

119 Diamond Avenue Alice Dear

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This cottage was built in 1926 by John and Linda Fiske of Altadena, California. It was originally a three bedroom, one tiny bathroom, inside-outside kitchen and living room, two-story structure of approximately 750 square feet. One of the bedrooms had only an outside entrance from the back patio, furnished with bunk beds, no electricity or heat and reserved exclusively for son Jack and his BIYC buddies. It was called “the ice box”.

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The foundation consists of concrete pilings, each topped with a wood piece to secure and support the flooring above. The walls are single structure with siding outside and batt-and-board on the interior. Old photos show a weather protected coating but unpainted very dark exterior and an interior that became cave-like with the passing years. Knocking out some walls, painting, adding skylights, pulling in more power lines all came much later.

The current owners have lived here since 1984, and owned it since about 1970 – and treasure it.