

Frederick & Marta Binney Ranch House 8602 Echo Drive

Built in 1891 and reconstructed after a fire in 1897, the Frederick and Marta Binney Ranch House is significant for its Folk Victorian design style. The house characterizes the period of Victorian architecture during the earliest agricultural growth in La Mesa. The exterior of the home displays many of the Folk Victorian character defining features such as a steeply pitched roof, decorative wall shingles, front porch with spindle work details, pierced barge boards, divided-lite



windows, and spatially open landscapes. The house sits on the high point of the property, overlooking the neighborhood and valley. Frederick and Marta Binney were early pioneer settlers and ranchers and played a significant role in the early agricultural development of Helix, Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, and La Mesa. Additions and alterations to the home are sympathetic to the original architecture.