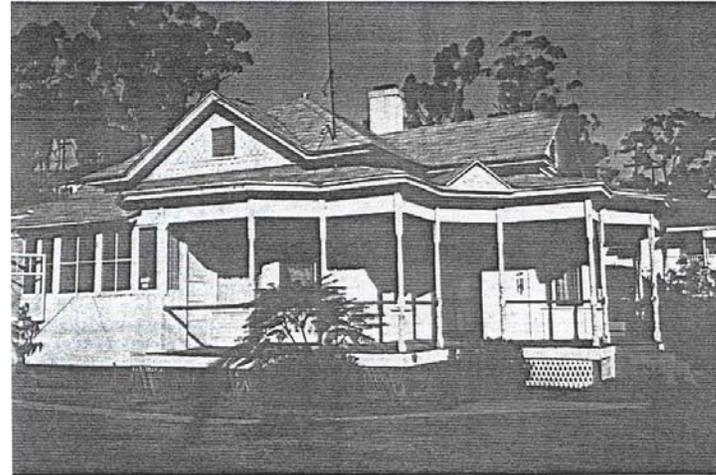


Albert W. Gray House

8045 Culowee Street



The south and east sides of the Gray House, November, 1988.

This Queen Anne cottage is believed to be the oldest building in La Mesa still standing on its original site. Some of the original Victorian detailing has been removed, but a number of features remain. Existing features include a complex roof design, wrap around porch, and decorative wood-en shingles in the gables. The house was originally surrounded by 11 acres of lemon trees and faced University Avenue (then called Chollas Road) but was later oriented toward Culowee Street. La Mesa's first postmaster, Albert W. Gray, built the house in 1891.