

GLENESSARY



LANDMARK NUMBER: 15

KNOWN AS: Glendessary

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara

LOCATION: House faces Mission Canyon off Glendessary Lane

TYPE OF SITE: House

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 78-231; 80-424

LANDMARK DATE: June 5, 1978; September 22, 1980 (granting protection of the landmark not previously spelled out in the original resolution)

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Request of M/M Keith Gledhill

PAST OWNERS: Beatrice and Robert Cameron Rogers (1900-1912)
Beatrice Rogers (1912-1943)
Andriette and Edwin Gledhill (1943-1979)
M/M Keith Gledhill (1979-?)

CURRENT OWNER: Alan (Lanny) Ebenstein
2685 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara

**CHANGES/
ALTERATIONS:** Early part of the 20th century a two-story addition was added to the northern side of the house; in 1948, this addition experienced a fire and was rebuilt. House was damaged by fire in 1992 and certain structural members had to be removed and replaced, as did plaster on walls, also cabinets, doors, windows, flooring and subflooring, and millwork. The 1948 addition was also demolished.

CONDITION: Very good

DESCRIPTION:

The timber-framed Tudor house was designed by architect Samuel Ilsley and built by Christoph Tornoe for Beatrice and Robert Cameron Rogers. It was completed in 1900. The three story house contains 27 rooms, 7 bathrooms, 10 fireplaces, 90 doors, 138 windows, a basement, and 4 tool and storage rooms. Ilsley was educated at MIT and came to Santa Barbara for health reasons. He first teamed with Tornoe to design and construct the Montecito estate "Arcady" for R. Radcliff Whitehead, who later sold the estate to George Owen Knapp. Christoph Tornoe was a master builder, silversmith, and metalworker. His craftsmanship was superb.¹

RESOURCES:

"Glendessary , County Historical Landmark #15" (undated and unsigned description)

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California (September 22, 1980)



¹ Undated Glendessary description

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT)
2620 GLENDESSARY LANE, SANTA) RESOLUTION NO. 78-231
BARBARA, IS AN HISTORICAL)
LANDMARK WORTHY OF PROTECTION)
UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1716, AND)
DESIGNATING IT AS SANTA BARBARA)
COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO.)
15.)
_____)

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark
Advisory Committee is authorized and directed to act upon
applications for historical landmarks under Santa Barbara County
Code Chapter 18A; and

WHEREAS, 2620 Glendessary Lane, owned by Mrs. Edwin
Gledhill, has historical interest and is worthy of consideration
for perpetration as an historical landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors, having duly set a public
hearing for June 5, 1978, has heard all interested parties
and has closed said public hearing;

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares 2620
Glendessary Lane, commonly referred to as "Glendessary," be
approved as Historical Landmark No. 15.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day
of June, 1978.

AYES: DAVID M. YAGER, ROBERT E. KALLMAN, WILLIAM B.
WALLACE, ROBERT L. HEDLUND and HARRELL FLETCHER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ROBERT E. KALLMAN
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CONDITIONS,)
AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEGAL OWNERS,) RESOLUTION NO. 80- 424
FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION)
OF "GLENDESSARY," LOCATED AT 2620)
GLENDESSARY LANE, SANTA BARBARA,)
AND DESIGNATED COUNTY HISTORICAL)
LANDMARK NO. 15.)

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gledhill, the legal owners of
"Glendessary," located at 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara,
and designated as County Historical Landmark No. 15, have requested
the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee
and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to adopt a
resolution incorporating conditions for its preservation and
protection; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 78-231, adopted by the Board of
Supervisors on June 5, 1978, does not give that protection; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1980, the Santa Barbara County
Historical Landmark Advisory Committee adopted Committee Resolutio
No. 80-3, recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a new
resolution incorporating the following conditions regarding
Landmark No. 15;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara
adopts a resolution, at the request of the legal owners, Mr. and
Mrs. Keith Gledhill, and at the recommendation of the Santa Barbar
County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee, incorporating the
following conditions for the protection and preservation of County
Historical Landmark No. 15, known as "Glendessary," and located
at 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara:

1. Demolition, removal or destruction,
partially or entirely, is prohibited unless

1 express consent in writing is first had and
2 obtained from the Santa Barbara County
3 Historical Landmark Advisory Committee. Such
4 consent may impose all reasonable conditions
5 deemed appropriate by the Committee to accom-
6 plish the purposes of Ordinance No. 1716.

7 2. No alterations, additions or changes
8 (other than normal maintenance and repair work)
9 shall be made to the exterior of the residence
10 unless and until all plans therefor have first
11 been reviewed by the Santa Barbara County His-
12 torical Landmark Advisory Committee and approved,
13 or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed
14 as deemed necessary, and that all such work be
15 done under the direction and control of the
16 Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory
17 Committee or other qualified persons designated
18 by it; provided, however, that the addition of
19 larger garage space should be allowed if it con-
20 forms architecturally with the main structure.

21 3. No alterations, additions or changes
22 (other than normal maintenance and repair work)
23 shall be made to the Great Hall, Parlour, Library/
24 Study, Dining Room, and/or the two main bedrooms
25 on the second floor unless and until all plans
26 therefor have first been reviewed by the Santa
27 Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Com-
28 mittee and approved, or modified, and reasonable
29 conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that
30 all such work shall be done under the direction
31 and control of the Santa Barbara County Historical
32 Landmark Advisory Committee or other qualified

1 persons designated by it. However, there are
2 no restrictions imposed hereby concerning inter-
3 ior alterations on the remainder of the house.

4 4. The Landmark shall be limited to use
5 as a single-family residence and/or to use by
6 a civic, educational, or museum-type organiza-
7 tion, subject to all zoning, building and other
8 land use approvals required by appropriate
9 governmental authority.

10 5. The Landmark stands on approximately
11 1-3/4 acres of land, which parcel is designated
12 as Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42. For so long
13 as this condition remains in effect, no subdi-
14 vision of Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42 into
15 two or more parcels shall be sought by the owners
16 of Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42.

17 PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
18 County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 22nd day of
19 September, 1980, by the following vote:

20 AYES: David M. Yager, Robert E. Kallman, William B.
21 Wallace and Robert L. Hedlund

22 NOES: None

23 ABSENT: None

24 ABSTAIN: Harrell Fletcher

25 ROBERT L. HEDLUND
26 CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

26 ATTEST:
27 HOWARD C. MENZEL
28 COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

28 By Barbara Gates (seal)
29 Deputy Clerk

30 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Santa Barbara)
31 HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of
32 Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Santa
Barbara, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the original now remaining on file and re-
corded in my office.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of said Board to be Affixed this
22nd day of Sept 19 80
By Barbara Gates

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
GEORGE P. KADING, COUNTY COUNSEL
By Rosanne J. Coit
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Deputy County Counsel