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George A. Murphy Home

The George A. Murphy Home is a three-story dwelling approximately 45' x 50' with a light stucco wall finish and red tile hipped roof.

There is a one story $15' \times 60'$ porch extending across entire front of house, a $12' \times 20'$ one story porch on the southwest corner, a one-story porch on the east side, and a $20' \times 25'$ one story attached carport on the northwest corner. One hipped roof dormer is located on the front and one interior stucco finish chimney stack with decorative molding is located in center of roof.

Windows on first floor facade include two large 1/1 fixed pane type with flanking sidelights on either side of front door. On the west side, there is a large fixed pane window within the carport. To the right of the carport, there is a blind arcade filled with quarter-round and small square-shaped windows. Also on the west side, there is an open arcade with three 1/1 sash windows behind the opening. On the south side (rear), there are two small square-shaped windows within porch and a large 1/1 fixed pane window flanked by sidelights. Below the large window just mentioned is a band of four small square-shaped windows. On the east side, there two 1/1 sash windows on either side of porch.

Second floor fenestration on the facade includes a band of two small square-shaped windows with iron grille work. There are two 1/1 sash windows each of which flank the windows with grilles. An open arcade is located on east end of second floor facade. On the second floor of the west wall, there are two 1/1 rectangular-shaped windows with dentiled sills. The rear has four 1/1 sash windows above porch on the southwest corner and bands of two 1/1 sash type and four 1/1 sash type on second floor of southeast corner. The east side has a band of four 1/1 sash windows in the center and an arcade opening on north end.

The front door is located in center of facade. It is wood with large glass pane flanked by side lights. The carport door is also wood and glass flanked by side lights. There are two wood doors with paneled aprons and glass panes in upper half in the porch on southwest corner. The east door in porch is wood with paneled apron and glass in upper part.

The Murphy Home draws many decorative elements from the Mission Style which reached its peak in America approximately the same time it was built. The house abounds with round arches support by piers. They punctuate the otherwise plain undecorative stucco walls. Following the Mission Style are the curvilineared gable on front porch, red tile hipped roof, and iron window grillework in dormer and second floor fenestration in the facade. Also characteristic of the Mission Style are the exposed rafters in the roof eaves and the exposed rafters extending beyond walls of the carport and porch on the southwest corner.

A two-story two car garage is located approximately 20' from the southwest corner. The Mission Style is carried out in the garage with exposed rafters extending beyond walls, stucco wall finish, curvilinear gable detail above doors, and the numerous round arches.