



609 E Mendocino St



Original survey photo (ca. 1990)

APN: 5840-012-006

AHAD ID: 14560

Year Built: 1929 (actual)

Year Built (Assessor): 1929

Legal Description: Lots 36 & 37, Tr. 8302

Quadrant: Not on File

Current Lot Size: Not on File

Historic Name: Not on File

Style: Spanish Colonial Revival

Stories: 2

Type: Residence

CHRS: 3S

Architect: Lunden, Samuel E. (confirmed)

Builder: Seely, George R. (attributed to)

Building Permits:

Permit	Year
7202	1929

Alterations: None on File

Original Owner: Morehouse, Carrie M. (widow) (Spouse: Laurence G.)

Original Owner Occupation: Not on File

Place of Business: Not on File



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Other Owners:

Name	Years	Comment
Crosby, Maude (widow, Frank Crosby)	1929	N/A

Original Cost: \$38,000

Original Lot Size: Not on File

Moved on to Property: N

Former Addresses:

Address	Years
521 E. Mendocino Altadena, CA 91001	1929
Mendocino & Santa Rosa, NE corner Altadena, CA 91001	N/A

Address Notes: Not on File

Note:

Residence & garage, 11 rms., 4 baths, 3-car garage, 49x70, frame & stucco, tile & comp. roof

SHPO Description--This large L-shaped residence is primarily two-story with a small one story wing attached to the rear. The low pitched gabled roof is covered with red tile and there are exposed rafters under the eaves. The front entry is recessed with cast stone detail around the segmented arched opening. A wrought iron gate leads to the main door. Scalloped arches with massive stepped beams create a dynamic effect over the entry. A recessed balcony with a cast stone ledge is located above the entrance. Windows are both fixes and casement with multi-panes. There is a wooden balcony on the east side of the house. The windows have louvered shutters. There is a cast stone light post leading uo to the entry and the yard is landscaped with mature trees. There are multiple french doors on the first and second story. (Judy Triem)

SHPO Significance: This house, almost double the size of the other residences on the block, has many outstanding architectural features and is built on an extra large lot. It has been very well maintained since it was constructed in 1929 for Carrie M. morehouse, widow of Lawrence G. Morehouse, and Maude Crosby, widow of Frank Crosby. Mrs. Morehouse was a native of Detroit, Michigan who had come to Pasadena about 1924. She lived with her daughter Maude Crosby Yerkey. Mrs. Morehouse was a member of the Shakespeare Club of Pasadena. She died in May 1942.

Sources:

Builder & Contractor (journal) 1/18/29, p. 48



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Builder & Contractor (journal) 2/1/29, p. 53
Builder & Contractor (journal) 3/29/29, p. 67
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California Historical Resource Status (CHRS) Codes Key

Code	Description
1S	Individual property listed in National Register by the Keeper. Listed in the California Register.
3CD	Appears eligible for California Register as a contributor to a California Register eligible district through a survey evaluation.
3CS	Appears eligible for California Register as an individual property through survey evaluation.
3S	Appears eligible for National Register as an individual property through survey evaluation.

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