

Ahloy House  
492-494 South Convent Avenue  
Barrio Libre (Barrio Historico)  
Tucson  
Pima County  
Arizona

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Location: 492-494 South Convent Avenue, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universe  
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680. 3563970

Present Owner: Luisa Trejo, 624 N. 7th Ave., Tucson, Arizona 85705

Present Occupants: 492-Vacant; 494-Bernadina Carrillo.

Present Use: Residential; apartments.

Significance: This Early Transitional adobe structure reveals its Anglo influences through its gabled roof and roof vent. The east addition once housed a family-run cafe which has since been converted to a second dwelling unit. Set flush with the adjacent buildings, and contiguous to the structure on the south, it blends with the Convent Avenue streetscape.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: approximately 1900.
2. Architect: none known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below:

Part of Lot 4, Block 241, parcel 26.

1895 Deed, December 7, 1895, recorded in Volume 16, page 482.  
Jennie Drachman to Candelario Ortego.

1917 Deed, June 21, 1917, recorded in Volume 64, page 309.  
Candelario and Petra Ortega to Isabel and Manuel Aloy.

1930 Deed, June 28, 1930, recorded in Volume 148, page 448.  
Isabel de Aloy [see section B for Ahloy] to Isabel F.  
Aloy, et al.

1942 Deed, January 2, 1942, recorded in Volume 244, page 257.  
Isabel E. Aloy, et al to Nicolas and Petra Trejo.

1952 Deed, May 2, 1952, recorded in Volume 460, page 557.  
Estate of Nicolas Trejo to Petra Trejo.

1955 Deed, April 6, 1955, recorded in Volume 826, page 310.  
City of Tucson to Petra Trejo.

1957 Deed, April 12, 1957, recorded in Volume 1117, page 204.  
Arnulfo Treho, et al to Luisa Trejo.

1957 Deed, May 2, 1957, recorded in Volume 1125, page 174.  
Estate of Petra Trejo et al to Luisa Trejo.

4. Builder: Manuel Ahloy.

5. Alterations and additions: In 1909, 492 and 494 Convent were two separate dwellings. A rectangular adobe structure set flush with the street formed 494, and 492 was an adobe and frame dwelling set 33 feet to the rear. The rear dwelling was gone by 1948, probably before 1938. In 1937 a long room was added along the north side of the residence to create a cafe dining room; the rooms at the rear of the dwelling were remodeled at the same time. Today the structure houses two apartments, probably converted in the 1950s.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

Manuel Ahloy, the original owner and builder of this structure, was a Chinese cook. His wife was Mexican—a daughter of the Escalante family who lived next door at 482-484 S. Convent Ave. The Trejo family purchased the property from the Ahloys and added a long room to the north side of the house. The Trejos ran a small cafe called "El Durango" in the north addition. The house has seen a number of occupants since the Trejos moved out in the 1950s and converted the house and restaurant to two apartments.

PART II. [No separate architectural data. See Barrio Libre, HABS No. AZ-73, historical essay, page 9.]

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps.  
Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company.  
Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.  
Building Slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.

Oral Interviews:

María Luisa Trejo: 624 N. 7th Ave.  
Eliazar Herreras: 1331 E. Waverly  
Frank Rivera: 479 S. Convent Ave.  
Adelina Flores: 56 W. Kennedy St.

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