

HISTORIC RESOURCE: VERDUGO ADOBE

LOCATION: 2211 Bonita Drive

OWNERSHIP: Public

USE: Museum

LAND AREA: 1458 square feet-structure

ZONE: SR

**DESIGNATION: Glendale Register
National Register
California Landmark**

YEAR BUILT: 1887

STYLE: Adobe

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Until its purchase in 1989 by the city the adobe has been held in private ownership. It was fortunate that the adobe's inhabitants recognized the historic importance of the building and maintained it in good condition. A local real estate developer, F.P. Newport, owned the property for a number of years and sold it in 1946 to the Bashor family. Cognizant of the historical significance of the adobe, the Bashors set about converting it into a vacation retreat and, in the process, were careful to make as few changes as possible to make it suitable for private residence. The original structure consisted of two rooms (living room and bedroom) made of adobe mud brick, a one-room wooden addition (dining room) of board and batten construction, a shed-like addition used as a kitchen area, and lastly, a very small bathroom that contained only a wash basin and toilet. Various improvements have been made over the years to the structure: installation of modern plumbing; conversion of the shed-like addition into a dressing room and modern wood paneled kitchen; replacement of a tar paper roof; and, stuccoing of the exterior walls.

The almost two-acre site on which the oak and adobe are situated is a city park. Because of this

lush vegetation, it is not possible to view either the oak or adobe from Bonita Drive, the principle means of access to the property. A driveway (vacated Camulos Avenue) bisects the property.

This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, and is State Historical Landmark No. 637.

