

HISTORIC RESOURCE: TOLL HOUSE

LOCATION: 1521 North Columbus Avenue

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Residence

LAND AREA: 6714 square feet

ZONE: R-1I

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1912

STYLE: Craftsman

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a significant home because of its architectural style and as a result of its association with Charles and Eleanor Toll.

Designed by architect Charles E. Shattuck in 1912, the structure, which originally fronted on Kenneth Road, represents one of the finest examples of the California Bungalow remaining in the City of Glendale.

The Toll House has had, over its eighty-five year history, various owners who have taken great pains to maintain the property and made very few alterations to both the interior and exterior.

The original owners of this California Bungalow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toll, were two of the most prominent and highly respected individuals in the early Glendale community. Charles H. Toll moved to Los Angeles in 1885. Rising through the ranks of a number of large banking firms, he became vice-president of Security Trust and Savings Bank in 1906. In 1921, Toll was one of the organizers of the Glendale State Bank, serving as its president until 1923. Soon after his departure Security Trust and Savings bought out the bank.

Mrs. Toll's primary area of interest was in education. She was a member of the faculty of Los Angeles High School.

Eleanor Toll had a number of positions in the Parent Teacher Federation of Glendale (later PTA). She founded the Mutual Benefit Reading Circle in 1916, founded Glendale Beautiful, a civic improvement organization, and supported fund-raising efforts on behalf of a municipal orchestra (which later became the Glendale Symphony Orchestra). In recognition of her years of service to the Glendale community, in 1926, following her death, the School Board of the city voted to change the name of a recently built school on Glenwood Road in West Glendale from Abraham Lincoln to Eleanor J. Toll Junior High School.

