

37. THE STANLEY HOME

225 Stoddard Avenue (1927)



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Description: This one-story, stucco clad residence has a rectangular plan. A steeply pitched roof of wood shingles with intersecting gables caps the structure. The main entrance is slightly off center and is recessed in an arched opening. The two front-facing gables project slightly and contain decorative Panels with plaster swags in *bas relief* above the windows and narrow louvered vents in the peaks. An exterior chimney extends above the center of the ridge of the roof

Historic Significance: This home was built by Carl Jessup Stanley and Harriett Kirkman Stanley. Construction began in January 1928, and was completed in May 1928. The contractor was H.J. Sorensen, and the architect was G.N. Hilburn, both of Modesto.

Stanley was born in Oregon and came to Modesto in 1890. He became part-owner and advertising manager of a food market in Stockton in 1913 and enlisted in the Army in 1917. He served overseas in France and after the war he went into the grain business. In 1924, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Justus Kirkman. He became a director for the Modesto Bank. He served on the Modesto City Council from 1935 until 1951 and, in that position, was Commissioner of Health and Safety, and also served as Vice Mayor.

Harriett Kirkman Stanley was a member of a pioneer California family and was born on her grand- parents' ranch near Acampo. She married Carl Stanley in a ceremony held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church at 13th and "H" Streets in Modesto in 1920. Their daughter, Colleen Stanley Bare, grew up in this house. She has become a noted author of children's books and books documenting the history of the Modesto area. She has served on the Modesto Cultural Commission and was its chairperson for many years.