

Lillian Yeager House

108 W. Brookdale Place

1928

Spanish Colonial Revival

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



This two-story residence has classic features of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture: smooth plaster exterior walls, a clay-tiled compound gable roof, and wood-framed fixed and casement-type windows that are recessed from the exterior walls. Fixed, wood-paned windows enclose the western portion of the upper story; the windows are partially shaded from sun exposure with a deep overhang that is part of an unusual flat, but tiled, roof that covers this portion of the residence. A fluted chimney is designed integral to the structure on the north (Brookdale) side. The residence originally had a 5-foot-high wall-enclosed patio on the northwest corner of the residence; this patio area is now more fully enclosed with wood lath siding and overhead wood members.

The residence is situated in the back of the lot, behind a one-story commercial building that was constructed at the same time and with the same architectural style.

Lillian Yeager, the oldest daughter of Jacob Yeager – one of the early settlers in the area – commissioned Arthur M. Thompson, a well-known local builder/contractor, to construct the house. Lillian Yeager was a very successful businesswoman and a noted auto mechanic and dealer in Fullerton during the 1920s; she became a real estate broker in the 1940s, eventually owning a number of properties in the city. The property in west Fullerton now developed as the Olive-Gilbert Mini-Park was owned by Lillian Yeager when the city bought it in 1977.

This property was Lillian Yeager's residence until her death in 1978.