

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: RICHARDSON HOUSE**

**LOCATION: 1281 Mariposa Street.**

**OWNERSHIP: Private**

**USE: Residence**

**LAND AREA: 1458 Square foot-structure**

**ZONE: R-2250**

**DESIGNATION: Glendale Register**

**YEAR BUILT: 1873**

**STYLE: Pioneer Construction**

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:**

The original site of this two-story house was near the southeastern terminus of Brand Blvd. The builder of this structure and its first inhabitant was one of the early pioneers of Glendale, W.C.B. Richardson.

Richardson purchased a tract of land in southern California along the Los Angeles River from Samuel M. Heath on August 6, 1868 for \$2,500. Richardson named the tract the Santa Eulalia Ranch, a 671-acre spread containing all of present day southern California (previously named Tropic) and the Atwater district of Los Angeles.

Richardson believed very strongly in the future of the southern Glendale community and in 1872 donated sixteen acres to Southern Pacific for construction of Glendale's first railway station. Later he was to provide the land for the construction of the Tropic Presbyterian Church and the Cerritos Avenue School. Because of such civic-minded generosity, Richardson was accorded the title by members of the community as "Tropic's First Citizen."

The house itself was built in 1873, relatively soon after his purchase of the Santa Eulalia Ranch. Between the years 1910 and 1915, the house was

moved from its original site to its present location at the northwest corner of Mariposa and Cypress Streets. The appearance of the exterior of the home has changed very little since its construction.

