

**HISTORIC RESOURCE:** Hewitt Baker House

**LOCATION:** 319 East Randolph Street

**OWNERSHIP:** Private

**USE:** Residence

**LAND AREA:** 2,967 square feet structure

**ZONE:** R1-II

**DESIGNATION:** Glendale Register

**YEAR BUILT:** 1914

**STYLE:** Craftsman

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Hewitt-Baker House was constructed between 1914 and 1919 in the Craftsman style within the Casa Verdugo Neighborhood, today one of the City's oldest intact residential districts. This house typifies the high style Craftsman architectural style, including a second story designed in the "Airplane Bungalow" style. Distinctive features of this residence include a raised front porch with decomposed granite boulder and stone (cobble stone "field rubble") support columns. The residence is of wood frame construction, clad in wood shingled siding, and accented with exposed rafter tails and chimneystack. Alterations to the house have been minor over the years due to only two owners from 1919 until 2002 (William Hewitt, 1919-1955 and Donald (Sr.) and Rowena Baker, 1958-2002).

The Casa Verdugo community developed independently from Glendale as a place for pioneers and visionaries at the turn of the century, nestled at the base of the "Green Verdugos".. Leslie C. Brand is the most notable of these figures, believed to have named the street "Randolph" after a town he had spent time at in Texas. The greater Casa community was roughly bounded by Mountain Street/Kenneth Road to the north, Rafael Avenue on the west, Glenoaks on the south, and Jackson Street on the

east. The area contained several large and small ranches and homesites which started subdividing between 1906 and 1910, making this area one of the city's first neighborhoods (unincorporated during this period).

