

126 Poppy Avenue

John H. Bartle and Frank J. Cornes were pioneers of Monrovia, the former arriving in 1886 and the latter in 1894, the year that John Bartle became president of the First National Bank of Monrovia. Both men became friends and business partners. They purchased land located east of the original Monrovia Tract, and created the Fairmont Tract of 57 residential lots circa 1904. This was at a time that Monrovia's active growth had begun once again after the arrival of the Pacific Electric Railway in 1903. Will the newly arrived Gold Line Extension create an historical parallel?

The Dusenbery Brothers, Guy H. and Glenn C. were in Monrovia by 1908. They operated a Billiards and Pool Hall at 618 S. Myrtle Avenue, where they also sold cigars and tobaccos. Guy Dusenbery and his wife, Ella, had left Monrovia for Inyo County by 1910, leaving Glenn as the sole proprietor of the business. Glenn and his wife, Bessie, had been renting, but by 1912 they were ready to build their first home. They purchased Lot 19 in the Fairmont Tract from H. J. Caldwell, and contracted with the Tifal Building Company for the erection of a two bedroom Craftsman bungalow. Building permit number 147 was issued by the City of Monrovia on March 15, 1912. \$2,300.00 was the stated value of the new construction. Glenn and Bessie, together with their daughter, Erma, move into their new home later that year.

The Glenn Dusenbery family also left Monrovia for Inyo County, and the house was sold to Edgar Slone and Ida Short Emmett, formerly of Ventura, California. They first appear in the Monrovia City Directory for 1919-1920. There were three daughters who lived in the house: Evelyn Grace, Rose Winifred, and Edna May Emmett. Edgar Emmett died from tuberculosis on February 16, 1920 at the age of 34. The Emmett family undoubtedly moved from Ventura to Monrovia for Edgar's health, since Monrovia had become a well-known center for the treatment of tuberculosis due to the work of Dr. Francis M. Pottenger and others.

Ida Emmett remained in the house with her daughters for the next fourteen years. She then returned to Ventura. By 1935, Ida Emmett had sold the house to Robert D. and Helen M. Mac Donald, natives of Minnesota. They were already residents of Monrovia, first appearing in the Monrovia City Directory for 1930. Robert MacDonald died November 29, 1938 at the age of 44, perhaps from injuries suffered as a U. S. Army volunteer during the First World War. Helen Mac Donald continued to live in the house as a widow with her son, Earl D. Mac Donald.

By February of 1947, Helen Mac Donald had sold the house to John A. and Mary E. Stanley, who had been living on an orange grove in Duarte. John Stanley died circa 1950, but Mary Stanley continued to live in the house as a widow. She was the resident when the last Monrovia City Directory was compiled in 1971. Later residents of the house were Tom and Beverly Burns, who added a third bedroom and second bath to the house in 1995. The present owner of the house purchased it in 1996, and is currently in the process of applying for local landmark designation.

Monrovia City Directories

1908-1909	Dusenbery, G.H., Tobaccos, res., 424 E. Lemon Dusenbery, G.C., Tobaccos, res., 614 S. Primrose Dusenbery, Billiards & Pool, 618 S. Myrtle
1911	Dusenbery, Glenn C., pool room and cigars, 618 S. Myrtle; r 143 W. Olive
1913-1914	Dusenbery, Glenn C., pool room and cigars, 618 S. Myrtle; h 126 Poppy
1916-1917	Dusenbery, Glenn C (Bessie) cigars and tobaccos 618 S Myrtle H 126 Poppy
1919-1920	Emmett E S (Ida) h 126 Poppy (o) Brockway, Martha trained nurse r 126 Poppy Stauty's Pocket Billiard Parlor Al Stauty Prop 618 S Myrtle
1922-1923	Emmett Ida widow r 126 Poppy
1923	Emmett Ida Mrs h 126 N Poppy av
1924	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av
1925	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av
1927	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av
1928	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av Emmett Mary sten r126 Poppy av
1930	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av (o) Emmett Mary sten r126 Poppy av
1930	MacDonald Robt D (Helen M) h 401 S Myrtle
1931-1932	Emmett Ida (wid E S) h126 Poppy av (o)
1935	MacDonald Robt D (Helen M) h126 Poppy av (o)
1937	MacDonald Robt D (Helen M) h126 Poppy av (o)
1939	MacDonald Helen M (wid R D) h126 Poppy av (o)
1944	MacDonald Helen M (wid R D) h126 Poppy av (o)
1948	Stanley John (Mary E) h126 Poppy av (o)
1950	Stanley Mary E (wid J A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1952	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1953-1954	Stanley Mary E (wid John) h126 Poppy av (o)
1955	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1958	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1959	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1961	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1963	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1965	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1966	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1967	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1968	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1970	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)
1971	Stanley Mary E (wid John A) h126 Poppy av (o)

Los Angeles County Tax Assessor

The Fairmont Tract, Lot 19, and a portion of Lot F, Oak Park Tract

Year of construction: 1913 (sic)

The Fairmont Tract, Bartle & Cornes, filed August 6, 1905

United States Federal Census

- 1910 Monrovia, Los Angeles, California. 143 W. Olive
Dusenbery, Glenn C., Bessie F., and Erma L.
- 1910 Township 1, Inyo, California
Dusenbery, Guy H and Ella
- 1910 Oxnard, Ventura, California. Los Angeles Avenue
Price, Thomas W. and Catherine (In Monrovia by 1930)
Emmett, Edgar. Boarder
Short, Ida. Housekeeper
- 1920 Monrovia, Los Angeles, California. 126 Poppy (OF)
Emmett, Edgar Sloan, Ida, Evelyn Grace, Rose Winifred, and Edna May
- 1920 Bishop, Inyo, California
Dusenbery, Glenn C., Bessie, Erma, and Guy E. (Died at Sonoma State Hospital)
- 1930 Monrovia, Los Angeles, California, 126 Poppy
Emmett, Ida
- 1940 Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. N. Coronado (Ventura in 1935)
Emmett, Ida

California Death Index, 1905-1939

Emmett, Edgar S. 16 Feb 1920. Los Angeles County. Age: 34

MacDonald, Robert D 29 Nov 1938, Los Angeles County Age: 44

Emmett, Ida Short 18 May 1954 San Francisco County.

Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura, California

Emmett, Edgar Slone (sic)

Born: 26 Jun 1885, Tennessee

Died: 16 Feb 1920, Los Angeles County

Emmett, Ida Short

Born: 03 Apr 1882, Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana

Died: 18 May 1954, San Francisco County

City of Monrovia Permits

Building Permit: #147

Permit Date: 03/15/2012
Owner: Tifal Building Company
Contractor: Same
Value of Permit: \$2300

Sewer Permit: #516
Permit Date: 05/24/2012
Owner: Tifal Building & Investment Company
Contractor: Patton & Miller

1991: Burns, Tom
1995: Burns, Tom & Beverly (Add bedroom, closet, and bath)
2002: Ankeney, Steve & Nancy
2003: Ankeney, Steve & Nancy
2004: Ankeney, Steve & Nancy
2006: Bray, Stephen & Jennifer

City of Monrovia Assessment Roll

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1912-1913	Caldwell, H. J. (Pencil: G.C. Dusenbery)	350		
1913-1914	Dusenbery, G.C.	350	1200	1370
1914-1915	Dusenbery, G.C.	350	1200	990
1915-1916	Dusenbery, Glenn C	350	1000	1270