

Ramona Way #15

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Ramona Way
2. Historic name: Same
3. Street or rural address: Multiple
City Laguna Beach Zip 92651 County Orange
4. Parcel number: Multiple
5. Present Owner: Multiple Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private XX
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Same

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Beach cottages
7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Ramona Way is a short alley-like street just above South Coast Highway and intersecting Legion Street. It was initially built out as a row of beach cottages, several of which still remain. Those itemized here are board and batten, clapboard or shingled cottages. Most are in good condition and are still used for residential purposes.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1919-35
9. Architect Various - unknown
10. Builder Various - unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50' Depth 100'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
November 1980

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
 Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial X Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning X Vandalism ___
 Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The beach cottages located along Ramona Way were originally affiliated with those that ran along South Coast Highway. They were oriented so as to have an ocean view, but were also located with proximity to the commercial hub. The cottages that remain form somewhat of an architectural oasis between the commercial buildings of South Coast Highway to the west and the newer high density uses of Glenneyre to the east. These houses are remains of the once thriving summer cottage landscape of Laguna during the 20's and 30's.

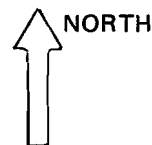
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Orange Co. Assessor's Records

22. Date form prepared May 1981
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

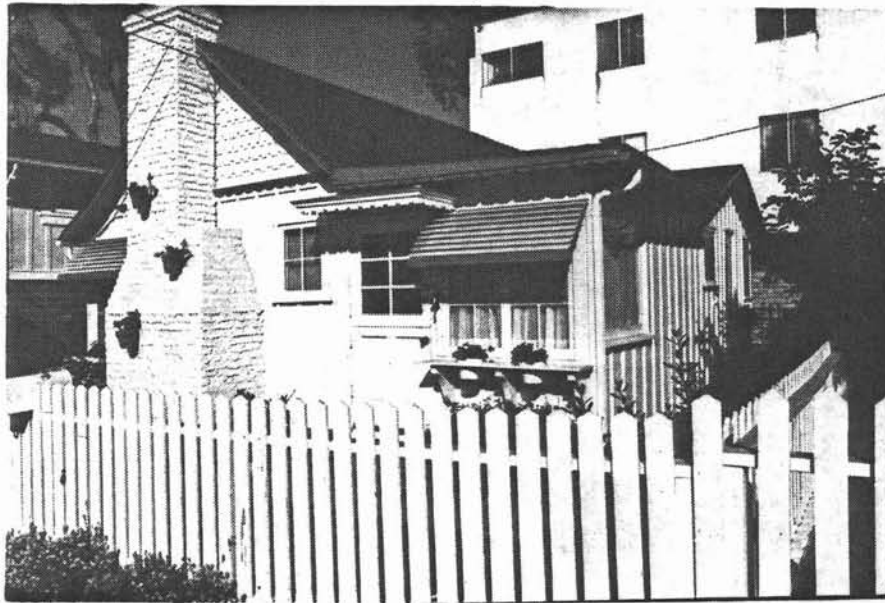




1. 564 Ramona

1926 (C)

A board and batten cottage with "L" plan and gabled roof. The main roof extends in front to form the entry overhang and the door beneath is flanked by a double-hung window on either side.



2. 580 Ramona

1935 (K)

An eclectic board and batten cottage with multi-gabled roof and box plan. The house has a compact format to accommodate the small corner lot. Multi-paned windows are used throughout. The upper gable faces are embellished with ornamental shingles. A brick chimney rises up the front gable face.



3. 264-68 Legion

ca. 1925 (estimate) (K)

A clapboard house with box plan and gabled roof. While the house faces Legion and takes its address from that street, it is part of the string of cottages along Ramona. A boxy terrace supported by wood posts is on the front gable face. The entry door is centered below and is flanked by casement windows on either side. A circular louver vent on the upper gable face enhances what appears to be a New England quality about the architectural design. Bay windows are located on the Ramona Way side of the house.



4. 616 Ramona

1935 (C)

A simple clapboard bungalow with box plan and single-gable roof. A tapered brick chimney rises up the front face. A detached garage with a flat roof and clapboard siding is at the street level.



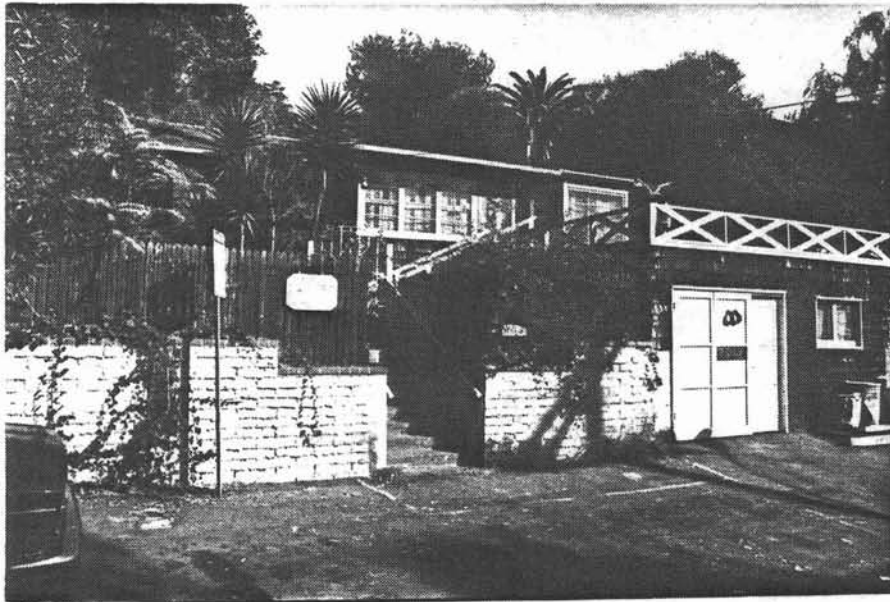
5. 626 Ramona 1922-30 (C)

A board and batten bungalow cottage with an "L" plan and multi-gabled roof. Entry is beneath the roof overhang at the apex of the "L". Cross-ties in the upper gables provide embellishment.



6. 652 Ramona ca. 1925 (estimate) (K)

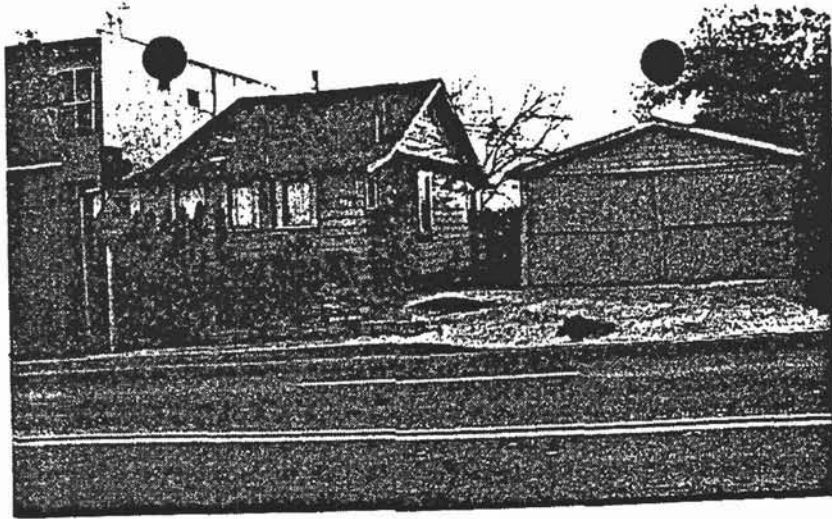
A large clapboard beach house with Craftsman bungalow characteristics. The house has a multi-gabled roofline and ample proportions. Windows include a combination of double-hung and casement. Wide eaves and supporting purlins are added Craftsman characteristics.



7. 658 Ramona

1922-30 (C)

A one-story shingled cottage built up on a sloping lot. The house has a slightly gabled roof and boxy proportions.



155. 667 Glenneyre

1918 (K)

A boxy clapboard cottage with single-gable roof. A square bay projection is on side of house. Small casement windows are present. Detached garage with gable roof and shingle siding is adjacent.

Prior to 1946, this was the home of Dr. Spencer Miller, former pal of Thomas Edison and himself the inventor of the suspension cable.