

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

Landmark Number: 7

Historic Name: **Conklin Residence**

Address: **608 E. Thompson Boulevard**

Designated: **May 6, 1974**

Description:

Mitchell Block

Located at 608 E. Thompson Boulevard, the home was originally built in 1877 by Dr. Solomon Leander Stuart, a dentist, whose office was located on California Street between Main and Santa Clara Streets. He is thought to have been a descendent of the artist Gilbert Stuart. The home was then deeded in 1887 to E. L. Mitchel, proprietor of a brick business and builder of two of the homes within the Mitchell Block. Marguerite Conklin, granddaughter of Marada Waton and owner of the property in 1918, lived her entire life within this restored Cape Cod style home amidst her family heirlooms. It is folklore that her mantle clock, silent on the day of her passing in 1977, would never be operable again. The exterior was changed to its present Cape Cod appearance in 1927.



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