

209-219 West 17th Street
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 209-219 W. 17th St., Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

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

Present Owner: Joseph E. and Robert E. Abodeely
c/o S. B. Double J Investment Co.
1806 Madison Ave.,
Toledo, Ohio 43624

Present Occupants: #209, Vacant #213, Vacant
#211, Adeline Ruelas #215, Vacant

#219, Carlos Hamilton

Present Use: Residential; apartments.

Significance: This adobe structure was once connected to the apartment block (530-566 S. Eighth Avenue) on the corner of W. 17th Street and S. Eighth Avenue (a continuation of South Convent Avenue). These apartments, and those others facing S. Eighth and S. Convent Avenue, were all built by an Italian carpenter, Juan Pascale. The structure now has an Anglo-influenced gable roof, but was probably built with the traditional Sonoran flat roof. These apartments are the only structures now remaining on this section of W. 17th Street, creating an Early Transitional Sonoran streetscape with their transom windows, gable roof, and flush front.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of Erection: 1900-1909.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 247, Lot 2, arb. 5 and 6.

1906 Deed, May 4, 1906, recorded in Volume 39, page 388.
Felis Tapia de Estrada to Antonia Pascale.

1933 Deed, February 13, 1933, recorded in Volume 168, page 379.
John Pascale to Antonia Pascale.

1945 Deed, September 12, 1945, recorded in Volume 288, page 55.
Estate of Antonia G. Pascale to Miguel G. Pascale et al.

- 1946 Deed, February 6, 1946, recorded in Volume 292, page 516. Antonia Pascale Miranda as Extrx. vs. Frederick Maish et al.
- 1946 Deed, February 9, 1946, recorded in Volume 292, page 577. Miguel G. Pascale et al to Stanley A. and Floy K. Thayer.
- 1966 Deed, July 26, 1966, recorded in Volume 2794, page 566. Estate of Floy K. Thayer to Stanley A. Thayer.
- 1972 Deed, January 26, 1972, recorded in Volume 4174, page 212. Thayer to Abodeely.

4. Builder: Juan Pascale.

5. Alterations and additions: Originally this row of apartments was connected to the corner structure with a hay barn and garage. Between 1919 and 1948 the hay barn and garage were removed and an apartment built onto the east side. Two more apartments were also added to the west side. Rear porch additions were made between 1919 and 1948.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

These apartments, and all those on the half-block bounded by South Convent Avenue, South Meyer Avenue, and W. 17th Street, were built by Juan Pascale, an Italian carpenter. Pascale lived in Tucson from 1885 until his death in 1936. Pascale and his family resided at 576 S. Eighth Avenue (continuation of S. Convent Ave.) and rented the rest of the dwellings. Tenants were primarily laborers, Southern Pacific employees, salesmen, and tradespeople.

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

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Arizona Historical Society clipbooks (Juan Pascale).
Building slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.
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.

Oral Interviews:

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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