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Pima County
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Location: 459 South Convent Avenue, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

Present Owner and Occupant: Judith Lyn Jarvis, P. O. Box 133, Tucson, Arizona 85702

Present Use: Residential.

Significance: With its newly shingled hipped roof, this structure dominates the row of dwellings among which it is located. An Early Transitional adobe row house, it displays Anglo influence through its roof shape and gabled dormer vent, but retains the Traditional Sonoran building characteristics of a flush front and contiguity with its neighbors. Prior to being converted for use as a dwelling, the structure housed a family-owned grocery store from the 1930s to the 1960s.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: circa 1896.
2. Architect: none known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below:

Block 240, Lot 5, arb. 28:

1901 Deed, March 21, 1901, recorded in Volume 32, page 11. Corporate Authorities of the Village of Tucson to Jesus B. Tallmadge.

1912 Deed, September 26, 1912, recorded in Volume 52, page 394. Estate of Jesus B. de Tallmadge to Antonio Zubiarte.

1924 Deed, September 2, 1924, recorded in Volume 100, page 506. Antonio Zubiarte to Lazaro Romero.

1940 Deed, October 1, 1940, recorded in Volume 231, page 180. Estate of Lazaro Romero to Dolores Mercado de Romero.

1955 Deed, August 5, 1955, recorded in Volume 875, page 585. Alfonso Romero et al to Ernestine M. Romero.

1960 Deed, September 20, 1960, recorded in Volume 1672, page 190. Estate of Dolores Mercado de Romero to Ernestine M. Romero.

1966 Deed, July 14, 1966, recorded in Volume 2786, page 282.
Romero et al to Quillen.

1970 Deed, February 9, 1970, recorded in Volume 3379, page 111.
Quillen to Romero.

1976 Deed, January 21, 1976, recorded in Volume 3559, page 478.
E. M. Romero to D. Jarvis.

1979 Deed, May 25, 1979, recorded in Volume 6036, page 1117.
D. Jarvis to J. L. Jarvis.

4. Builder: Juan Bojórques.

5. Alterations and additions: A frame porch addition to the rear of this dwelling between 1919 and 1948 has been the only modification to the exterior of the structure. From the late 1930s to the 1960s the northern two-thirds of the building housed a grocery store, and the southern portion served as living quarters.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

Until 1976 this structure remained in the hands of two large families that were long-time residents of the Barrio Libre. This property was first owned by Jesus Tallmadge, whose brother, Juan Bojórques, and sister, Belén Lubiato, both occupied the dwelling between 1897 and 1920. In 1924 the Romero family took over the property. Lazaro Romero, the patriarch of the family, was a barber in Tucson from 1870 to 1920. His daughter Emma Romero Fimbres lived only two houses away at 459 S. Convent Ave., and another daughter, Dolores, ran a grocery store at the house from the 1930s to the 1960s. In 1976 the property passed from the Romero family to a new owner.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

[No separate architectural data. See Barrio Libre, HABS No. AZ-73, for the historical essay, PART IV.]

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company.
Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.
Building Slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.
Arizona Historical Society, clip books (Lázaro Romero).
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Oral Interviews:

Adelina Flores: 56 W. Kennedy St.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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