

## 55. JOHNSON HOUSE 503 Morris Avenue



**Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution:** April 21, 2003  
**Designated by City Council:** August 6, 2003

**Description:** Built in 1927, this English Tudor-style house has a heavy shingled, multi-pitch roof with stucco walls. An arched extension of the front gabled wall extends over the front porch area. There is also a front "tabbed" door surround. The windows are double hung, multi-paned. A master bedroom was added in 1932 and a master bath sometime during the late 1940s.

**Historical Significance:** Clarence and Birdella Johnson were the original owners of this residence. The Johnson's lived in the house from 1927 into the 1990s. Mr. Johnson owned the "Clarence Johnson Insurance Company" in downtown Modesto for many years. Mrs. Johnson was very active in community activities and organizations. The current owner, Fem McDonald, is only the second owner of this house.