

HISTORIC RESOURCE: DOCTORS' HOUSE

LOCATION: 1601 West Mountain Street

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: House Museum

LAND AREA: 1800 square foot-structure

ZONE: SR

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1887

STYLE: Queen Anne/Eastlake Victorian

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

During the early years of its existence, this structure was located at 921 East Wilson (northwest corner of Wilson Avenue and Belmont Street) and was commonly referred to as the "Doctors' House". At least four doctors resided there at different times. The time frame of its origin appears to be between the years 1887 and 1895.

The structure represents design characteristics of the Queen Anne- Eastlake style that was very popular in the 1880s. As a general rule, this architectural style called for tall proportions with high steep roofs and complex and irregular silhouettes. In addition, there is evidence of the Victorian "stick-style" architecture. Deriving its name from "stickwork" arranged in a stylized pattern, it can be seen in the diagonal lattice-work on the porch and veranda areas.

In 1980, the Doctors' House was relocated to its current site in Brand Park. Under the leadership of The Glendale Historical Society and with much community involvement, it was restored and furnished for use as a house museum. The Glendale Historical Society maintains the interior of the house and furnishings, conducts docent tours, and presents special exhibits. The Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Division maintains the exterior of the house and surrounding grounds.

