanette Lewis Home, 3839 E. Huntington Boulevard.** C.V. Smith built this Colonial Revival home in 1939. Jeanette (Maxfield) Lewis was a widely acclaimed painter whose art work has been shown throughout the United States. The home itself is featured in *A Field Guide to American's Historic Neighborhoods* (p. 47).

**#084: The Harold and Elizabeth Manselian Home, 3821 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This contemporary style residence was designed and constructed by the owners in 1971-2 of Hans Sumpf adobe bricks. Harold Manselian owned Farmer's Lumber and Supply Company. The home has high integrity to its period of significance and although less than 50 years of age is a contributor to the historic district.

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**#085: The Ralph and Varina Merritt Home, 3815 E. Huntington.** Architect H. Raphael Lake and builders, Trewhitt-Shields designed and constructed this unique Colonial Revival home. Lake moved to Fresno in 1923 and designed the Californian Hotel for the Sun Maid Hotel Corporation. The 1926 residence was built for the Merritt family. Ralph Merritt was president and managing director of Sun Maid Raisin Company.

**Block 15, Map Reference #086: The Floyd and Molly Harkness Home, 3767 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1939 home was designed by W.D. Coates and constructed by Roy Martin. From 1909 to 1911 Coates served as the California State Architect. He then entered private practice with H.B. Traver and in 1914 the firm moved to Fresno where they continued to practice until 1925. By 1939 Floyd Harkness was the manager and owner of the United Packing Company, one of the largest fruit packing companies in the San Joaquin Valley. He was the director of the California Tree Fruit and Grape Associations as well as the Muscat Cooperative Wine Association. Molly Harkness graduated in the first class from Fresno Normal School (1913) and thereafter taught in several county schools.

**#087: The Don and Caroline Makey Home, 3747 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1976 contemporary home was constructed on the portion of the parcel that included the pool and rose garden for the adjacent Bekins-McClatchy Home (3729 E. Huntington Boulevard). Although the residence is less than 50 years of age it has integrity to its period of significance and is considered a contributor to the District,

**#088: The Bekins-McClatchy Home, 3729 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#282).** Two families of importance in Fresno history are associated with this striking 1926 Tudor Revival style home. The first property owner was Floyd Bekins of Bekins Van and Storage. In 1930 the home was sold to Carlos and Phebe McClatchy. Carlos McClatchy was the son of C.K. McClatchy who with his brother owned the *Sacramento Bee*. When the McClatchys looked to Fresno to expand their newspaper empire they sent Carlos, who had served as an Associate Editor in Sacramento. The first issue of the *Fresno Bee* was published on October 17, 1922 with Carlos McClatchy as Editor.

**#089: The C.M. and Gertrude Prescott Home, 3707 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#285).** This stately Tudor Revival style home is located on a half-acre parcel. It was constructed in 1921 for C.M. "Ned" and Gertrude Prescott who were prominent in the lumber and logging business. A permit for the detached garage was issued two months earlier than the permit for the actual home. As the garage appears to include a maid's quarters it is possible that the family lived temporarily over the garage while the home was under construction. In 1944 Fisher and McNulty made repairs to the servant's room.

**Block 16, Map Reference #090: The Ed and Lucy Peters Home, 3655 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Ranch style home was constructed in 1949 on the northwest corner of Seventh Street and E. Huntington Boulevard by contractor J.T. Cowan.

**#091: The William Rennie Home, 3647 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file with the City of Fresno. The Assessor's assign the construction date as 1928; Huntington Boulevard Homeowners have printed a 1923 date in their 2009 and 2012 calendars. William Rennie is identified as the original owner: he was the manager of the Barton Vineyards and Winery for 20 years.



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**#092: The Ralph and Leslie Butler Home, 3635 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A building permit was issued to contractors Berklow and Gould on May 17, 1918 for this Colonial Revival style residence. The design of the home is attributed to Coates-Traver architects. The columns on the porch are apparently former City light posts. According to the building permit, a second story was added in 1951 but the location of this addition is unknown.

**#093: The David and Neva Newman Home, 3623 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This 1920 Prairie style home has Italian Renaissance secondary details. An 8x11 foot addition was permitted in 1941. David Newman was the Manager of the Dry Goods Department of the Kutner Goldstein Department Store and Neva was the owner of Manderin Studios in Fresno and Sacramento.

**#094: The David and Neva Newman Home, 3611 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The 1914 building permit for this Italian Renaissance style home was apparently the first to be issued for a residence on the boulevard. However, The Dr. Oliver Howard home located at 3263 E. Huntington Boulevard was the first building completed. The Newman home is attributed to the architectural firm of Glass and Butner. The Newmans also owned the residence next door at 3623. The bay on the east end of the house was built as a chapel during the residency of the Roman Bishop of Fresno, A.J. Willinger, who lived here from 1947-1974.

**Block 17, Map Reference #095: The A.G. Wishon Home, 3555 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The Alta Vista 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. Wishon purchased the first parcels in the new subdivision in 1912, a day after the official annexation, and he completed this beautiful Arts and Crafts inspired residence at the corner of Huntington Boulevard and Sixth Street in 1916. The home was designed by the architectural firm of Coates and Traver. The redwood tree in the front yard was Fresno's first outdoor lighted Christmas tree in 1917.

**#096: The Ralph and Jenny Watson Home, 3537 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP#284).** This Tudor Revival residence was built for the Watsons in 1922. Jenny Watson was the daughter of Albert Graves Wishon, who initially developed the Alta Vista Tract and who lived next door. A room was added to the Watson Home in 1937 by Farr and Son and a den addition was constructed by Frank Strohl in 1956.

**#097: The Thomas and Eleanor MacMichael Home, 3509 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story modern Ranch home was built in 1947 by contractor R.C. Fisher. Eleanor Watson MacMichael was the granddaughter of A.G. Wishon who subdivided the block first to accommodate a home for his daughter Jenny Wishon Watson and later for his granddaughter and her husband. A 16x27 addition was constructed for the MacMichael Home in 1951 and a 10x13' bedroom was built in 1954.

**Block 18, Map Reference #098: The Milton and Elsie Terrill Home, 3465 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This variant of the Monterey Revival is the only example of this style on the boulevard. The character defining feature is the second story cantilevered balcony with its wrought iron balcony railing, reminiscent of homes in the French quarter of New Orleans. The house was constructed by the design-build firm of Taylor-Wheeler Builders in 1934. The home was featured in *A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods* (p. 47). Unfortunately the original wood sash windows were recently replaced with vinyl.

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**#099: The Elmer and Irma Noroian Home, 3451 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story contemporary cottage was constructed in 1974 for Elmer and Irma Noroian who were relocated by the Redevelopment Agency from "S" and Kern Streets. The contractor was Simon Building Construction. Although the house is less than 50 years of age it retains integrity to its period of significance (1974, the year it was built) and thus is a contributor to the historic district.

**#100: The Dr. Thomas Collins Home, 3429 E. Huntington Boulevard (non-contributor).** This residence was constructed in 1949 by the design-build firm of Taylor-Wheeler Buildings. However it has been significantly altered and is therefore not a contributor to the historic district.

**#101: The Julian and Tillie Oestreicher Home, 3401 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Julian Oestreicher was the vice president of Gottschalk's Department Store. His brother-in-law was Emil Gottschalk, the founder of Gottschalk's in 1904. The house was completed in 1921 and borrows its plan, its rigorous symmetry and some detailing from the "Hipped Roof with Projecting Wings" of the Italian Renaissance style. Its design is attributed to the architectural firm of Glass and Butner.

**Block 19, Map Reference #102: The Fred J. and Mary Dow Home, 3369 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP #286).** This distinct one-story Tudor Revival cottage was completed in 1929 and includes several stunning stained glass windows (exterior and interior) with an Art Deco motif. The home was built by and for Fresno pioneer Fred J. Dow who moved to Fresno with his family in 1865. In 1912 Dow organized a contracting and building firm, Dow and Cannon. By 1929 when this house was completed Dow had extensive experience in both commercial and residential building.

**#103: The Florrie Holland and William Wilson Home, 3355 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file with the City of Fresno for this Tudor cottage. The County Assessor dates the construction to 1932, Huntington Homeowners Association research assigns a 1928 date and also attributes the design and construction to Taylor-Wheeler Builders. The Taylor-Wheeler files in the City's Historic Preservation archives do not list a project at this address (however the firm is listed as the original owners for the property located next door at 3345 E. Huntington). William "Dick" Wilson was president and secretary of Pearson Realty. Additionally, he was the director of the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce and the director of the Fresno Redevelopment Agency.

**#104: The Frank and Mary Ellen Griffin Home, 3345 E. Huntington Boulevard.** The original owner on the 1928 building permit is the design-build firm of Taylor-Wheeler, which suggests that this Tudor cottage was initially built by the company on speculation. Frank Griffin was a dentist.

**#105: The G.W. and Marie Goennheimer Home, 3335 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A building permit for this one-story Tudor Revival home was issued on November 3, 1931. It is unlikely that construction was completed before 1932. A character defining feature of this home is the five sided bay window with conical shaped roof.

**#106: The C.L. and Ethel Saylor Home, 3327 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1923. The contractor on the building permit is identified as the owner, C.L. Saylor.

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**#107: The H. H. and Mary Shields Home, 3309 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Henry Shields was a partner in the design-build firm of Trewitt-Shields and Fisher. This 1936 home draws from an eclectic mix of stylistic sources including the Art Moderne and the Louisiana French townhouse. Henry Shields was involved in civic affairs including his service as director of the Fresno Y.M.C.A. for twenty years. In 1959 Harold (Bud) Fine and his wife purchased the home. Harold Fine was partner in the realty firm of Billings and Fine.

**#108: The T.W. Haymond Home, 3307 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A building permit for a new dwelling valued at \$8,500 was issued to contractor O.D. Atkins on October 13, 1922. This one-story Spanish Eclectic style residence was apparently owned at the time by a T.W. Haymond, although the research provided by the Huntington Boulevard Homeowners Association lists a different builder, O.D. King, and owners, W.L. Wilson followed in 1939 by Senator Hugh Burns and his wife Viola.

**Block 20, Map reference #109: The Dr. Oliver Howard Home, 3263 E. Huntington Boulevard (HP# 193).** This 1914 Craftsman bungalow was the first home completed on Huntington Boulevard, with a permit issued on June 10, 1914 to contractor Dan Blosser. Dr. Howard was a well-known local dentist.

**#110: The Joseph and Teresa Dale Home, 3257 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file with the City but both the County Assessor and the Huntington Association information confirms a 1936 construction date for this Italian Renaissance Revival home. Joseph Dale and his brothers opened a wholesale coffee business in Fresno in 1918. Dale Bros. Coffee grew to be a major company in the San Joaquin Valley and both their former building, as well as the Dale Brothers Coffee Can sign on top of it, are designated historic resources (HP# 247 and 248).

**#111: The Arnie and Nectar Avedian Home, 3245 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This ranch style residence was constructed in 1951 apparently by the owner, Arnie Avedian, who owned a cabinet shop in town.

**#112: The John Godwin Home, 3221 Huntington Boulevard.** The building permit for this parcel does not include the construction of this stucco-clad Tudor Revival residence. A permit to alter the garage was issued to contractor O.D. Atkins in 1922 and so it is safe to assume that the 1920 construction date (from Huntington Boulevard Association research) is correct. In 1936 a 10x35' addition was permitted to "rear and in front" which possibly refers to a new porch entry as well as the room on the north west elevation.

**#113: The Daniel and Marie Hoak Home, 3211 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This one story Tudor Revival home was constructed in 1927 by contractor W.H. Richmond. A 9.5x10 foot addition was permitted in 1951. Daniel Hoak was a major figure in fruit packing and general agriculture in the Fresno area. He was the first chairman of the Raisin Advisory Board, introduced Hereford hogs to California and perfected the vacuum system for removing stems from raisins. He served on numerous fruit packing boards and voluntary associations.

**#114: The Newton and Hazel Johnson Home, 3171 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A building permit was issued for this Craftsman bungalow on July 20, 1918. Newton and Hazel Johnson were the first residents. Newton Johnson was an attorney who served as the President of the Fresno City Board of Education and the Fresno County Bar Association.

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**#115: The J.W. and Genevieve Kennard Home, 3161 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1922 by Yarnell and Garges.

**#116: The O.D. and Ida Mae Atkins Home, 3153 E. Huntington Boulevard.** Contractor O.D. Atkins built this Craftsman bungalow in 1918 and resided briefly on the boulevard with his wife. Atkins was the contractor for several other properties on the street.

**#117: The R. Bernard and Nellabelle Dickey Home, 3141 E. Huntington Boulevard (HR#019).** The one story Tudor Revival home was constructed in 1928 at a value of \$3,000 by the Fresno Home Builders. Apparently the home was a rental for several years but by 1940 was owned by R. Bernard and Nellabelle Dickey. Bernard was born circa 1905, the son of William J. Dickey, an early Fresno pioneer who had located to the city by 1880. Upon his death in 1912, W. J. Dickey bequeathed \$10,000 to the City of Fresno to be used in the purchase of apparatus for children's playgrounds. Dickey Playground, first established in 1910, was later named for W.J. Dickey.

**#118: The J.E. Burnett Home, 3135 E. Huntington Boulevard.** No original building permit is on file for this Craftsman bungalow although a new woodshed was constructed at the parcel in 1925 by the owner, J.E. Burnett. Huntington Boulevard Homeowners Association research indicates a 1921 construction date.

**#119: The A.B. and Mary Kirk Home, 3125 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1920 by contractor C.V. Smith. In 1930 Fred and Virginia Billings bought the home. Billings with business partner Rhine Meyering developed Huntington Boulevard as part of the Alta Vista Tract when they acquired the subdivision in 1914. The Billings apparently moved around on the street as they also owned the 2-story Colonial Revival Home located at 3650 E. Huntington.

**#120: The W.G. and Blanche McGuire Home, 3115 E. Huntington Boulevard.** This stucco-clad Craftsman bungalow was constructed in 1922 by Valley Construction Company. In 1952 the owner, at that time, Anthony Bianco, added a 6x20 foot room to the garage as a "rumpus room." The rumpus room was a playroom which was a popular addition to homes in the 1950s.

**#121: The Andrew and Marjorie Drew Home, 3105 E. Huntington Boulevard.** A one-story Spanish Revival style home anchors the northeast corner of First Street and E. Huntington. It was constructed in 1936 by contractor Albert Gatti for an estimated price of \$36,000. Arthur Drew was an attorney and his wife was a realtor. This is one of several homes featured in *A Field Guide to America's Historic Neighborhoods* (p. 47).