

# CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Landmark Number: **106**

Historic Name: **Lucking Residence**

Address: **244 S. Ash Street**

Designated: **August 6, 2012** (CC Reso 2012-051)

## Description:

The residence located at 244 S. Ash Street is associated with the “second land boom” (1886-1905), regularly scheduled trains were arriving at Ventura’s new depot, spurring downtown’s commercial, industrial, and residential development while facilitating east to west migration. It is during this period of significance that Franklin and Julia Cook Hobart settled in Ventura and built their house on Ash Street. They acquired the entire lot of Block 19 and built the house between 1892 and 1905. Mr. Frank Hobart became a justice of the peace and Mrs. Hobart an active member of the Eastern Star and Woman’s Relief Corp.

The Hobart’s Victorian-era residence is considered a good example of Colonial Revival that includes the decorative wood details on the porch with lathe turned posts and pilasters, carved dentils. One of the most important elements of this house is the rock foundation that is still visible from the exterior. The entire body of the house is clad in wide shiplap wood and narrow clapboard under the gables. Under the eaves is a decorative boxed cornice with plain frieze. The single –story residence has a medium-pitched side facing gable roof with intersecting front and rear gables. The front gables form an L-shape with a low shed roof porch. The 200 block of South Ash Street is also noted to represent “a transition in styles ranging from Victorian Vernacular of the 1890s to the Colonial Revival of the early 1900s and the California Bungalows of the 1920s.”



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