

# Nenno House

**321 N. Pomona Avenue**

**1928**

**Colonial Revival**

**Status: Significant Property**



This two-story residence was built after an earlier house on the lot, the residence of Frank Benchley, was either razed or moved. Constructed by contractor Norman Barber for \$7,500, the house was built for Faustina Nenno, one of the daughters of Antoinette and John Nenno, who were important early settlers in Placentia.

Faustina Nenno worked as a librarian at the Fullerton Public Library and organized the first YWCA clubs for girls in Fullerton, later serving as an adviser for the clubs and on the YWCA District Board, including two terms as president. In the 1940s she sold her home to this organization and returned to her family's impressive two-story residence in Placentia, still standing at the northeast corner of Palm Drive and Placentia Avenue.

The YWCA continuously used this property for over 50 years to offer a range of services including short-term residency in the structure's second story bedrooms. In 1999, the YWCA sold the property, and it is now used as offices for a group of clinical psychologists.

The house is a refined example of the Colonial Revival style in Fullerton. While later construction is evident at the rear of the house, most of its original design is unaltered, featuring the pedimented gable portico entry and the series of shuttered double-hung windows.