

471-473 South Convent
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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Location:

471-473 S. Convent Ave., Tucson, Pima County Arizona.

HSGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse

Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owners:

#471, Francisco and Angelita Rivera

#473, Emma Romero Fimbres

285 S. Scott, Tucson, Arizona 85701

Present Occupants:

#471, Vacant; #473, Carmen Valenzuela.

Present Use:

Residential.

Significance:

The last in a row of five contiguous Early Transitional Sonoran adobe row houses, this duplex exhibits the unique method of Barrio property division. Now owned by two separate persons, the northern half of the structure has been abandoned and allowed to deteriorate (#471), while the southern half has been replastered and maintained (#473). Set flush with the street and contiguously with its northern neighbor (479-481 S. Convent Ave.) the building reinforces the planar qualities of the South Convent Avenue street scape.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1905-1909.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below. Note date 1939 is missing--when half of property was bought by owner of 479-481, Francisco Rivera. (See AZ-73-9 for deeds of 1939 and 1940.)

Block 240, Lot 5, arb. 34 and 35.

1901 Deed, March 21, 1901, recorded in Volume 32, page 11. Corporate Authorities of the Village of Tucson to Jesus B. Tallmadge.

1912 Deed, September 26, 1912, recorded in Volume 52, page 394. Estate of Jesus B. Tallmadge to Juan Bojorquez.

- 1922 Deed, December 13, 1922, recorded in Volume 87, page 571.
Estate of Juan Bojorquez to Juan Bojorquez, Jr.
- 1927 Deed, March 25, 1927, recorded in Volume 117, page 16.
Juan Bojorquez, Jr., to Rosario Celaya et al.
- 1928 Deed, March 22, 1928, recorded in Volume 125, page 88.
Trinidad B. de Garcia to Refugio C. de Sapunar et al.
- 1929 Deed, April 20, 1929, recorded in Volume 135, page 270.
Juan Sapunar to Rosario Celaya.
- 1933 Deed, February 23, 1933, recorded in Volume 168, page 415.
Estate of Refugio C. de Sapunar to Rosario Celaya.
- 1943 Deed, June 1, 1943, recorded in Volume 258, page 19.
Rosario O. Celaya to Edward E. Fimbres and Emma Romero Fimbres.
- 1945 Deed, June 25, 1945, recorded in Volume 282, page 295.
Estate of Edward E. Fimbres to Emma Romero Fimbres.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 497.
Emma Romero Orosco to Judith and Julian Bernal.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 498.
J. L. Bernal to Emma Romero Orosco and Irene Vassallo.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 502.
Frank Vassallo to Irene C. Vassallo.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 503.
J. F. Bernal, to P. E. Bauer.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 519.
Emma Romero Orosco to J. Kaufmann and Richard Shenkarow.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 520.
J. Kaufmann to Emma Romero Orosco.
- 1980 Deed, July 3, 1980, recorded in Volume 6314, page 524.
Frank Vassallo to Irene C. Vassallo.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: These apartments appear to have undergone no alterations or additions since 1909. Francisco Rivera plastered and improved the southern half of the building after he bought it in 1939.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

These two apartments were the residences of a number of laborers, Southern Pacific Railroad employees, and construction workers who occupied the dwellings for only a short period of time. Mrs. Maria Luisa Carrillo was a long-term tenant, residing at #473 from 1930s to 1940s.

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

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:

Frank (Francisco) Rivera, 479, South Convent Ave., Tucson, Arizona.

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