

# Lottie M. Hetebrink House

**C.S.U. Fullerton campus**

**1931**

**Spanish Colonial Revival**

**Status: Significant Property**



This Spanish Colonial Revival style residence was constructed as a kit house from Pacific Ready-Cut Homes for Lottie Marie Hetebrink, the daughter of Diedrich Hetebrink, who was Henry T. Hetebrink's brother. Diedrich Hetebrink was the first member of the extensive Hetebrink family to arrive in Fullerton in 1869. The mail order home cost \$16,000, making it one of the most expensive – if not *the* most expensive – kit homes constructed in the city.

Lottie Hetebrink filed for bankruptcy in 1938, and she was forced to sell the house to Andrew Mahr, Jr. and his wife Opal in 1939, along with ten acres of land. The Mahr family made changes and additions to the house and owned it for 24 years until it was purchased in 1959, for what was then to become Orange County State College, now California State University, Fullerton. The founding president of the college, William B. Langsford, converted the upstairs six bedrooms of the house into offices for himself and his administrative staff. The residence was used for a number of purposes – health center, bookstore, faculty club, etc. – before being converted into an alumni center. It was renamed the George G. Golleher Alumni House after the campus received a generous restoration donation from 1971 sociology alumnus George C. Golleher, CEO of Ralphs Grocery Company, in 1995.

The house originally was well setback from the 1920s-era frontage road, Cypress Street (now State College Boulevard). Some of the building's features have been modified, but the original design is essentially intact. The structure's architecture exhibits the customary approach of the Spanish Colonial style, providing strong forms and mass as well as coherent detailing.