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407 So. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, California

WILLIAM GOODWIN DANA HOUSE
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Owner: Mrs. Helen Grisengher - Guadalupe, California.

Date of erection: Built about 1839. Wm. Goodwin Dana.

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Occupied but in poor condition.

Number of stories: Main body of house, 2 stories, wings on West side one story.

Material of Construction: Foundations are of field stones laid in either adobe or lime mortar. Walls are of adobe brick laid in adobe mortar, plastered both inside and out, at one time white washed on exterior. Floors are of wood; painted, ceiling joist exposed in first story, with wood flooring above same, painted. Framed and shingled roofs.

Other existing records: Mrs Yda Addis Storke, Biographical sketch of Wm. Goodwin Dana in "A Memorial and Biographical History of the Counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties," 1891, pp. 569-570. Mrs. Annie S. Morrison and John H. Haydon, "History of San Luis Obispo and Environs, California." Myrtle Garrison, "Romance and History of California Ranchos." Zoeth Skinner Eldredge, ed., "History of California." Vol I p. 318. Hero Eugene Rensch, "Historic Spots in Southern California".

Additional Data: House originally was a one story structure containing hall and four rooms. The second story and additional rooms on the first, were added in later years as needs of a growing family of 21 children required. Some of the original windows must have been changed some time in the 1890's for several are of the pattern and type used and popular at that period. Dana married in 1828 Maria Josepha Carrillo, eldest daughter of Carlos Antonio Carrillo of Santa Barbara (one time provisional governor of California).

Dana was made a grant of nearly 38,000 acres by the Mexican Governemnt on April 6, 1837 and named it the Nipomo Rancho. This grant was confirmed by the United States Government Dec. 14, 1868.



June 1, 1937.

W. E. Miller