

41. LISH RESIDENCE 125 Poplar Ave. (1890)



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Description: A pair of gabled dormers containing attic vents intersects the side-facing gable roof of this Craftsman Bungalow. The roof projects at the front to cover the full porch structure. A low brick wall constructed of klincker bricks surrounds the porch. At one side of the house there is an exterior brick chimney. All of the brickwork has projecting headers. Clapboard siding sheathes the house. To one side of the centered entrance is a tri-part window group consisting of a large center stationary section and two narrow flanking double-hung sash windows.

Historical Significance: The Howell family were early settlers in the Modesto area. The family "dry-farmed" in the Turlock area prior to the irrigation projects. The family at one time owned land in what is now called the Wycliff and Lincoln Estates areas. They had a summer home on the coast and enjoyed camping in Yosemite Park. The original owner, W.H. Howell, was at one time the Modesto postmaster. It is now the Lish residence.

Architectural Significance: This residence is an excellent example of a Craftsman bungalow style building. The Craftsman Bungalow is recognized by the deliberate use of natural materials, its emphasis on structural form, and a casual relationship with the out-of-doors.