

451 South Convent Avenue
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

HABS No. AZ-73-8

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Architectural and Engineering Record
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Location: 451 South Convent Avenue, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12. 502680 .3563970

Present Owner: Charles E. Stillwell
P. O. Box 334
Barksdale A. F. B.
Shreveport, Louisiana 71110

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Present Use: Residential.

Significance: This flat-roofed Sonoran row house is, from the exterior, an example of a simple adobe dwelling with a central doorway flanked by two bays. The interior contains a small courtyard, a feature seldom found in Barrio Libre buildings. Set flush with the street and contiguously with the structures on either side, this simple dwelling reinforces the planar qualities of the South Convent Avenue streetscape.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Circa 1896.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 246, Lot 4.

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| 1892 | Deed, March 9, 1892, recorded in Volume 23, page 385. Board of Supervisors to Rafaela Herreras. |
| 1898 | Deed, January 3, 1898, recorded in Volume 29, page 96. Rafaela Herreras to Fidelity Building and Loan. |
| 1898 | Deed, January 3, 1898, recorded in Volume 29, page 98. Rafaela F. Orozco et al to Fidelity Building and Loan. |
| 1898 | Deed, January 3, 1898, recorded in Volume 29, page 96. Fidelity Building and Loan to Fidelity Savings Association. |
| 1899 | Deed, March 11, 1899, recorded in Volume 29, page 664 Fidelity Savings Association to Rafael F. Orozco. |
| 1899 | Deed, March 11, 1899, recorded in Volume 30, page 14. Rafael F. Orozco et ux to Anton Hittinger. |

- 1903 Deed, February 26, 1903, recorded in Volume 35, page 81.
Anton Hittinger et ux to Silvester Gould.
- 1910 Deed, June 8, 1910, recorded in Volume 49, page 381.
Silas H. Gould et ux to Albert Steinfeld.
- 1916 Deed, June 12, 1916, recorded in Volume 63, page 88.
Albert Steinfeld et ux to Sara M. de Castro.
- 1921 Deed, April 27, 1921, recorded in Volume 82, page 242.
Felipe E. Castro to Sara M. de Castro.
- 1938 Deed, April 13, 1938, recorded in Volume 212, page 39.
Sara M. de Castro to Filipe E. and Sara M. de Castro.
- 1939 Deed, March 15, 1939, recorded in Volume 218, page 244.
Sara M. de Castro to Filipe E. Castro.
- 1949 Deed, February 21, 1949, recorded in Volume 147, page 499.
Felipe E. and Sara M. de Castro to Ignacio M. Gallego.

4. Builder: None Known.

5. Additions and alterations: This adobe structure with a central courtyard appears not to have been modified since its construction.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

Pedro Robles, a stonemason, and Prudencio Sanchez, a laborer, were the first known occupants of this house in 1897. Juan Bojorquez was the next resident, living at 451 S. Convent Ave. from 1903 to 1918. Bojorquez was related to the Tallmadges, Topias, and Lubiates who also lived along S. Convent Avenue. The house was rented by a number of different tenants, including several Anglos, between 1920 and 1970. The house has remained vacant for the past several years.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre
(Barrio Historico)(HABS No. AZ-73-) for site plan and historical background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Building slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.
Tract Books, Pioneer Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).
Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Oral Interviews:

Angelina Flores, 56 W. Kennedy St.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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