

Heritage Square Audio Tour: The Stevens-Haustgen House

When the Rosson Family sold their house and the land of Block 14, they sectioned off the south half into 5 separate lots. Mary and Henry Hughes bought lots 8 and 10 on August 9, 1897. The Hughes family sold the land to Constance Stevens in 1900, who then built this house on lot 8 and the next-door Stevens house on lot 10 to serve as rental properties (the Stevens name is on both to this day).

The lots and the houses on them were purchased by Edward Haustgen in 1911 for his mother, and his sisters, Marguerite and Anna. Edward emigrated to the United States in 1908 from Luxembourg. He then wrote to his sisters about the beauty of Phoenix and asked them to join him. After sending him money to purchase the home, the sisters arrived at Ellis Island in 1914, accompanied by their mother, Maria, and their nephew George Bernard. Upon arriving in Phoenix, Marguerite and Anna re-established their dressmaking business in their new home.

Marguerite lived in the house from 1937 to her death in 1952 (Anna passed away two decades prior). The building is another good example of the California bungalow style with wide porches and low roof lines.