

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: CASA DE SAN
RAFAEL**

LOCATION: 1330 Dorothy Drive

OWNERSHIP: Public

USE: House Museum

LAND AREA: 1658 square feet

ZONE: SR

**DESIGNATION: Glendale Register
California Landmark**

YEAR BUILT: 1871

STYLE: Adobe

Known in the early years of its existence as the "Tomas Sanchez Adobe", the structure was built by Tomas A. Sanchez and his wife Maria Sepulveda, daughter of Fernando Sepulveda and stepdaughter of Rafaela Verdugo Sepulveda.

Tomas Sanchez was Los Angeles County's first sheriff from 1859 to 1867. During this period, Sanchez had two residences, a house in Los Angeles and a ranch which was part of the original Rancho Cienega. Circa 1870, Sanchez moved his family to the Glendale property and set up a temporary home until construction of the four room single-story adobe was completed. The year 1871 is the most widely accepted completion date. Tomas Sanchez died in 1882, but his widow survived him until 1912.

Ownership of the property changed hands numerous times, always being divided into smaller parcels, until today, less than two acres surround the old adobe.

On July 14, 1932, the City of Glendale purchased the adobe and the two-acre parcel. The actual restoration work was completed by the WPA in 1932 and care was taken to preserve much of the original structure. The restored adobe was dedicated as a park and State Historic Landmark

No. 235 on March 10, 1935. At this time the structure was rechristened by the San Rafael Park Association and the City as the "Casa Adobe de San Rafael".

It is significant to note that Glendale was at this time the first City in southern California to enlist the cause of historic preservation by going to the lengths of actually purchasing a historic site.

