

## 51. SCULLY RESIDENCE 124 Sycamore Avenue (1925)



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**Designated by City Council:** October 10, 2000

**Description:** Formerly known as the Tillson House, this stately structure successfully combines colonial and classical elements. The side-facing gable roof features boxed cornices with brackets. Eaves extend part way around the end of the gable. The front corners of the house are trimmed with fluted pilasters. The slightly recessed front entrance is capped by a biangular pediment which is supported by paired, round columns. The entry is framed by a leaded glass fan light and multi-pane side lights. The exterior of the house is sheathed in shiplap siding, painted white. The carport on the south side echoes the style of the house and is topped with a balcony.

**Historical Significance:** The original owner of the house was Warren S. Tillson, son of the founder of the Modesto Lumber Company which was established in 1878. Warren Tillson became president of the company and remained active in the business until his death in 1948. The Tillson family was involved in agriculture as well as commerce. The Tillson Dairy, west of Modesto, was noted for its purebred Guernsey cattle. The house is now owned by Arthur and Dorothy Scully.