

477 South Meyer Avenue/
155-159 West Kennedy Street
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 477 South Meyer Ave. /155-159 W. Kennedy St.
Tucson, Pima County, Arizona
(Northeast corner of intersection of Meyer and Kennedy.)

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner: Lee tew Wah and Billy Wong
486 S. Meyer Ave.,
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Present Occupants: 477 South Meyer Ave., vacant.
155 West Kennedy, Manuel E. Soto
159 West Kennedy, Wong Hung Gay

Present Use: Residential; apartments.

Significance: A flat-roofed adobe structure on the northeast corner of S. Meyer Avenue and W. Kennedy Street, this building provides a good example of the chamfered corner found on many of the corner commercial buildings in the Barrio Libre. The corner portion of the building housed a grocery store since the 1880s, while the attached dwellings were used both as residences and small family businesses. The structure is set flush with the street in the Sonoran tradition, and has no identifiable Anglo elements.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1880-1890.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 236, Lot 4, arb. 11.

1888 Deed, August 27, 1888, recorded in Volume 14, page 689.
Teresa Salazar to Don Yan.

1892 Deed, May 17, 1892, recorded in Volume 23, page 465.
Estate of Jose Salazar to Don Yan.

1893 Deed, October 21, 1893, recorded in Volume 26, page 249.
Don Yan to Chan Tin Wo.

- 1897 Deed, January 7, 1897, recorded in Volume 27, page 456.
Chan Tin Wo and Fanny Chan to Don Yan.
- 1907 Deed, September 24, 1907, recorded in Volume 42, page 572.
Sheriff to Don Chun Wo and Don Yan.
- 1921 Deed, January 12, 1921, recorded in Volume 79, page 179.
Don Yan and Ong She and Don Chun Wo and Lai She to
Gee Lung and Gee Shuey.
- 1939 Deed, January 23, 1939, recorded in Volume 218, page 6.
Gee Shee to Gee Shue Chee.
- 1939 Deed, July 19, 1939, recorded in Volume 222, page 138.
Estate of Gee Lung to Gee Shue Chee ($\frac{1}{2}$ interest).
- 1939 Deed, July 19, 1939, recorded in Volume 222, page 199.
Estate of Fong Shee to Gee Shue Chee.
- 1939 Deed, August 26, 1939, recorded in Volume 222, page 331.
Gee Shue Chee to Lin Fung Choon.
- 1951 Deed, December 5, 1951, recorded in Volume 407, page 544.
Gee S. Chee and Lin Fung Choon to Fung Wong and Lee Lew Wah.
- 1961 Deed, September 28, 1961, recorded in Volume 1836, page 285.
Wong to Beppler.
- 1961 Deed, September 28, 1961, recorded in Volume 1836, page 286.
Beppler to Wong.
- 1977 Deed, October 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5636, page 899.
D. A. Rosen to L. T. Wah.
- 1977 Deed, October 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5636, page 901.
L. T. Wah to D. A. Rosen.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: The corner section of this structure, used for commercial purposes, is the only part of the building that has not been significantly altered. The two apartments to the east, on Kennedy, were used as a bakery during the 1910s, and adobe bakehouses were added to the rear. By 1948 the bakery had been converted to dwellings, and a frame porch added to the rear. Several apartment dwellings extended north along Meyer Avenue from the corner store. These were demolished sometime after 1948.

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

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Old views: S. Meyer Avenue looking north from W. Kennedy St., ca. 1890.
(See Barrio Libre, HABS No. AZ-73, for view.)

B. Bibliography:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm,
Recorder's records).

Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

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