

HISTORIC RESOURCE: Ford House

LOCATION: 1745 Melwood Drive

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Residence

LAND AREA: 3,110 square feet

ZONE: R1R-II

DESIGNATION: Glendale Registry

YEAR BUILT: 1939

STYLE: Monterey Colonial Revival

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The house has a rectangular layout, and clad in smooth stucco and wood-siding, with a prominent second story balcony cantilevered out from the building. Pediments over the doorway and the front window, wood column, traditional paned windows with shutters and simple gabled roof echo the Colonial Revival style, as do diamond-paned windows in a tri-partite picture window and in an oriel window. According to *A Field Guide to American Houses*, (Virginia and Lee McAlester), "The Monterey style is a free revival of the Anglo-influenced Spanish Colonial houses of northern California. These blended Spanish adobe construction with pitched-roof, massed-plan English shapes brought to California from New England. The revival version similarly fuses Spanish Eclectic and Colonial Revival details. Earlier examples, built from about 1925 to 1940, tend to favor Spanish detailing; those from the 1940s and '50s typically emphasize English Colonial details."

Not only does the house have exemplary details of the Monterey Revival style, it is one of the few of that style in the Rossmoyne neighborhood, which is dominated by Spanish Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival styles.

