

HISTORIC RESOURCE: CROWELL HOUSE

LOCATION: 2766 East Glenoaks Boulevard.

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Residence

LAND AREA: 645 square feet

ZONE: R1R-II

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1929

STYLE: French Revival

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This property is a single-family house built in 1928 in the Glenoaks Canyon area of the City. This house was built in the French eclectic or French revival style of architecture and is an excellent and rare example of this style in Glendale.

The wood frame house has a whitewashed brick veneer exterior on all sides. The use of brick veneer was common in the 1920s to give rival styles the true brick façade look of the Old World landmarks of Europe. In the 1920s and the 1930s across the US, the period styles of architecture that mimicked European and colonial American housing dominated building in this time frame and is seen in this neighborhood, in particular.

The architectural style of the house mimics the French eclectic style very well, including the natural setting within a wooded area. Although Glendale has a large number of revival styles in the European fashion, this style is very unique in Glendale. The house has some elements of the English style, however, the predominant English revival style in Glendale is the Tudor style, for which this property does not fit that category. The site has approximately 10 oak trees, 3 mature liquid amber trees, and 7 ash trees all over 50-feet tall.

The garage and main house remain essentially as they were when the property was completed in 1928. The current owner has restored the main house to its original condition. The house still has the original flooring, windows (which are all steel casement), hidden window screens, tile, and bathroom fixtures (water closets, showers and tubs). The electrical circuits and plumbing have been upgraded to current building standards.



