

614 South Meyer Avenue
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

HABS No. AZ-73-36

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 614 S. Meyer Ave., southwest corner of S. Meyer Avenue and West 17th Street, Tucson, Pima Co., Arizona.

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

Present Owners: Alberto, JoAnn, and Thomas Gallego
Margarita C. Pesquera
Mike Sandoval

Present Occupant: Vacant

Present Use: Not in use.

Significance: This adobe structure has probably been utilized since its construction for commercial, as well as residential, purposes. It has housed a butcher shop, general merchandise store, and grocery. The square recessed windows and shed roof are unique elements of the building. Set flush with the street, the structure is of Sonoran style with an off-set rear addition.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

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

Block 246, Lot 4.

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. Orosco et al to Fidelity Building and Loan.

1898 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 W. 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.
Filipe E. and Sara M. de Castro to Ignacio M. Gallego.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: The structure gained a rear addition between 1914 and 1919 which enlarged it to nearly twice its original size.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

From both architectural and situational viewpoints this structure appears to be older than most other buildings in the Barrio Libre. Written records, however, do not go far enough back to document the age of the building, and most older persons associate the building with the Gallego family who occupied it from 1930 until recently. The building seems to have alternated between a shop and a residence until the 1920s. The building housed a grocery store, a general merchandise store, and a butcher shop, all under different proprietors, until Ygnacio Gallego took over in 1930 and operated a grocery store in the structure. (This Gallego is no relation to Hilario or Cosimiro Gallego of 571 S. Meyer.) Although the structure has been vacant for several years the Gallego family still retains ownership.

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

- A. Old Views: 1880 Aerial photograph of Tucson taken from Sentinel Peak. Arizona Historical Society.
- B. Bibliography:
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.
- Tract Books, pioneer National Title Insurance Company.
- Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.
- C. Oral Interviews:
- Eliazar Herreras, 1331 E. Waverly
Larry Sweet, 555 S. Meyer.

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