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Hello, this is Ethan Fogg, resident in the neighborhood since 1969. I knew Mr. Preston who built that home at 1246 Mar Vista Ave in 1923. He was born in 1884 and we celebrated his 100th birthday in 1984. He had built an incinerator in the back yard but had to stop using it due to new laws. He worked in the Pasadena water and power department, I don't know if it was actually called that when he worked there. He commented once that "the city did not expect me to live this long" in regards to the city pension he was receiving. He would walk to Alpha Beta on the northeast corner of N. Hill Ave. and E. Washington Blvd. each week to do his shopping and did not drive a car when I knew him. The yard of his home became sparse, especially in the front yard, because he could no longer do yard work. His granddaughter was living with him a couple of years after his 100th birthday and put him in a convalescent home against his wishes and sold his home for the money and moved away.

I never knew his granddaughter's name but I knew she was not married as she was seen with her boyfriend often. Mr. Preston spoke with the Griffin's who were his neighbors to the south and they helped him often. The person Mr. Preston's granddaughter sold the house to has done some exterior painting and landscaping changes I know Mr. Preston would not approve of. However, I am not sure how many people have lived in the house since Mr. Preston's granddaughter sold the home. I thought the current owner was the person Mr. Preston's granddaughter sold the home to, this might not be the case. The current owners have attempted to turn his delightful, charming English Cottage into a crude motif of a French Chateau giving it a shanty appearance.

It is my sincere contention that Mr. Preston would not want his home modified in the way described in the Project Location's Subject description. Which is, "An extension to an existing porch, a new railing and new front porch pergola" The proposed modification would permanently ruin the charm of the original English Cottage front porch and affect the overall appearance of the home. Thus, defeating the purpose of the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association's reason for its existence, which is to preserve the neighborhood's front home exteriors as they were when the homes were built.

Thank you, Ethan Fogg
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