Conley House

1101 E. Whiting Avenue1928Cottage StyleStatus: Local Landmark



This residence represents one of the best examples of the Cottage style design that became popular in the mid-1920s. An array of fanciful features includes a steep gable roof; a conical (witch's hat) roof for the corner portion of the house; a decorative arched entry; and a tapered chimney, prominently located along the front façade. The use of a smooth plaster for the exterior walls, as well as the chimney, unifies the architectural features of the house.

The house, locally referred to as "the castle", is part of a small tract of Cottage style homes built by E. S. Gregory in the late 1920s along the north side of Whiting Avenue. The original owner was James Conley, a rancher from Yorba Linda; the Conley family resided here until 1937. The house is more commonly associated with the Waymire family, who lived here for over 30 years until 1985.