

# Cultural Resources Nomination Application



City Landmark



Structure of Merit

Please check the Designation for which you are applying

## IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: OLD MARTIN HOOVER HOUSE
2. Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street address: 3642 HOOVER ST.  
City RIVERSIDE State CA. Zip 92504
4. Assessor Parcel number: 230-132-020
5. Present Legal Owner: JANA Linde Cheney  
City Riverside State CA. Zip 92504
6. Present Use: Residence
7. Original Use: Residen

Date form prepared:

July 7, 2022

Preparer:

J. Cheney

Sponsoring Organization (if any):

Address:

3642 Hoover St.

City, State and Zip:

Riverside, CA. 92504

Phone:

DESCRIPTION

8. Legal property description: TAX I.D. 330-132-020-7  
lands situated in the city of Riverside in the county of Riverside  
in the state of California -  
LOT 22 OF High Palm Tract  
Commonly known as: 3642 Hoover St. 2136'  
Include approximate property size (in feet): Street Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

9. Architectural Style: ~~AMERICAN FOUR SQUARE~~ Gothic Revival

10. Construction Date: Estimated 1898 Factual 1881  
Source of Information:  Assessor's Records  Building Permit  Sanborn Map  
 Publications  Oral Interviews

That public information is wrong - it was built

11. Architect's Name: unknown Builder's Name: unknown in 1881

12. Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  
 No longer in existence

13. Alterations: Windows were replaced by a previous H/O.  
Floor was possibly/probably replaced.

A kitchen and formal dining, 2 Bathroom, Extra bedroom  
Detached garage & A room ADDED next to garage -

14. Surroundings:  
 Open Land  Scattered Buildings  Densely Built-Up

15. Use type:  
 Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Civic  
 Other

16. Is the structure on its original site?  
 Yes  No  Unknown  
If moved, approximate year 1915

17. Related features and/or out-buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

18. Historical Attributes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Building                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Folk Art                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Family         | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Building                | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Furniture          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Family                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Building                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ancillary Building               | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Depot                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees/Vegetation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Train                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Open Space          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Open Space                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Canal/Aqueduct            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm/Ranch                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Building                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dam                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Property                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Building             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake/River/Reservoir      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CCC/WPA Structure                | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Minority Prop.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway/Trail                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Auditorium          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amusement Park                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's Property                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Monument/Mural/Gravestone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Stadium                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center/Social Hall        |                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Building, 1-3 stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Building, over 3 stories |                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                           |                                                              |                                                    |

19. Architectural Description

20. Statement of Significance

21. Bibliography

22. Photographs

23. Letter from property owner (if other than applicant)

## Architectural Description for 3642 Hoover St

The property at 3642 Hoover street, Riverside, Ca. is a single family residence. This 2 story gothic revival farmhouse was built in 1881. The home was originally a rectangle, approximately 1128 sf. It has a rectangular front porch with a hipped roof, 4 porch posts with decorative wooden scrollwork at the top, and wooden railing attached to the posts. There are 3 steps up to the porch with brick outcropping at either side of the steps at the front and the house sits atop a crawlspace foundation.

There is a steep gable over the porch shed roof and the roofing material for both is asphalt composite.

The exterior of the home has horizontal wood siding and painted decorative wooden scrollwork around the windows.

The two panel front door is solid wood with 2 lites/windows and metal scroll work covering the lites/windows at the top portion of the door. There are two panels on the bottom portion of the door. It isn't original to the home. Original door location and style = unknown.

There are 7 dual glazed windows downstairs in the original portion of the home. The windows were replaced and original window type = unknown. Two of the windows are on either side of the front door of the home. Two face the south side of the home and two more face the north side of the home.

The original part of the home has two rooms on the first floor and two on the second floor.

The ceiling height of the 1st floor rooms is 9' and the two original rooms are used for a living room and a parlor. Original use = unknown.

The living room has wooden floors. It is believed they are not original. Parlor is carpeted, unknown if original wood is flooring underneath.

The stairwell to the second floor is wood and it's unknown if the wooden stairs are original.

There are 3 rooms upstairs, the 2 original rooms face the front (east)) of the home.

The first original room is small with a 9' ceiling and a slant that follows the roof at the front (east) portion of the room. It has one large window (dual glazed, not original) facing the north. No closet.

The second original room, a long rectangular room, has a window (dual glazed, not original) facing the east and a second window (dual glazed, not original) facing the south. The ceiling is 9' with a slant that follows the roof line at the front (east) portion of the room. There is one small closet.

The home was sold in 1915 and based on the records available it appears when the home was purchased and moved to it's current location, alterations were made and an addition was added.

The home now has, beyond the living room, going in a westerly direction, a large opening into the formal dining room with a soffit. Attached to the formal dining room on the north is another room with a small closet and two large dual glazed windows (not original).

There is a bathroom off of the formal dining room with one dual glazed window (not original) facing the north. The tub is not original.

Off of the south side of the formal dining room is a laundry porch with 2 dual glazed windows (not original) facing the south. There is a door to the north side of the home and driveway on the porch and the door is from the Victorian era with carved scrollwork, antique doorknob and door plate. Lite/window in the top half of the door appears original. It is my guess that this may be the original front door and hardware but I cannot confirm as photos of the original home have still not been found.

Further west, beyond the formal dining room is a large kitchen.

2 dual glazed windows (not original) face south and another window, over the kitchen sink, faces west and overlooks the detached garage and backyard.

There is a backdoor that leads to the back yard. The door, also Victorian, is identical to the door off of the laundry porch and I suspect was/is the original back door of the home. Cannot confirm.

The third room upstairs also, presumed to be added on in 1915 is a large mostly squared room but has a slant that follows the roof line on the north side of the room, otherwise, it has a 9' ceiling with two dual glazed (not original) windows facing west. There is about a 4" step down into the room. There is a medium sized walk-in closet on the south west facing section of the room. And a small bathroom attached to the south east section of the room.

The bathroom has a clawfoot tub, it's unknown if the tub is original to the home. There is a small, stationary leaded Victorian era window in the bathroom that lets in natural light. It is unknown if it was used elsewhere originally in the home.

The home sits amongst many craftsman era houses and it has one of the original street lights, placed in 1915, in the front yard.

The homes that surround 3642 Hoover St are generally between 34 and 44 years newer.

The garage: much like the rest of the additions, there is no record in permits showing when the garage was built. It is a two car detached garage and has a one room addition that was added in 1990. They share a wall.

## The Old Martin Hoover House

The Old Martin Hoover house at 3642 Hoover street is significant because it was built for, belonged to and was lived in by Martin and Kate Hoover from it's construction in 1881 to the time that they sold the home in 1908. At that time the Hoovers moved to their Queen Anne home on 7th street ( now located on Redwood dr.).

Martin Hoover was a prominent figure in the early days of Riverside's development. And he is featured in a book titled: History Of Riverside County California by Elmer Wallace Holmes.

Martin was a beloved elder at the Magnolia Presbyterian Church, the oldest church in Riverside and the church sat just adjacent to the Hoover property. Martin was the 13th member of the church and Kate the 14th.

Born in Franklin, Illinois Martin and Kate Hoover came to Riverside, California in 1880.

Martin Hoover was one of the first three members of the Riverside Board of Trustee's  
He was a director with the water company  
And he was a successful horticulturist.

Martin was considered a pioneer by Riversidians at the time and was asked to ride in a parade as one of the city's pioneers.

The High Palm tract, where Hoover's original home resides within, was once Martin Hoover's property. He owned 20 acres but sold 10 of the acres to Mrs. Gaylord. That area is now known as San Rafael Way.

The High Palm Tract was named for what was said to be one of the first and the tallest Washintonia Robusta Palms in Riverside. That tree was grown and nurtured by Martin Hoover for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Hoover grew oranges, nectarines and it is believed walnuts, as the residents on Hoover street keep finding very old whole walnuts buried in their backyards.

Later, when the acreage was sold and subdivided, the tree, which sat at the head of Robusta (now Hoover) street and Magnolia, was offered as a gift to the city of Riverside, to be placed with the Parent Naval Orange Tree.

The street was named Robusta, for Martin Hoover's tall palm tree. Then renamed for Martin Hoover in approximately 1915.

Further significance of this property is the successful relocation from 160 Magnolia ave to it's current location at 3642 Hoover st.

This 141 year old home is one of maybe a few examples in Riverside of Gothic Revival Farmhouse architecture.

It has one of the original street lights in front - added and "juiced up" in 1915.

The home sits between the historic Gage Canal and the historic section of Magnolia ave.



★★★★★

1 Review

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History of Riverside County, California:  
With Biographical Sketches of the ...

By Elmer Wallace Holmes

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HISTORY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY 743

native of Franklin county, Pa., born in the year 1796, spent much of his active life in that locality, where he conducted a grist mill, a woolen factory and a country store. The destruction of the plant by fire in 1842 left him without means. Seeking a new start he went to Ohio and settled at Dalton, where he carried on a grocery business. Thirteen years after going to that place he removed to Illinois and in 1855 became a resident of Galesburg, where he engaged with his sons in the grocery business, continuing in the same occupation until his death in 1870. Among the children born to his union with Mary Snively, a native of Pennsylvania, there was a son who bore his father's name and who like him was a native of Franklin county. Born January 20, 1830, he was sent to the public schools of his native county from the age of six to that of twelve years, after which he was a pupil for a few years in the schools of Dalton, Ohio.

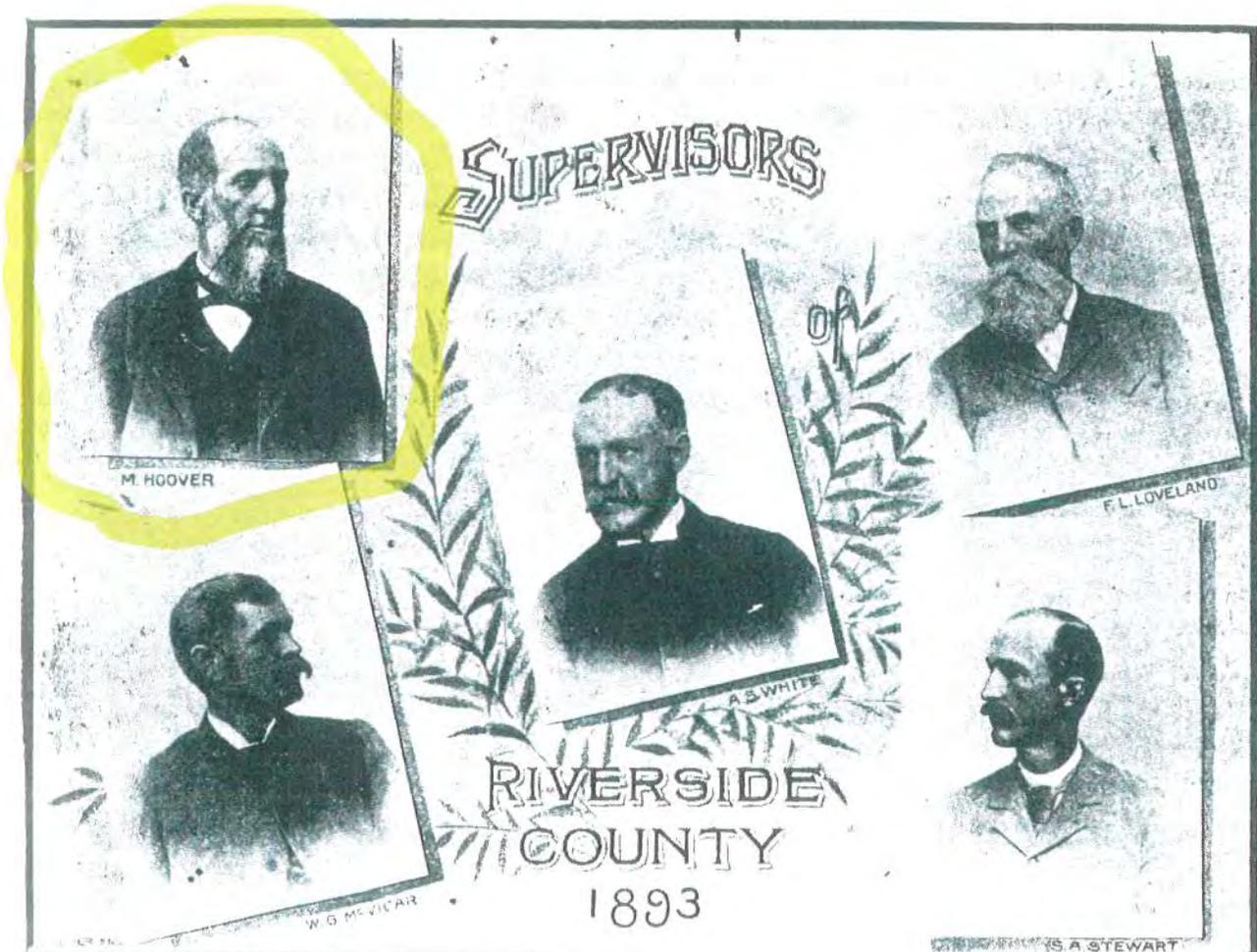
At the time of the discovery of gold in California and the migration thither of gold-seekers Martin Hoover determined to come to the then unknown west. With two of his brothers in the spring of 1850 he started across the plains and in the autumn of the same year he arrived in the northern part of the state. At once he began to try his luck in the mines and until 1865 he continued at the occupation, mainly working in Placer and Plumas counties. Meanwhile he had experienced the ups and downs of a miner's life and had accepted successes and reverses with equal composure. In 1865 he returned to the east and joined his parents who had established their home in Galesburg, Ill., and in that city he and a brother with their father's assistance conducted a large trade as grocers. In 1872 he disposed of his interest in the store and removed to Kansas, where he embarked in the grocery business at Leavenworth. A fair degree of success came to him there, but the climate was not entirely satisfactory and in 1880 he sold out in order to seek a more congenial environment at Riverside.

Ten years before he came west Mr. Hoover established domestic ties, having been united in marriage with Miss Kate E. Craven, November 23, 1870, at Winfield, Henry county, Iowa. No children came to bless their union, so that they are deprived of the pleasure of utilizing their ample means for the benefit of descendants. Other opportunities for helpfulness, however, are ever open to them and of these they have availed themselves to the utmost. No worthy person has been denied in an appeal for aid. With quiet and unostentatious generosity they have helped many in temporary distress and urgent need. The principles of the Republican party have received the support of Mr. Hoover, who served on the first board of supervisors as that party's choice. A man of striking personal-

ity, erect in stature and genial in manner, he bears his years with graceful dignity and his calm and benevolent countenance shows little trace of the stress and strain of life's stirring activities.

**Martin Hoover,**

Sixty-three years ago, was born in Franklin county, Penn. He came to California in 1850 and followed mining for fifteen years. For thirteen years has been a horticulturist in this valley and judging by the appearance of his orange grove should say that he has made a success of it. He was elected in May as supervisor for the second district and is doing good work for his district and the whole county. He had previously served two full terms as city trustee.



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## The Johnson Colony.

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More members of the Johnson colony have arrived this week. Martin Hoover and wife, of Leavenworth, Kansas, arrived on Tuesday evening. They have been interested readers of the PRESS AND HORTICULTURIST for the past six months, hence were pretty well acquainted with Riverside before their arrival.

Dr. Craven, wife and child, of Cincinnati, and Mr. C. V. Craven, of Galesburg, Illinois, father to the Doctor, arrived on Saturday last. Dr. Craven is a brother to Mrs. O. T. Johnson, and Mrs. Hoover is a sister to Dr. Craven.

All seem well pleased thus far with the country, and there are more coming.

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Subscribe for the Paper

# Town and Valley.

Leave your orders for Sheet Muslin and Corsets at Filkin's Bazaar. He sells Kid Gloves also. \*

Laborers are scarce at Lugonia and are in demand.

Barley hay for sale at John Wilbur's. \*

Kern county has just produced its first oranges.

The public schools opened again in Riverside last Monday morning.

Martin Hoover is building a house on his property on Magnolia Avenue. The frame is up.

## Very Encouraging.

Sixteen months ago Mr. Martin Hoover commenced improving his twenty-acre tract next to the Presbyterian church, in Arlington. At that time there was nothing growing on the place, it was as bare as any of the plains hereabouts. Yesterday he brought to this office, as a sample of what his place had done in that sixteen months, a box of very large and choice Bartlett pears and nectarines. His vineyard will also bring him quite a good crop. This he thinks, and so do we, is a very good showing for a place only sixteen months set out. What he has done, others can and are doing, but, of course, it requires skillful cultivation to accomplish such results, though Mr. Hoover was not experienced in the work when he commenced, but he has shown himself to be a gentleman with a natural inclination for horticultural pursuits. We are glad to see these evidences of his success.

IF THERE is any public official who deserves the kindly consideration of his fellow citizens, it is he who consents to give his gratuitous services as a City Trustee. Two gentlemen retire from the board today whose services deserve formal acknowledgement from the people they have faithfully served. Martin Hoover has been for eight years a member of the board, and we believe no public servant has ever been more prompt and faithful in the performance of the duties laid upon him than he. His associate who also retires, H. E. Allatt, was elected upon an issue which developed strong feeling in its discussion, and even those who differ with him regarding it will frankly admit that he has faithfully kept the pledges he made in entering upon his work. The recent vote upon the franchise question must be especially gratifying to the retiring members, as completely justifying their course in reference to a matter regarding which they have received criticism. When time shall have eliminated all feeling generated in a discussion of local is-

THE REQUIREMENT IS OBTAINED.

Chas. Finch was engaged in circulating a petition for Martin Hoover yesterday. It requires fifty signatures to the petition to make Mr. Hooyer's nomination for Supervisor valid. The requisite number was easily obtained.

Non-partisan candidates—W. S. Ruby for Coroner, A. B. McCormick for Tax Collector, A. J. Condee for County Clerk, Geo. W. Fox for Auditor, W. G. Mitchell for Treasurer, Geo. W. Frink for Public Administrator, Geo. M. Pearson for County Surveyor, Lyman Gregory for Superintendent of Schools, Fred W. Swope for Sheriff, E. H. Gruwell for Recorder, Bradford Morse for Assessor, J. S. Noyes for Superior Judge, S. A. Stewart for Supervisor, Fourth District, F. L. Loveland for Supervisor, Fifth District, Martin Hoover for Supervisor, Second District.

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D. G. MITCHELL.. ..... Perris

FOR SUPT. OF SCHOOLS,

LYMAN GREGORY.....San Jacinto

FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,

H. W. BORDWELL.....Riverside

FOR CORONER,

W. S. RUBY.....Riverside

FOR SURVEYOR,

GEO. M. PEARSON.....Wildomar

**Board of Supervisors.**

FIRST DISTRICT,

W. G. McVICAR.....South Riverside

SECOND DISTRICT,

**MARVIN HOOVER**.....Riverside

FOURTH DISTRICT,

S. A. STEWART.....Elsinore

FIFTH DISTRICT,

A. J. MEAD.....San Jacinto

FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,

D. W. McLEOD, J. C. CHAMBERS....Riverside

A. N. PHILLIPS.....Temescal

L. SPOONER, J. T. DART.....Union

R. P. NEVIN, GEO. H. KEISEY....Alessandro

J. R. MOORE, H. N. HAVEY, Perris and Menifee

J. E. CHANEY, O. W. MILLER.....Murrieta

J. MAGEE,.....Temecula

WM. VAWTER, S. DURETT.....San Jacinto

J. S. CHAMBERS, H. I. MORSE.....Hemet

GEO. E. BRIDGES.....San Geronimo

H. I. GRUWELL, A. L. MATHER.....

Elsinore, Lake and Wildomar

FOR CONSTABLES,

J. C. STANLEY, W. L. SCOTT.....Riverside

JAMES F. EDWARDS, C. C. WALL....Temescal

News Article

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give up his money. The matter was reported to the police and is being investigated by the grand jury. Most of the money had already been sent out through the outside window to buy tobacco. A charge of robbery may be preferred against those taking the money.

The Riverside Water Company held the annual election of directors yesterday evening and elected the following gentlemen: W. P. Lett, M. J. Daniels, S. C. Evans, Geo. H. Dole, E. F. Kingman, **Martin Hoover**, James Boyd, C. A. Crosby, Geo. Frost, J. S. Castleman and H. A. Westbrook. There were present and voting 15,821 shares out of the 23,858 shares issued. The directors organized and elected the old officers, Geo. Frost president, and W. A. Correll secretary.

In addition to the 16 taken in for vagrancy yesterday and given from four to eight days each in the county jail mentioned in THE PRESS, there were six others taken in before night. These six in addition to two others run in today, were brought up and given terms of about the same as the 16 that preceded them, except the two put in today, who

proof reading on the Great Register, caused some discussion. It was shown that Los Angeles county had paid out \$214.80 for the same work, and the claim was allowed without another word.

County Clerk Condee stated to the **board** that during the past month, owing to extra work because of the election, he had been compelled to hire more help than usual, and that he had paid out for such help over \$300, while his salary was \$250. No action was taken in the matter.

The Auditor's report showed the same state of the finances as did that of the treasurer presented yesterday.

Thos. Ryan was admitted to the county hospital, he being sick and out of means.

Claims to the amount of \$780.44 were allowed for extra work in the Auditor's and Tax-Collector's office, in carrying out the assessment rolls.

After the report of THE PRESS closed yesterday, the **board** authorized Sheriff Swope to employ a man to work the tramps in jail on the roads.

The afternoon session was spent in claims of election officers, after which the board adjourned to Mon-

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Apropos of nothing, I had my attention called recently to an interesting feature of ornamental tree planting in Riverside. Perhaps you may have noticed the very tall, graceful palm tree in D. W. McLeod's yard, or in **Martin Hoover's**, or at D. H. Burnham's. They are much taller and handsomer than any other trees in Riverside, and are the only trees of their kind in the valley, being the **Washingtonia Robusta**. It is only by an accident, or slight mistake, that all the trees here are not like these. The seed from which they were grown came from the Colorado desert, just beyond the mountains. When more seed was wanted for later planting, those who went to gather them intended to get the same kind of seed, but got into Palm canyon, near Palm Springs, and procured an entirely different variety—the **Washingtonia Filifera**. What a difference that little mistake has made in the appearance of Riverside!

e under way. Work will be commenced  
e very shortly on an eight room resi-  
t dence for Martin Hoover, the north  
g side of Seventh street, between Lime  
r- and Mulberry. This is estimated to  
g cost \$3320, and will be an important  
and desirable addition to the residence  
t- district between Orange street and  
t, the Santa Fe tracks. The contractor,  
d as well as the architect, of this home  
r- is L. C. Waldman and not James Bird,  
d as inadvertently stated in the Press  
e yesterday.

## HOOVER PLACE SOLD.

Martin Hoover has sold his ten-acre orange grove and residence on Magnolia avenue to Mr. Tealander, a new comer from Minnesota, for \$8500. Mr. Hoover is one of Riverside's pioneer citizens and the Hoover place has been a landmark in the valley for many years. He has, however, purchased four lots on Arlington avenue, opposite the McLeod place and will erect there a handsome residence.

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**Another Realty Deal**—A good realty deal of yesterday was the sale of a ten-acre orange grove on Magnolia avenue for Martin Hoover for a consideration of \$8500. The deal was made through the agency of McLeod & Brinkerhoff. The same firm also sold to Mr. Hoover four choice lots on Arlington avenue for a residence. The consideration is not made public.

**July 4, 1912**

A spectacular parade, a sports program and fireworks featured the Fourth in Riverside. Heading the parade was the Riverside military band and Company M. An interesting feature of the parade was the old stage coach which used to carry passengers between Colton and Riverside in the early days. B. Elmo Parks drove the stage, with M. R. Shaw, former stage driver, and Martin Hoover, pioneer of the city, on the seat.

# EVANS BUYS HOOVER PLACE

**Old Hoover Homestead, on Magnolia Avenue, Acquired by P. T. Evans**

The Martin Hoover homestead of 10 acres, on Magnolia avenue, just below the Presbyterian church, has been acquired by P. T. Evans, who purchased the property from A. Schliem, for \$15,000.

This is one of the best known properties on the avenue and boasts the tallest palm tree on the house grounds in the city of Riverside. The grove is mostly of navels, in good condition. It has a frontage on the avenue of 320 feet.

Mr. Evans bought the property for an investment, realizing that with the opening up of the trolley line south that there is sure to be a demand for Magnolia avenue realty.

# MAGNOLIA ORANGE ORCHARD BOUGHT

Evans Brothers Take Over Martin  
Hoover Property for \$15,000;  
Shows Values Substantial

P. T. Evans today announces the purchase by himself and S. C. Evans of the well-known Martin Hoover orange orchard at 162 Magnolia avenue for the sum of \$15,000. The property is particularly famed for having the tallest palm tree in Riverside county. There are 1 acres of oranges, which promise a good crop for this year.

When questioned as to whether the property would be used for subdivision purposes, Mr. Evans said: "Not at the present, at least. There is a good crop of oranges there, which we hope the weather will permit us to harvest this season. Further than that, we have no definite plans to announce regarding the property.

There is a good residence in the grove. It is situated on the south side of the avenue and nearly opposite the home of E. S. Moulton.

# LOS ANGELES MAN BUYS NEW TRACT

Will Subdivide Property on Magnolia Avenue for Erection of New Homes; Gets Old Palm

As an indication that there is still a demand for Riverside property, W. C. Johnson of Los Angeles has purchased 10 acres on Magnolia avenue, known as the Martin Hoover place. This property will be subdivided by him and will be improved in a manner similar to that of the El Prado tract, opened by P. T. Evans across the avenue from it. In making the improvements, the old orange trees will be removed at once.

One of the features that helped to sell the property, Mr. Evans states, was the famous old palm tree that towers high above any other palms of the community and on which the city has had its eye for some time past. A new residence will be erected at once on the first street to be opened through the property and will be similar in design to that of F. C. Ross, who recently built a home on the El Prado tract across the street.

### Thirty Years Ago

Riverside's first election since its incorporation resulted in the election of the following officers: Trustees, Martin Hoover, A. J. Twogood, B. F. White, B. B. Handy, W. P. Russell; clerk, T. H. B. Chamblin; marshal, W. W. Noland; treasurer, B. D. Burt.

Captain W. T. Sayward received his discharge in bankruptcy.

W. N. Mann sold his 40-acre ranch on Magnolia avenue for \$40,000.

W. W. Carr prepared to leave for the east and turned over his plumbing business to John Shiels.

A home talent concert was given in the pavilion by the members of the Congregational church. The program consisted of orchestra selections, a piano solo by Miss Lyman, vocal offerings by Mrs. C. G. Hurd, and a cello solo by Mr. Kearnes, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. E. R. Skelley. Misses Overton, White and Stratton, Dr. Sawyer and B. W. Handy sang "Soft Falls the Shade of Evening," and Dr. Sawyer led a male chorus, which sang college songs. Kenneth Hendry was accompanist.

B. W. Handy was elected secretary of the San Bernardino Sabbath school association.

## **Improving Tract**

**Fifty men with teams are working today on the High Palm tract, once the old Martin Hoover homestead. A street is being graded through the tract, water pipes laid and the land cleared. The old Hoover house has been moved off and the great palm, which was its crowning glory, looms large on the tract.**

# OLD ORANGE TREES ARE BEING UPROOTED

Trees Planted in 1880, on Martin Hoover Place, Being Taken Out to Make Way for Subdivision, Disclose Remarkable Root Condition

\* The uprooting of one of the \*  
\* pioneer orange groves of River- \*  
\* side, on the old Martin Hoover \*  
\* place, on Magnolia avenue, is \*  
\* disclosing a root condition which \*  
\* P. T. Evans, who is clearing \*  
\* the tract for subdivision pur- \*  
\* poses, reports as being worthy \*  
\* of investigation by the experi- \*  
\* ment station experts. \*

\* These trees, which are among \*  
\* the oldest in this section, were \*  
\* planted by Mr. Hoover in 1880, \*  
\* and the powerful stump-puller, \*  
\* which is being used to drag \*  
\* them from their 35-year-old foot- \*  
\* ing, is tearing up great tap \*  
\* roots which range from 14 to \*  
\* 18 feet in length. \*

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These roots, and the other principal vertical roots which form the tree's main support, are coming out of the ground "as clean as a sweet potato," Mr. Evans reports, without a vestige of the little feeder roots which supply life to all vegetation.

"I took my knife this morning," says Mr. Evans, "and shaved off portions of the big roots, but they have not a particle of bark and show no evidences of flowing sap whatever. They are apparently as dead as a pine board.

"This is a condition that I think should be investigated by our government experts. It may be that it will disclose the trouble that is affecting some of our oldest groves, and which is being perhaps wrongly attributed to cold weather and other things.

The soil on this land is fully 36 feet in depth and with no evidence of hardpan. I just finished digging a cesspool on the property, and the soil conditions can be clearly seen all the way down. It was 36 feet to sand. The drainage is perfect and the soil was just nicely moist the entire depth. Then what is it in the soil that is causing this condition of the roots?"

The old Hoover place, which is 10 acres, mostly in old seedling trees, was purchased by Mr. Evans some time ago, and is being prepared for subdivision as the "High Palm Tract." It takes its name from the great palm tree, which formerly stood in front of the Hoover home before the latter was removed to make way for the new improvements under way.

STATE DOCUMENT FILED

**PIONEER GROVE  
OF TREES IS  
NOW BEING  
REMOVED**

**Thirty-Five Years Of Age  
And Roots Extend For  
14 And More Feet**

The uprooting of one of the pioneer orange groves of Riverside, on the old Martin Hoover place, on Magnolia avenue, is disclosing a root condition which P. T. Evans, who is clearing the tract for subdivision purposes, reports as being worthy of investigation by the experiment station experts.

These trees, which are among the oldest in the Riverside section, were planted by Mr. Hoover in 1880, and the powerful stump-puller, which is being used to drag them from their thirty-five-year-old footing, is tearing up great tap roots which range from fourteen to eighteen feet in length.

**Interesting Condition**

These roots, and the other principal vertical roots which form the tree's main support, are coming out of the ground "as clean as a sweet potato," Mr. Evans reports, without a vestige of the little feeder roots which supply life to all vegetation.

"I took my knife this morning," says Mr. Evans, "and shaved off portions of the big roots, but they have not a particle of bark and show no evidence of flowing sap whatever. They are apparently as dead as a pine board.

"This is a condition that I think should be investigated by our government experts. It may be that it will disclose the trouble that is affecting some of our oldest groves, and which is being perhaps wrongly attributed to cold weather and other things.

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## Martin Hoover 1914

## A FAMOUS LANDMARK FOR MAGNOLIA AVENUE

Another famous landmark is to be offered the city to be placed in the little triangular park at the head of Magnolia avenue, where stands one of the two remaining parent navel orange trees. P. T. Evans, who recently purchased the Martin Hoover place on Magnolia avenue, proposes to make the city a gift of the famous palm tree that stands in front of the old Hoover home, if the city will undertake to transplant it. If this is done, it will give to Magnolia avenue a tree more notable than either the famous Victoria palm, which was transplanted a number of years ago to the head of Victoria avenue, and dedicated by Theodore Roosevelt, then president, or the much-pictared Rumsey palm, which stands out so commandingly on the Rumsey place.

The Hoover palm is by a large margin the tallest palm in the valley and probably the tallest in Southern California. It is also the oldest, or one of the oldest, in Riverside. It was planted 30 years ago by Mr. Hoover, and carefully nurtured by him personally for 28 years. If it can be successfully transplanted to so commanding a position as Mr. Evans suggests, it will add another to the many noteworthy things which help to spread the fame of Riverside.

The old Hoover house, one of the earliest residences built on the avenue—it was built in 1881—has been moved from its old location to a position at the rear of the ranch facing what is to be eventually another street running parallel to Magnolia avenue from Washington to Madison streets.

Mr. Evans has named this new subdivision the "High Palm Tract," getting the name from the famous old Hoover palm tree, probably the highest of the Washintonia Robusta palms in this section. This great tree has been left where it was planted 33 years ago, and the roadway has been planned so that it will rise from a point directly in the middle of the thoroughfare. Looking from Magnolia avenue up Alta street, it will make a most striking effect.

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## Buys High Palm Tract

C. W. Johnson has purchased from P. T. Evans the High Palm tract on Magnolia avenue. This is a 10-acre subdivision recently placed on the market for building sites. It was formerly the old Martin Hoover homestead, one of the first properties in the valley to be improved.

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## Purchase Old Home

L. M. Shadrach, a recent arrival from Pennsylvania, has purchased the Martin Hoover home on Robusta street in the new High Palm tract on Magnolia avenue. This is one of the old homes in the valley, having been erected on the old Hoover homestead, one of the first properties improved on Magnolia avenue. The new owner plans to remodel the residence into a modern bungalow.

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# OLDEST HOUSE TO BE NEWEST

## Old Martin Hoover Place Sold and to Be Made Into Modern Bungalow

\* The old **Martin Hoover** home, \*  
 \* the first house to be erected \*  
 \* "down the valley" in Riverside's \*  
 \* pioneer days, is to be re-modelled \*  
 \* into a modern bungalow. - The \*  
 \* old house, at the time the High \*  
 \* Palm tract was opened up and \*  
 \* subdivided, was moved back onto \*  
 \* one of the rear lots on **Robusta** \*  
 \* street, the thoroughfare which \*  
 \* was put through the center of \*  
 \* the tract.

\* It has been sold to Mr. and \*  
 \* Mrs. L. M. Shadrach, recent ar- \*  
 \* rivals from Pennsylvania, and \*  
 \* the new owners are planning to \*  
 \* entirely re-model and modernize \*  
 \* the house.



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# DEEDS RECORDED

MARCH 27

Riverside—Nancy I. McDonald to Wm. E. McDonald, et al., com. 111 ft. sly from NE cor block 3, range 5, th sly 51 ft by wly 157½ ft.

Rub. Bldg. Co. to Ella M. Shadrach, lot 22, High Palm tract.

Hurriets Guarantee Bldg. R. Inv

## Want It "Hoover Street"

Upon petition the city attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance changing the name of Robusta street to "Hoover" street. This action is taken to honor the name of Martin Hoover, owner for many years of the property through which the street is built. Property owners on the street also ask that the "juice" be turned on for their ornamental lighting system, and it was referred to the mayor with power to act.

# PIONEER GAINS 88th MILESTONE

## Martin Hoover Speaks to Sunday School Students on His Birthday

When Martin Hoover, the oldest member of the Sunday school of the Magnolia avenue Presbyterian church—that is in the number of years, entered the Sunday school room yesterday morning, the entire membership rose and gave him the Chautauqua salute. The occasion was the 88th birthday of Mr. Hoover, who for the last 38 years has been a member and officer of the Sunday school of that church.

Few Sunday schools have the honor of including in their membership roll a student of 88 years. Yesterday Mr. Hoover deposited in the box one penny for each year, a custom which the members of the school observe upon birthday anniversaries.

During the school hour Mr. Hoover made an inspiring and impressive talk to the scholars, urging each one to make the most of the study offered by the Sunday school and proving to them the practical benefits which he has derived from regular attendance. His words held the closest attention of the children.

On February 12th. next, said Mr. Hoover, it will be 38 years since Mrs. Hoover and himself became members of the Presbyterian church on Magnolia avenue, just 1976 Sundays.

Riverside has no more widely loved and respected pioneer resident than Mr. Hoover, and many were the messages of good will extended to him on the 88th anniversary of his birth. No formal celebration was made of the day, but remembrances, including fragrant flowers, found their way to the Hoover home.



# GOVERNMENT OF COUNTY IS 25 YEARS OLD WEDNESDAY

## New County Government Began Business on June 5, 1893; Not to Celebrate

The 25th anniversary of the beginning of Riverside county as a separate governmental unit will occur next Wednesday, June 5. Although the county was actually formed on March 11, 1893 when Governor Markham attached his signature to the division bill, the wheels of the various administrative departments did not begin to turn until June 5. It was then that the doors of the county offices were thrown open for business, and Riverside became a real county.

Because of the fact that Wednesday will be registration day no formal anniversary ceremonies have been planned, and the day will probably pass without official recognition of its importance in the history of Riverside city and county.

Immediately after signing the bill creating the new county, Governor Markham named a commission of five to organize a county government. Members of the commission were Bradford Morse, Riverside; D. G. Mitchell, Perris; John McClaren, San Jacinto; O. A. Smith, Corona; and Frank A. Miller, Riverside. The division bill required a vote of the people approving the formation of the new county and choosing a county seat. The vote was taken soon after the forming of the commission and was as follows: For new county, 2,277, against 681; for Riverside as county seat, 2,140; for Menifee, 459.

The new county started out with an assessed valuation of \$12,309,250 and a tax rate of \$1.85.

The first board of supervisors was composed of W. G. McVicar, Martin Hoover, A. S. White, S. A. Stewart and F. T. Loveland.

Other county officers at its formation were J. S. Noyes, superior judge; A. J. Condee, county clerk; D. G. Mitchell, treasurer; Fred W. Swope, sheriff; John M. Anderson, district attorney; George W. Fox, county auditor; A. B. McCormick, tax collector; George M. Pearson, county surveyor; Bradford Morse, county assessor; Dr. W. S. Ruby, coroner; George M. Frink, public administrator; E. H. Gruwell, county recorder; Lyman Gregory, superintendent of schools.

### Faced Hard Task

The first board of supervisors faced important duties in getting the machinery of the new county underway. John M. North and W. S. Wise were appointed to arrange a financial settlement with San Bernardino county and A. H. Naftzger and Horace McPhee to perform the same duty with San Diego county. The Tetley hotel was leased for a court house, and was used for 10 years until the present beautiful structure was built on Main street.

The county hospital for a time occupied a building near the Santa Fe station, and the first to have charge of it were Dr. E. H. Way, as county physician, and Z. T. Brown, as superintendent. The second board of supervisors moved the hospital to San Jacinto where it was located until the big earthquake of 1893 wrecked it.

The records of the board of supervisors show that on June 27, 1893, an ordinance was adopted prohibiting the sale of liquor within Riverside county. That action has never been rescinded.

### HEMET MAKES GREAT

# PIONEER CITIZEN CALLED BY DEATH

**Martin Hoover Passes Away at His Residence Today—Was Well Known Figure in Early History of Riverside City and County—Brief Sketch of His Life**

In the passing today of Martin Hoover, of 351 West Seventh street, Riverside loses another of its pioneer citizens. Mr. Hoover passed away at the age of 88 years. He came to this city in 1880 from Leavenworth, Kan. Previous to this, however, he had been in California, having come to the northern part of the state in the gold rush of the early mining days. He spent the time between 1850 and 1865 in experiencing the varying fortunes of a miner's life in Placer and Plumas counties, returning to Galesburg, Ill., where his parents then had their home. Mr. Hoover was a native of Franklin county, Penn.

In 1870 Martin Hoover and Miss Kate E. Craven were united in marriage, at Winfield, Ia. No children were born of this union.

The Riverside activities of Mr. Hoover were many and varied. For many years he owned a valuable orange grove on Magnolia avenue. He served as a member of the board of the Riverside Water company for several years, and officiated as elder in the Arlington Avenue Presbyterian church over a long period of time. When the city of Riverside was organized Mr. Hoover was chosen a member of the board of trustees, and aided in the establishment of the county's official and financial system. He has long been a member of the Pioneer society of this city, and was the oldest member of the local Pennsylvania society.

The principles of the Republican party have always had Mr. Hoover's support, and it was as that party's choice that he served on the first board of supervisors of Riverside county. He entered into the life of the growing community in many ways, leaving the impress of his personality on the affairs of this city. Old friends remember him, until declining years forced him to live in retirement as being a most manly figure, erect and genial in manner; beloved by the community at large. The many people who knew Martin Hoover will genuinely mourn his passing, and sympathize with his widow in her hour of sorrow.

Funeral services will be announced later.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Martin Hoover

Aged 88 years, Martin Hoover, one of Riverside's well known pioneers, passed away yesterday at his residence, 381 West Seventh street. For many years Mr. Hoover was a prominent figure in the life of the community, and he leaves a host of friends to mourn his passing.

For years a director of the Riverside Water company, an elder of Magnolia avenue Presbyterian church, a trustee of the city of Riverside, a county supervisor and a member of the Pioneer and Pennsylvania societies, Mr. Hoover filled an important and useful place.

He came to Riverside in 1880 from Leavenworth, Kansas, but had been in the state during the mining days from 1850 to 1860. He was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hoover married Miss Kate E. Craven in 1870 at Winfield, Iowa, and Mrs. Hoover has the sympathy of many friends in her sorrow.

Funeral arrangements are not yet complete.

RUBIDOUX BUILDING CO.

TO

ELLA M. SHADRACH.

DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made the 25th d  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifteen, between RUBI  
COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of th  
State of California, with its principal place of business in Riverside,  
party of the first part, and ELLA M. SHADRACH, of Riverside, California  
second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of ten (\$10.  
in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof  
acknowledged, the said party of the first part does by these presents g  
sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to  
assigns forever, all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the  
County of Riverside, State of California, and bounded and particularly  
follows, to-wit:

Lot twenty-two (22) of the High Palm Tract, Magnolia Avenue, as sh  
file in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Riverside, 3  
in book 9 of Maps, at page 58 thereof.

TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appur  
thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and r  
remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together w  
tenances, unto the said party of the second part and to her heirs and ass

Subject, however, to the following conditions and restrictions:

First. That no building to be used as a dwelling shall be built on  
said premises costing less than \$2000.00.

Second. That no part of any building built or moved upon said prem  
be placed within twenty (20) feet of the front street line.

Third. That said property shall never be sold or rented or leased t  
other than of the white or caucasian race.

If said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns shall viola  
of the foregoing conditions or restrictions, then and in that event this  
shall be forfeited and void, and the title to said property shall immedi  
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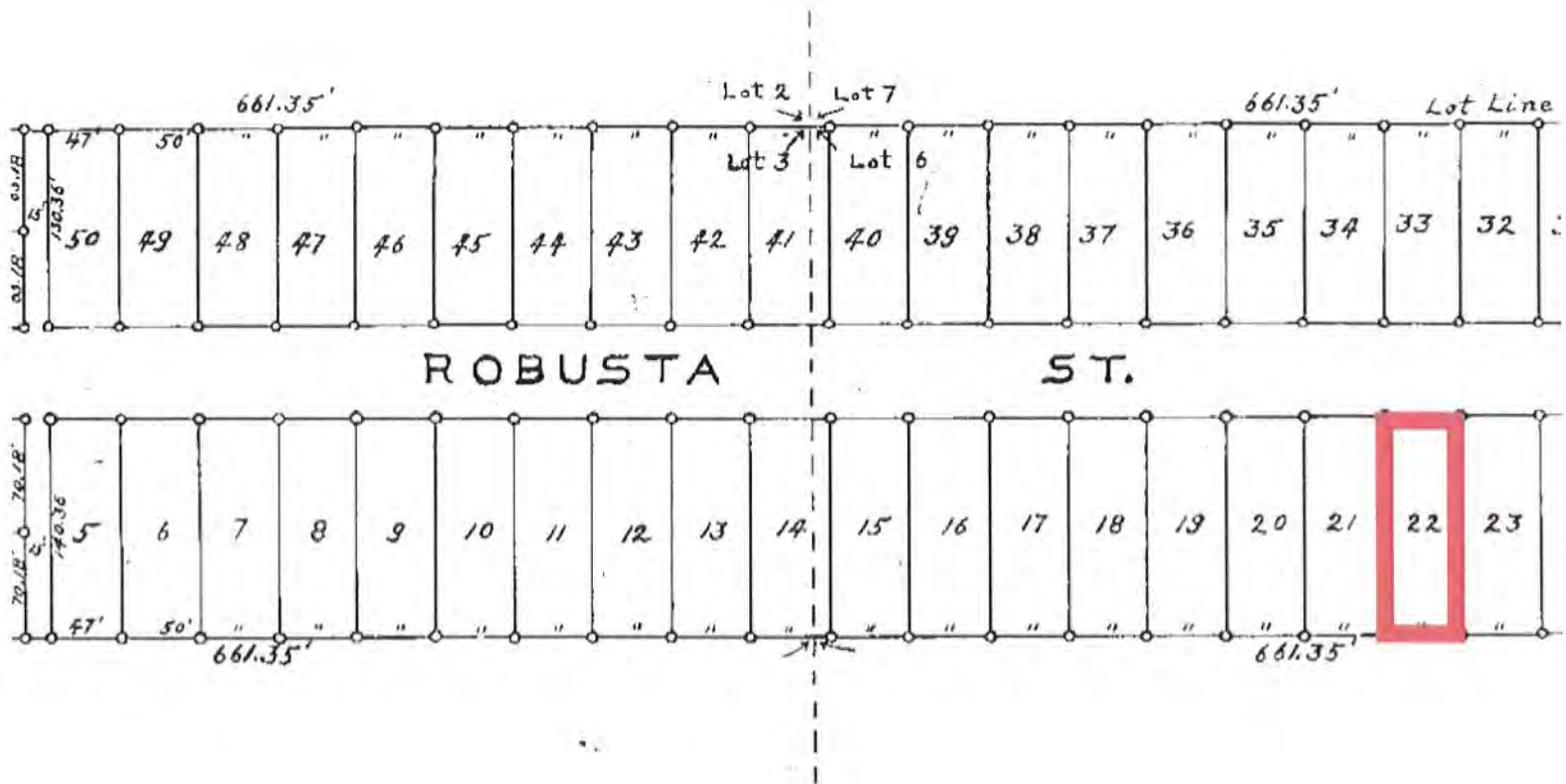
# HIGH PALM TRACT MAGNOLIA AVE.

BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE  
EASTERLY HALF OF LOTS 3 & 6, BLK. 20  
RIVERSIDE LAND & IRRIGATING CO. LANDS

AS RECORDED IN BOOK \_\_\_\_\_ OF MAPS AT PAGE \_\_\_\_\_ THEREIN.  
RECORDS San Bernardino COUNTY.

SURVEYED MARCH 1914 BY Lee Hufzgar

Scale 1" = 100' G.E.



are the owner of, or are interested in  
division shown on the annexed map and that

I hereby certify that this map is a correct  
survey made by me in March 1914

July 5th 2022

I, Jana Cheney, concur that my property/home at 3642 Hoover street is a historically significant building to the City of Riverside and should be considered a Landmark or Home of Merit.

Jana L Cheney