

# Fullerton Mutual Orange Association Packing House

**210 W. Walnut Avenue**

**1925**

**Packing House**

**Status: Unrecognized  
Significant Property**



The packing house at 210 W. Walnut Avenue, constructed in 1925, was originally built and owned by the Santa Fe Land and Improvement Company, but by the 1930s, the Fullerton Mutual Orange Association (FMOA) held ownership. In 1952, the wood-framed packing house was destroyed by a fire, and it was completely rebuilt in 1953, with tilt-up construction. Susceptible to earthquake damage, the tilt-up building was seismically retrofitted in 1993.

The FMOA was formed in 1911; from 1911 to 1922, the Association was affiliated with the Mutual Orange Distributors; in 1924, the Association joined the Northern Orange County Citrus Exchange and affiliated with Sunkist. Brands used by the Association included Gorgeous, Gold Wing, Red Wing, Silver Wing, Blue Wing, Green Wing, Fullerton Blossom, Fullerton Poppy, and Kingfisher.

One of the oldest and most cooperative of Orange County, the FMOA was highly successful, and at one point it was handling four cars of Valencia and navel oranges daily. By 1955, the citrus industry began to decline in Orange County, and the FMOA and Placentia Orange Growers Association merged, a consolidation designed to ensure that each would continue. The 1955 merger ended the 44-year existence of the FMOA, although orange packing would continue at this location until 1958.

The packing house structure has been used by several businesses after it was vacated in 1958. Hughes Aircraft Planning and Engineering Department was a tenant for about a year; Keystone Seneca Wire Cloth used the building between 1962 to 1969; and Western Marketing Company occupied the building from 1972 to 2002. The structure is now used for warehousing.