

Gallemore House

419 W. Commonwealth Avenue

1913

Shingle Style

Status: Significant Property



This outstanding two-story frame structure is an exceptional example of the Shingle style in Fullerton. Wood shingles on the second story replace the clapboard siding on the first story. Exposed rafters at both levels emphasize the Craftsman association with this style. The ample setback from Commonwealth Avenue is another distinguishing feature.

Designed by architect J. P. Kennedy of Los Angeles and constructed by Ernest Ridenour & Bros. of Long Beach in 1913, the house was built for John Gallemore, who was the president of the Fullerton News Publishing Company until 1922. The Gallemore family owned the property until 1931.

In 2004, the house was converted to a coffee house and art gallery, and this commercial use continues today. As part of the conversion, nine of the original windows in the structure were replaced, but otherwise, the building remains largely unaltered.