

Heritage Square Audio Tour: The Bouvier-Teeter House and the Teeter Carriage House

The Bouvier-Teeter House and the mule barn behind it were built in 1899 by a man named Leon Bouvier. Leon was a flour miller and cattleman, and he moved to the Arizona Territory from Canada in 1872. He purchased the land from Flora Rosson in November of 1897, and built the structures a few years later.

The main house is a Pyramid Cottage style, which was considered a simple single-family architectural style in the late Victorian Era, recognized by its distinctive pointed roof. During Restoration, the brick proved too soft to sandblast off the paint, so each brick was painstakingly removed and turned with the unpainted side showing.

Leon used the house as a rental property, even renting rooms in the home to Constance Stevens before her home was finished. It was in 1911 that Eliza Teeter, a widow with 6 children, traded her farmland in Tempe to Leon in exchange for the home. Eliza was born in Kansas and moved to Arizona in 1892. When her husband died, Eliza was left to take care of the couple's children. Like Leon, Eliza used the house and the mule barn as rental properties, but she also lived in the home herself from 1931 until her death in 1965 at the age of 95.