

HISTORIC RESOURCE: BAIRD HOUSE

LOCATION: 1616 PARKRIDGE

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Residence

LAND AREA: 3,371 square feet

ZONE: R1R-II

DESIGNATION: Glendale Registry

YEAR BUILT: 1926

STYLE: Spanish Revival

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The subject property is a single-family house built in 1926 within one of the earliest foothill residential subdivisions in Glendale. The architectural style of the house is classic Spanish Colonial Revival style. Some of the distinctive exterior features indicative of this style include the smooth plaster stucco exterior and red tile roof. Other features include balconies with French doors, wooden shutters, arched and notched corbels, overhanging upper story, a tapered chimney with a decorative zig zag border, a recessed front porch with a vertical wood panel door and original black iron light fixtures and a beamed porch roof. Interior features are classical Spanish Colonial Revival style. No modifications to the property have been made to the interior or exterior. Even the kitchen is original along with the Mediterranean garden and water features.

The house was designed by the famous architect Paul R. Williams, one of the premier designers during southern California's golden age of architecture in the 1920s. He was also the first African- American accredited architect in the Los Angeles area.

