

# Gaston Bastanchury House

**714 Hillsboro Place**

**1911**

**Craftsman Bungalow**

**Status: Unrecognized  
Significant Property**



This one-and-a-half-story residence is one of several ranch houses constructed for the Bastanchury family. Situated on the San Antonio Rancho section, it was the residence of Gaston Batanchury, the second son of Domingo and Maria Bastanchury. Gaston Bastanchury was the president and general manager of the Bastanchury Ranch during the 1920s. He lived here until 1935; Gaston's brother, Joseph, along with his wife and their four children, resided here until the mid-1940s.

Due to the Great Depression and bad land management practices, the Bastanchury holdings went into receivership in 1931, having liabilities of more than two million dollars. In 1935, the Sunny Hills Ranch Company was formed to manage and sell off the land holdings. Over a period of years various portions of the ranch were sold.

By the 1960s, the acreage where this residence was situated was owned by development companies and being subdivided for residential tracts. The lot where this house now sits was created in 1962, along with the street Hillsboro Place. The side of the house that faces Hillsboro Place behind a five-foot high retaining wall is not the house's original front; the true front facade of the house faces east.

The house was renovated in 2021, with new windows replacing the original ones, but the basic structure and design of the residence has been retained.