

147 West Kennedy Street  
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)  
Tucson  
Pima County  
Arizona

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 147 West Kennedy St., Tucson, Pima County, Arizona

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universe Transverse  
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner: John V. and Armando V. Vásquez.  
2702 N. Thomas Road, Tucson, Arizona 85705

Present Use: Residential; duplex.

Significance: This hip-roofed Anglo-Territorial style dwelling is unique in that it is constructed of stone. Built in 1906-1907, it is more recent than the other buildings on the block, and is the only residence on Kennedy St. between Meyer Avenue and Convent Avenue that is set back from the street. The dwelling is also one of the first in Tucson that was built as a duplex from the beginning, rather than being modified later. (The street number serves both sides of the house, stemming from an earlier day when a now-demolished house next door was numbered 149.) The degree of setback, front-porch extension, and hip-roof display show none of the elements of the traditional adobe Sonoran dwellings found in the Barrio.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1906-1907.
2. Architect: Henry O. Jaastad.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 236, Lot 4, Arb. 12.

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| 1906 | Deed, January 26, 1906, recorded in Volume 39, page 209. Jenny and S. H. Drachman to E. W. Walker. |
| 1906 | Deed, September 26, 1906, recorded in Volume 39, page 645. Don You to E. W. Walker.                |
| 1913 | Deed, September 8, 1913, recorded in Volume 56, page 178. Sheriff to Otto Lagerberg.               |
| 1913 | Deed, September 24, 1913, recorded in Volume 57, page 6. Otto Lagerberg to Henry O. Jaastad.       |

- 1938 Deed, September 28, 1939, recorded in Volume 217, page 401.  
Henry O. Jaastad et ux to Reyes and Beatriz Vásquez.
- 1958 Deed, June 5, 1958, recorded in Volume 1273, page 502.  
Estate of Beatriz V. Vásquez to Reyes P. Vásquez.
- 1975 Deed, October 1, 1975, recorded in Volume 5114, page 509.  
Reyes Vásquez to J. V. Vásquez.

4. Builder: Henry O. Jaastad and other building contractors.
5. Alterations and additions: No significant alterations or additions have modified this structure since its construction.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with this Structure:

Henry O. Jaastad, the architect and primary builder of this duplex, was born in Norway in 1872. He grew up in Wisconsin, and arrived in Tucson in 1902, opening his architect's office in 1908. Responsible for the construction of more than fifty schools in New Mexico and Arizona, he also designed four in Tucson. Besides being known as a prominent architect, Jaastad served two years as a councilman, and 14 years as a mayor of Tucson. Jaastad never occupied this dwelling, but rented it to short-term tenants. Jaastad died in 1965, at the age of 93. The duplex was occupied by a number of tradespersons and laborers.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico) (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and historical background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Arizona Historical Society, Clipbooks (Henry O. Jaastad).  
Building slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.  
Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's  
Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979. records.)  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

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