GLENDESSARY

LANDMARK NUMBER: 15

KNOWN AS: Glendessary

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara

LOCATION: House faces Mission Canyon off Glendessary Lane

TYPE OF SITE: House

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 78-231; 80-424

LANDMARK DATE: June 5, 1978; September 22, 1980 (granting protection of the landmark not previously spelled out in the original resolution)

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Request of M/M Keith Gledhill

PAST OWNERS: Beatrice and Robert Cameron Rogers (1900-1912)
Beatrice Rogers (1912-1943)
Andriette and Edwin Gledhill (1943-1979)
M/M Keith Gledhill (1979-?)
CURRENT OWNER: Alan (Lanny) Ebenstein  
2685 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara

CHANGES/ ALTERATIONS: Early part of the 20th century a two-story addition was added to the northern side of the house; in 1948, this addition experienced a fire and was rebuilt. House was damaged by fire in 1992 and certain structural members had to be removed and replaced, as did plaster on walls, also cabinets, doors, windows, flooring and subflooring, and millwork. The 1948 addition was also demolished.

CONDITION: Very good

DESCRIPTION: The timber-framed Tudor house was designed by architect Samuel Ilsley and built by Christoph Tornoe for Beatrice and Robert Cameron Rogers. It was completed in 1900. The three story house contains 27 rooms, 7 bathrooms, 10 fireplaces, 90 doors, 138 windows, a basement, and 4 tool and storage rooms. Ilsley was educated at MIT and came to Santa Barbara for health reasons. He first teamed with Tornoe to design and construct the Montecito estate “Arcady” for R. Radcliff Whitehead, who later sold the estate to George Owen Knapp. Christoph Tornoe was a master builder, silversmith, and metalworker. His craftsmanship was superb.¹

RESOURCES:  
“Glendessary, County Historical Landmark #15” (undated and unsigned description)  
Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California (September 22, 1980)

¹ Undated Glendessary description
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT
2620 GLENDESSARY LANE, SANTA
BARBARA, IS AN HISTORICAL
LANDMARK WORTHY OF PROTECTION
UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1716, AND
DESIGNATING IT AS SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 15.

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark
Advisory Committee is authorized and directed to act upon
applications for historical landmarks under Santa Barbara County
Code Chapter 18A; and

WHEREAS, 2620 Glendessary Lane, owned by Mrs. Edwin
Gledhill, has historical interest and is worthy of consideration
for perpetration as an historical landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors, having duly set a public
hearing for June 5, 1978, has heard all interested parties
and has closed said public hearing;

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares 2620
Glendessary Lane, commonly referred to as "Glendessary," be
approved as Historical Landmark No. 15.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day

AYES: DAVID M. YAGER, ROBERT E. KALLMAN, WILLIAM B.
WALLACE, ROBERT L. HEDLUND and HARRELL FLETCHER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ROBERT E. KALLMAN
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
HOWARD C. MENZEL, COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

By LOIS M. ANGELONI
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Santa Barbara

I, HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Santa
Barbara, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the original form remaining on file and on
record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this

[Signature]

By
LOIS M. ANGELONI
Deputy Clerk
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA


WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gledhill, the legal owners of "Glendessary," located at 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara, and designated as County Historical Landmark No. 15, have requested the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution incorporating conditions for its preservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 78-231, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 5, 1978, does not give that protection; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1980, the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee adopted Committee Resolution No. 80-3, recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a new resolution incorporating the following conditions regarding Landmark No. 15;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara adopts a resolution, at the request of the legal owners, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gledhill, and at the recommendation of the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee, incorporating the following conditions for the protection and preservation of County Historical Landmark No. 15, known as "Glendessary," and located at 2620 Glendessary Lane, Santa Barbara:

1. Demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless
express consent in writing is first had and
obtained from the Santa Barbara County
Historical Landmark Advisory Committee. Such
consent may impose all reasonable conditions
deemed appropriate by the Committee to accom­
plish the purposes of Ordinance No. 1716.

2. No alterations, additions or changes
(other than normal maintenance and repair work)
shall be made to the exterior of the residence
unless and until all plans therefor have first
been reviewed by the Santa Barbara County His­
torical Landmark Advisory Committee and approved,
or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed
as deemed necessary, and that all such work be
done under the direction and control of the
Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory
Committee or other qualified persons designated
by it; provided, however, that the addition of
larger garage space should be allowed if it con­
forms architecturally with the main structure.

3. No alterations, additions or changes
(other than normal maintenance and repair work)
shall be made to the Great Hall, Parlour, Library/
Study, Dining Room, and/or the two main bedrooms
on the second floor unless and until all plans
therefor have first been reviewed by the Santa
Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Com­
mittee and approved, or modified, and reasonable
conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that
all such work shall be done under the direction
and control of the Santa Barbara County Historical
Landmark Advisory Committee or other qualified
persons designated by it. However, there are no restrictions imposed hereby concerning interior alterations on the remainder of the house.

4. The Landmark shall be limited to use as a single-family residence and/or to use by a civic, educational, or museum-type organization, subject to all zoning, building and other land use approvals required by appropriate governmental authority.

5. The Landmark stands on approximately 1-3/4 acres of land, which parcel is designated as Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42. For so long as this condition remains in effect, no subdivision of Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42 into two or more parcels shall be sought by the owners of Assessor's Parcel No. 23-221-42.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 22nd day of September, 1980, by the following vote:


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Harrell Fletcher

ROBERT L. HEDLUND
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
HOWARD C. MENZEL
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

By Barbara Gates (seal)
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
GEORGE P. KADING, COUNTY COUNSEL

By Rosanne J. Coit
Deputy County Counsel