Jane Addams School

This school site was originally part of Teilman School District and was known as Teilman School #2. When it was annexed to the Fresno Unified School District in 1931, its name was changed to Jane Addams School. It is first listed in the 1931-32 Fresno Unified School District directory. The Fresno Unified School District Board of Education decided to rename the school for a woman. Jane Addams was a native of Illinois, born in 1860. She was admitted to medical school but soon was forced to withdraw because of ill health. She then discarded medicine in favor of working with the poor of Chicago where she started Hull House, the first social settlement work in the USA. Her work with the poor soon drew her into leadership in the Labor Movement, and she was named the arbitrator in the bitter and prolonged Pullman Car Company strike in 1894. Miss Addams became an early leader in the fight for women's rights, and especially the suffrage movement. She wrote extensively and held doctoral degrees from nine universities including Wisconsin, Smith and Yale to name a few.

It is interesting to note that this site was first purchased by the Teilman District for $505,000 according to a study done by S.E.R.A. project in 1935, under the direction of then Fresno Unified School District Superintendent Dr. O.S. Hubbard. This study included all of the then existing sites in the district.

Photos are from Field Act Report of Buildings Constructed Prior to April 1933 (September 1965)
Plot plan of portable classrooms, September 1965