

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Lacey, Friend House  
other names/site number N/A



### 2. Location

street & number 679 E. Villa Street  not for publication  
city or town Pasadena  vicinity  
state California code CA county Los Angeles code 37 zip code 91101

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this \_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  
\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide \_\_\_ local

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
Signature of commenting official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only **one** box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		district
		site
		structure
		object
1	1	<b>Total</b>

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Development & Architecture in Pasadena

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Other: Hipped Cottage

Queen Anne

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: CONCRETE

walls: WOOD

roof: ASPHALT

other:

**Narrative Description**

### Summary Paragraph

This one-story, 1,600 square-foot vernacular hipped cottage with Queen Anne detailing was built in 1893. The site, a flat interior lot, is on the north side of E. Villa Street three lots east of N. El Molino Avenue, in a neighborhood of mixed single- and multi-family houses. The house, at the front of the lot, is set back approximately 36 feet from the sidewalk, similar in setback to other houses on the street. A detached one-story carport, which extends west into the adjacent property, is at the rear of the property, and is a non-contributing feature. A concrete driveway with strips of brick in the west side yard connects the rear yard with carport to the street.

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### Narrative Description

The house is an example of a Vernacular Hipped Cottage with Queen Anne detailing. It is one story, roughly square in plan with an asymmetrical front facade. The primary hipped roof has a gable at the peak and a central hipped roof dormer that has a pair of wood double-hung windows, adjacent to which is a newer brick chimney. At the east end of the south (street-facing) elevation, as well as the center of the east elevation, is a projecting polygonal bay with a gable-with-shed roof that has a decorative attic vent of curvilinear patterned cutout wood. The base of the gables has a row of spindles with a pendant at the angled sides of the bays. The gable ends and the side walls of the dormer are clad in diamond-shaped wood shingles. All roof edges on the house are corniced and portions have a frieze of fish-scale shingles below. The half-width front porch has a hipped roof which engages the main roof, is supported by turned-wood posts and has a turned-wood balustrade which continues to the handrails of the concrete steps and terminates in newel posts with classical detailing. The house has a composition shingle roof; walls clad in wood drop channel siding with corner boards; a concrete foundation with wood tongue-and-groove skirting above; wood fixed, transom and double-hung windows in wood-framed openings; and an original wood front door with a rectangular light, also in a wood-framed opening. Above the front door is and leaded and stained glass transom with a stylized rose.

A detached one-story carport, which extends into the adjacent westerly property, is at the rear of the property. It is a simple building with a flat roof. The construction date is unknown; the earliest maps that include the property date from 1910. This map depicts a smaller building in the same location straddling the property line. Because it appears that this building has been expanded and it does not exhibit characteristics that identify it as an accessory building from the period, it is a non-contributing feature.

The front yard of the property is elevated from the street by a concrete retaining wall, topped by a wood picket fence with ornamental posts matching the newel posts on the porch. As depicted in a circa 1978 photograph on file with the city, the retaining wall and fence are new, as are the chimney and balustrade on the house. Although new, they are all compatible with the design of the house. This photograph also shows a portion of the rear structure, which as an enclosed structure and may have been a carriage house or barn.

The adjacent house at 669 E. Villa Street is a virtual mirror image of the house and was owned by Friend Lacey's father Robert, who built both of the houses.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1893

**Significant Dates**

1893 – house construction

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Robert Lacey (builder)

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

**Period of Significance (justification)**

The house at 679 E. Villa Street was constructed in 1893.

**Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)**

N/A

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

The Friend Lacey House, built in 1893, is a locally significant example of a Vernacular Hipped Cottage with Queen Anne detailing. It meets National Register Criterion C registration requirements listed in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Development and Architecture in Pasadena," single-family residence property type, Vernacular Hipped Cottage and Queen Anne subtypes.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Friend Lacey House is locally significant under Criterion C. Under this criterion, the house is a notable example of the Vernacular Hipped Cottage and Queen Anne subtypes of the single-family residence property type identified in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Development and Architecture in Pasadena." The house exhibits elements of the Vernacular Hipped Cottage subtype including one-story height, boxy plan, hipped roof with shallow boxed eaves, centrally located dormer, partial-width front porch and bay and double-hung windows. Elements of the Queen Anne subtype include decorative millwork detailing (turned posts, spindlework, cutout ornament, consoles), wood tongue-and-groove skirting, diamond and fish-scale shingles, leaded and colored glass transom and gable-with-shed roofs over polygonal bays). The house has a high level of architectural integrity through its location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and feeling. It is in its original location and, remarkably, retains a significant amount of decorative detailing. The elements and proportions of the house that represent its design are intact as are the materials used in its original construction. The house exhibits evidence of techniques employed in residential construction in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in Pasadena and clearly expresses the historic sense of this time period.

Friend Lacey was the son of Robert Lacey who built this house and the adjacent, almost identical, house at 669 E. Villa Street. The land on which the houses were built was purchased from Alexander Grogan who owned 5,000 acres of land in eastern Pasadena for the purposes of farming.

**Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)**

N/A – Historic context documented in Multiple Property Documentation Form "Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Development and Architecture in Pasadena."

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form)

Permit research materials and assessor's records in files, Planning Department, City of Pasadena (referenced in August 2010).

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been Requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):   N/A  

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property**   0.24  

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Friend Lacey House  
Name of Property

Los Angeles County, CA  
County and State

Zone Easting Northing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

Zone Easting Northing  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The property is bound by East Villa Street on the south and property lines of 679 East Villa Street on the east, west and north. The Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Number of the property is 5731-017-016 and the boundaries are depicted on the attached Sketch map, "Friend Lacey House."

**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries were selected because they encompass the extent of resources associated with the Friend Lacey House.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map:** "Friend Lacey House."

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**Photographs:**

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

**Name of Property:**

**City or Vicinity:**

**County:**

**State:**

**Photographer:**

**Date Photographed:**

**Description of Photograph(s) and number:**

1 of \_\_\_\_.

Friend Lacey House  
Name of Property

Los Angeles County, CA  
County and State

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**Property Owner:**

(complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name Kristopher Wittry

street & number 679 E. Villa Street telephone 626-793-5496

city or town Pasadena state CA zip code 91101

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