

# Grieves Apartments

**529-531 E. Commonwealth Avenue**

**1924**

**Spanish Colonial Revival**

**Status: Local Landmark**



This two-story building is one of two residential properties in Fullerton exhibiting elements of the Santa Fe/Pueblo style as part of a design that is primarily Spanish Colonial architecture. The Pueblo style is reflected with the building's refined blocky form, the setback for the second story portion that creates the wrap-around balcony, and the design of the flat roof with a modest parapet detail on both stories. The use of arched openings, as part of the design of the sheltered entry areas for the individual units (two along Commonwealth Avenue and a third facing Berkeley Avenue), is the other distinguishing feature in this building. The building is unaltered from its original construction except for the apparent re-stuccoed walls.

Constructed in 1924 by local builder Jesse Ellis as a real estate venture, the property was sold to the Brown and Dauser Company in 1927, as part of a bankruptcy disposition. Nettie Grieves acquired the property in 1936, and the Grieves family has retained ownership to the present day.

The structure was extensively rehabilitated in late 1998, without altering or replacing the original features of the building.