

# Ship Christened For Charles Lummis, Prominent Figure in Highland Park

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The late Charles Lummis, who was the founder of the Southwest Museum and the first city editor on the Times, was honored recently when the California Shipbuilding corporation launched its hundred-sixty-second liberty ship, the 10,500 ton "S.S. Charles Lummis."

Guest of honor at the launching was Miss Patricia Lummis, who graduated from Franklin last year. Pat is now attending LACC.

Mr. Lummis was librarian for the city of Los Angeles from 1905 to 1910. He built himself a stone house, which is to be preserved as a state monument. This house is located on Avenue 43 in the Arroya

Seco, and is built entirely of Indian and Spanish architecture. Personal presents from King Alfonso of Spain to Charles Lummis still remain in the house. The furnishings include authentic Indian and Spanish relics from the olden days when these natives first lived in America.

Many, many years ago, Charles Lummis, then a young man, came riding through the narrow, bare country land of Avenue 43, in one of the latest model horse and buggies and was very much impressed by a huge sycamore tree. Here he built one room towards his house. He placed all the things he had collected during his world travels in this room. These things now

comprise a large part of the Southwest museum which was founded by him. He built his home one room at a time around the old sycamore tree, now 150 years old. He is said to have used a plank from the Santa Barbara Mission for the main beam.

"El Alisal," another name for the picturesque house, is now a desert garden taken over from the Angeles City Park, Department Southwest Museum by the Los Angeles City. Pat and Betty Lummis, which has made it a state monument. Pat and Betty Lummis, are now living in the house with their mother. Betty Lummis is now a student here at Franklin.



"EL ALISAL," is the name given to the quaint Spanish type home of the late Charles Lummis, is located in the Arroya on Avenue 43.