

HISTORIC RESOURCE: LE MESNAGER

LOCATION:

Northerly Terminus of Dunsmore Avenue.

OWNERSHIP: Public Park/ Interpretive

USE: Park, Interpretive center

LAND AREA: 6509 square foot structure

ZONE: SR

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1911

STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Located in Dunsmore Canyon this property was formerly known as the Inter-Valley Ranch. It was believed to have been the hideout of the late nineteenth century bandit, Tiburcio Vasquez. However, recent research shows no evidence of Vasquez ever using the property.

In addition to the Vasquez association there exists an old winery storage barn at the entrance to Dunsmore Canyon that is of historic significance. The storage barn and vineyards were owned by George Le Mesnager.

Constructed in the year 1911, it includes a brick archway on the east side of the stone building which has embedded into it the date 1914. It is believed, however, that this archway was added after the winery was completed.

When the winery was in operation, the grapes harvested from the vineyard in Dunsmore Canyon were transported to Los Angeles. There they were used to produce the final product, table wines under the label of "Old Heritage". The grapes grown there were used, as well, in the making of fortified brandies. The last year of operation for the winery was 1933. Subsequently,

the structure was used for a variety of purposes including as a storage area and as a stable. The stone barn has been rehabilitated as an interpretive and environmental center, part of the larger Deukmejian Wilderness Park which is operated by the city.

