

A Brief History of 335 Sea View

The house was born out of the union of two historic Piedmont families, the Henshaws and Leefeldts. Bob Leefeldt married his Stanford classmate Mary Henshaw in 1950, and moved into the Henshaw family mansion on Glen Alpine. Soon after, they built a separate house for Mary's mom to live in, keeping her close by at 335 Sea View. Mrs Henshaw lived here for 20 years. In creating the home, this family of means hired a prominent architect to design and build the house with high standards and craftsmanship, which holds up 70 years later.

Mrs Henshaw brought with her a few reminders of the old mansion—a giant Austrian crystal chandelier which she hung in the entry foyer (it's since been donated), artwork which she illuminated with hidden spotlights in the eaves, and an iron sign that said 'The Little House' which she mounted on the front as a nod to 'big' house she came from. The guest cottage was built a few years later for Mrs Henshaw's caregiver, and the next owner moved the sign to the cottage (a proper 'little house' by today's standards). It was finally taken down by us, and saved for future owners!