

HISTORIC RESOURCE: WIAN HOUSE

LOCATION: 1410 Royal Boulevard.

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Residence

LAND AREA: 4,468 square feet

ZONE: R1R-II

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1928

STYLE: Spanish Revival

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:

The architectural style of the house is predominantly Spanish Revival style with the characteristic red tile roof and smooth stucco exterior surface. The house has some elements of Italian villa style because of its symmetrical orientation with two wings and expansive viewing areas along the second story. A photo of this house was included in the Chamber of Commerce's pictorial book of Glendale as one of the few featured residential properties.

The house is defined by its prominent recessed center entry with distinct front door and an overhead French-door with balcony looking below. Curved notches in walls at both ends further define the arched entry. The character defining features of the house include the arched, elaborately carved door, the recessed front doorway, the winding front stairwell with decorative tile work, and the numerous recessed casement windows with balconies.

The house was originally built for the Wian family, who relocated to Glendale in 1922 from Pennsylvania and established businesses in Glendale. The Great Depression forced the family out of the house in the early 1930s.

This house is designated a historic resource because it identifies interest or value as part of the heritage of the City; it exemplifies one of the best remaining architectural elements of attention to architectural design, details, materials or craftsmanship of a particular historic period; and it is in a unique location or contains a singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

