

Automobile Club of Southern California Building

623 N. Harbor Boulevard

1928

Spanish Colonial Revival

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



This one-story commercial building is 2,100 sq. ft. in area, situated in the front half of a 140-deep lot. Designed in a Spanish Colonial Revival style by prominent architect Carlton Winslow, the building was constructed by local contractor Arthur M. Thompson. The walls have a flat stucco finish, and a red-tiled gable roof has a modest pitch. The east façade is designed with a large picture window and small casement window on the south end. A stylized chimney highlights this side of the building, and this feature is repeated at the back (west) side. The north (Brookdale Place) façade features four large double-hung windows at the back portion of the building. The door on the north side of the building is protected with a covered porch with the extension of the red tile roof, and this door was likely the entry to the original use of the building: the offices of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

The building was constructed for local businesswomen, Lillian Yaeger, after she purchased the property in 1923, and relocated the existing house on the lot – the former residence of local architect Frank Benchley – to 337 W. Brookdale Place. Lillian Yaeger also constructed her two-story residence at the back of the lot (108 W. Brookdale Place) at the same time, again using contractor Arthur M. Thompson.