

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

Landmark Number: **64**

Historic Name: **Robert Brakey Residence** (La Mer Bed & Breakfast)

Address: **413 Poli Street**

Designated: **October 14, 1985**

Description:

The Brakey House was built in 1890 for Ventura's well-known house mover, Robert E. Brakey. Mr. Brakey was a City Trustee in 1916-17 and owned a large portion of the hillside between Oak Street and present-day City Hall. His son, John R. Brakey, continued the house moving business and among his accomplishments was responsible for moving the Port Hueneme Lighthouse, which no longer exists. John also accumulated a large collection of historic photographs, which are now in the possession of the Ventura County Museum of History and Art. The Brakey family continued to live on the property through the 1930s. Although the Vernacular Victorian residence has been significantly altered over the years, it still retains characteristics of its original Eastlake influence. For a time, the house served as the La Mer Bed and Breakfast.



Photo circa 1976



Photo by David Barker (2000)