

23. THE GRAHAM RESIDENCE

206 Roselawn Avenue (1921)



Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: June 19, 1995

Designated by City Council: July 25, 1995

Description: The Graham Residence is a painted brick bungalow with one exterior chimney. There is an off center entrance with a gabled open porch. There is a small gabled porch to the side at the rear.

Historic Significance: This house was built for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Graham in 1920. Graham was a Civil War veteran who rode with William "Wild Bill" Cody. The father of 19 children, Graham moved to California from Nebraska in 1906 after learning "what a wonderful place it (Modesto) was" – an ideal place to raise his growing family. Their 17-year-old son made all the bricks (approximately 32,000) in the back yard.

Graham owned a livery stable in Modesto called the Vendome and worked for Modesto Lumber Company. The Grahams were the parents of Mattie Graham Streeter who served as cafeteria manager of Modesto High School from 1941 to 1960. Mattie and her husband had 14 children, many of whom were active in sports, coaching and teaching in the Modesto Schools. Her husband was a fireman for the Modesto Fire Department.