

# OLD NORTH DAVIS E-500s Picture-Map

The E Street "500s" is one of 12 face-blocks making up the Old North Davis historic conservation district in Davis, California. The district is bounded on the north

and south by 7th and 5th street and on the east and west by the railroad and B Street. This "picture-map" presents an overview of historic aspects of the "E-500s."

Suggestions and questions welcomed.  
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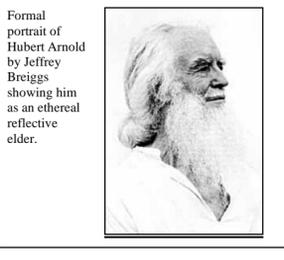


539 E as construction finishes up in 1939.

- Built 1939, an "English Cottage Revival" home.
- Home of Dr. Leo Cronin, the leading Davis physician for 43 years from 1934 to 1977.
- Residence of Carolyn Hamel (of the prominent Hamel family) in the 60s-70s. She willed it to the adjacent Christian Science Church that at first planned to demolish it to make a parking lot but then decided it sell it to raise money for the new church now seen at 6th and D.
- Sold to Joan Poulos, 1723 Oak Ave. Davis, who still owns it. Ms. Poulos is a Davis attorney who was elected to the Davis City Council in 1972 as part of the "progressive revolution" of that year. She was the first woman mayor of Davis (1974-75).

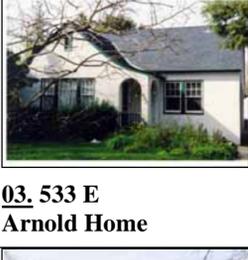


**01. 539 E Cronin Home**



Formal portrait of Hubert Arnold by Jeffrey Breiggs showing him as an ethereal reflective elder.

- Built 1938, an "English Revival Cottage."
- From the late 1940s to his death at 82 in 1994, this was the home of Hubert Arnold, a multi-talented and wealthy eccentric and UCD professor of mathematics.
- Over a period of 65 years Arnold collected some 1,800 artistically crafted ceramic pieces from almost 200 artists in several countries. These and his large antique camera and other collections were stuffed into this house and garage.
- Valued at several million dollars, Arnold donated his ceramics collection to the Sacramento Crocker Art Museum, which made it a major exhibit in 1989.
- Now owned by Michael S. Brown, 533 E, Davis.



**03. 533 E Arnold Home**

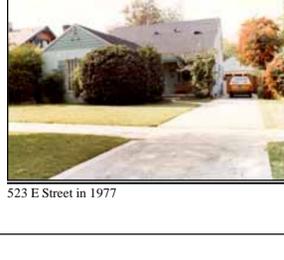


Davis City Council 2002-04. Mayor Susie Boyd, and then 527 E resident-owner, is seated in the center.

- Built 1937, a "simple English Revival house."
- Home of prominent civic and political leader Susie Boyd over the later 1990s and early 2000s. In addition to terms on the school board, she served three terms on the Davis City Council and was Mayor in 2002-04.
- Currently owned by Spencer Kenner, 527 E, Davis.



**05. 527 E**



523 E Street in 1977

- Built in 1939, a house that is "transitional between a Cottage Revival and Minimal Traditional."
- Home of Dorothy & Floyd Bagley from construction in 1939 to 1974 and John and Lyn Lofland since then. The house is unusual in having been lived in by only two families since its construction.
- In the 1930s and '40s, Floyd Bagley operated a main Davis grocery at the southwest corner of G and 3rd.
- 523 was originally one-story. A two-bedroom and bath second story was added in the late 1950s in order to create more space for the three Bagley children.
- The garage was remodeled into a studio in 1977.
- The deck on the front of the house was added in 1992.

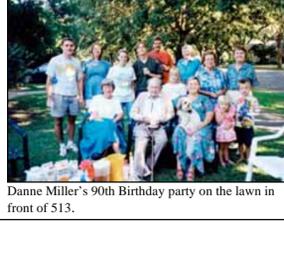


**07. 523 E Bagley Home**

- Built c. 1924.
- A "one and one-half story California Bungalow," it is one of only five bungalows in the E-500s.
- Owned by Gerald L. Jr. & C. E. Solley, P O Box 178, Waldport, Oregon



**09. 517 E**



Danne Miller's 90th Birthday party on the lawn in front of 513.

- Built c. 1923, a "modest L-Shape bungalow [that] exhibits the typical elements of its style."
- Home of Effie and Danne Miller from 1933 to the 1990s.
- Mr. Miller reported that he purchased this house in 1933 for \$2,500, in the days, he said, when one was paid \$3.25 a day.
- He worked throughout Northern California on construction of the PG&E electric line/pole system. The poles he helped erect included, in 1928, those that run down this very face-block.
- Owned by Jean F. & Falkenham Palma 1997 Rev Trust, 2721 Belmont Dr. Davis.

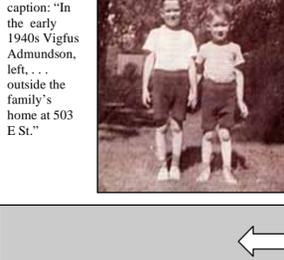


**11. 513 E Miller Home**

- Built c. 1924, a "classic California Bungalow."
- The rear unit—509 E—constructed circa 1965.
- Owned by Richard Bernardi, 507 E St. Davis.

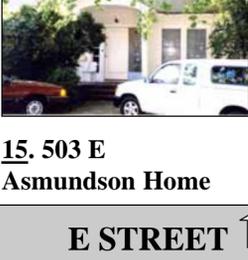


**13. 507 E**



1999 Davis Enterprise caption: "In the early 1940s Vigfus Asmundson, left, . . . outside the family's home at 503 E St."

- Built 1923, a "Colonial Revival house" that is a "good example of its style."
- Rear unit—501 E—constructed circa 1975.
- Home of the Vigfus S. Asmundson family in the 1930s. Dr. Asmundson was a world-class Poultry Science expert.
- His son, Vigfus A., shown to the left, was Mayor of Davis in 70-72. His spouse, Ruth, served as Davis mayor twice, 2004-06 & 2008-09.
- Currently a student rental housing and "show house" called "Dam Haus."
- Owned by William Kopper & Carolyn S Kopper & 2005 Rev T, 322 Leon Pl, Davis.
- Mr. Kopper is an attorney who was Mayor of Davis in 1982-83.

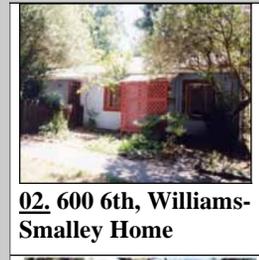


**15. 503 E Asmundson Home**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** The sources of materials presented above are given in detail on the website [www.oldnorthdavis.org](http://www.oldnorthdavis.org), in folder 2.7, "E Street 500s."

Folder 2.7 also contains a great deal of additional information on and photographs of the E Street 500s, including enlargements of all the photos seen above.



**02. 600 6th, Williams-Smalley Home**

- Built 1932-3, termed by experts "a very simple concept, almost vernacular."
- Built by Faye & William Williams & their relatives and friends over '32 & '33. The couple & their two year old son lived in a tent next to the house while they built it.
- Faye proudly recalled that only \$8.50 was paid for labor. All the rest was that of the couple or of their relatives and friends, who worked for no pay.
- Mr. Williams died and Mrs. Williams married Roland Smalley, who was one of the two first home delivery mail carriers in Davis.
- Owned by Nancy Beland, 11037 Kenebee River Ct. Rancho Cordova, CA 94570



Rolland Smalley and WD Adams first city mail carriers - 1939



**04. 530 E**

- Built 1939, "Minimalist Traditional in style."
- Ownd by Maude E Yancey TR, 39788 Sharon Ave. Davis.



**06. 524 E**

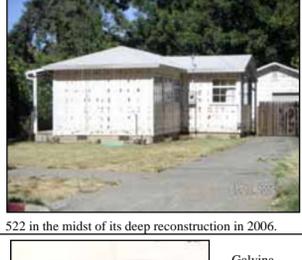
- Built 1937, termed by experts, "a Minimalist Traditional house of a design common in the neighborhood."
- Originally, the front of 524 was "flat." In the '80s, a former owner added the extension that juts forward on the left. It is a nice example of "faith-to-the-original" remodeling.
- The Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) at the rear of the property is an official *Davis Landmark Tree* (CASP, 1994, 66-70.)
- Owned by Eileen D. Hendren, 524 E St. Davis, who, in 2008 installed a ceramic art ensemble in her front yard. Ms. Hendren is a ceramist known professionally as "Aunt Lilly."

View of the Coastal Redwood looming over the back yard of 524.




**08. 522 E Wright Home**

- Built 1946, a "Minimal Traditional" structure.
- Home of Hilda & Thomas Wright from the '40s through the '90s.
- Purchased by Richard C. & Geraldine Wall TR, 1203 Eureka Ave, Davis, who almost completely rebuilt it in 2005-06.
- The second unit was constructed in 2009.

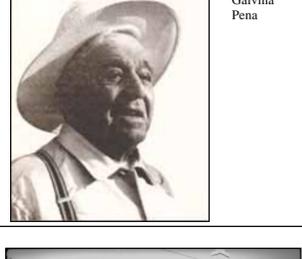


522 in the midst of its deep reconstruction in 2006.



**10. 516 E**

- Built circa 1909-19 (reports conflict).
- This is one of the famous "Pedder bungalows" in Davis, so named for A. R. Pedder who constructed perhaps a dozen virtually identical instances of this house in the 1910s & '20s.
- Historical surveyors characterize this and other Pedder houses as "well crafted, stucco, one story" bungalows.
- Owned by Gavina Pena of the famous Pena family in its earliest decades.
- The Grecian Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*) spreading over the roof is one of about 100 official *Davis Landmark Trees*.
- Owned by Kevin J. Rice, 516 E, Davis.



Gavina Pena



**12. 512 E Wooden Home**

- Built 1938.
- Historical surveyors describe it as a "simple example of a Minimalist Traditional style . . ." and "a good example of a style popular in the late 1930s and 1940s."
- Home of Kay and Wes Wooden, 1940s-2000s. Wes was a prominent Davis citizen who raised sheep on a farm near Davis and dealt in rural real estate.
- Garage in the rear was converted to a second unit in 2005.
- Owned by Raymond S/Nichole J Linaweaver, P. O. Box 575, Davis.



522 close to completion in early 1938.



**14. 508 E Granucci Home**

- Built 1936, described as a "particularly charming Medieval or Tudor Revival" brick cottage.
- Occupied for decades by the family of Annie and J. F. Granucci. Mr. Granucci worked for the California Highway Patrol.
- Like Mrs. Tingus, next door, the widowed Mrs. Granucci lived here into the 1990s. Through the '70s & '80s, the two women often sat together visiting in their respective front yards and porches.
- Owned by Andrew Yonelinis & Joanna Scheb, 508 E, Davis

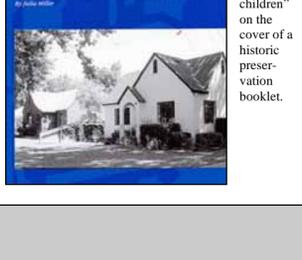


Snow in Davis on March 23, 1942, a day many photographs of houses were taken.



**16. 502 E Tingus Home**

- Built 1937. Historic surveyor term it a "Spanish inspired stucco cottage" and an "English Cottage Revival" house.
- Home of members of the George Tingus family from construction to the 1990s.
- With his cousin James Belinis, George Tingus operated the historically iconic Terminal Cafe and Hotel at the northeast corner of G and 2nd Street over the '20s, '30s & 40s. Later called the Aggie Hotel, the building was demolished in 2000. The Chen Building is now at that location.
- Owned by James A. Kidd, 200 B St, Ste D, Davis.



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502 & 508 as "poster children" on the cover of a historic preservation booklet.