

628 E. Foothill Boulevard

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According to a tradition passed on to the present owners, both 628 E. Foothill and its neighbor to the west were available for purchase after their construction by the Tifal Brothers in 1917. Given her choice of either house, Clara P. Hanna selected this one. History was repeated some seventy years later, as both houses were again on the market when the present owners made their selection. Clara Hanna made her home at 628 E. Foothill for fifty seven years, first with her husband William J., an accountant, and then for the last thirty years as a widow. In 1974 the house was sold to the Schroeders, and fourteen years later to the present owners. During the long period of Hanna ownership virtually no changes were made to the house, and it stands today essentially as built seventy five years ago.

628 E. Foothill represents an interesting transition from the Craftsman style which was in vogue prior to its construction and the Colonial Revival style which followed in the 1920's. The floor plan is basically Craftsman in approach, very similar to that of another Tifal Brothers house at 336 E. Foothill. The exterior stucco, while not unknown in Craftsman houses, is still less common than the familiar wood clapboard or wood shingles. It is the arched front porch, symmetrically placed and supported on classically inspired columns, which points most strongly to the next decade.