

1. Foreman's House

Servant's quarters were included in this 8 room farmhouse complete with indoor plumbing and electricity. It was once occupied by Mrs. Winchester's Foreman—John Hansen.

2. Fruit Drying Shed

The evaporator in this building was used to dry the prunes that Mrs. Winchester raised on her estate. The evaporator dried fruit at the rate of 1-1/2 tons every 30 hours.

3. Tank House

The water holding tank originally on top of the tower was destroyed by fire in the late 1940's. The bottom portion was used as a plumber's workshop. Many of the original dies and cutters are still here. The upper floors were used for field hand's living quarters.

4. Pump House

The Pierce gas engine in this building provided electricity to the mansion and ultimately powered the Otis elevator.

5. Garage/Car Wash

Mrs. Winchester had several cars including a 1909 French Renault and 1917 Pierce Arrow Limousine. All of the cars were kept clean and in good repair in this building.

6. Greenhouse

Mrs. Winchester's 18-acre garden included plants from over 110 different countries.

7. Central Gardens

The crescent shaped hedge in this courtyard points to the room where Mrs. Winchester died.

8. Gas Lighting Shop

Before electricity was installed, this plant pumped the gas used to light the fixtures. The gas was produced by adding small amounts of calcium carbide to water. The resulting gas was pushed through the gas lines with a piston controlled by the counterweight.

9. Aviary

This is where Mrs. Winchester kept several species of tropical birds. The proper temperature was maintained by using heat produced by the steam furnace in the basement.

10. Egret Fountain*

All the statue and fountain pieces were manufactured in New York by the J.L. Mott Company. They are made of a corrosion resistant metal consisting of zinc and tin. The pedestals are made of cast iron. This fountain piece depicts the North American Egret.

11. Gardener's Shed

Mrs. Winchester had this building constructed in the shape of a key hole. Some say it represented eternal life—which Mrs. Winchester hoped to achieve by keeping the carpenters building 24 hours a day.

12. Palm Drive

This was the main driveway to the mansion. Mrs. Winchester had added her own personal touch. At one time it was lined with 13 Washingtonia Palm Trees.

13. Cupid Fountain*

One of the features of Victorian homes was the display of the ancient classics in the statues and fountain pieces. This fountain piece depicts the mythological Cupid and a swan.

14. Llanada Villa

These sandstone pillars and wrought iron gates once marked the entrance to Mrs. Winchester's estate. She called it "Llanada Villa."

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15. Cherub Fountain*

All the fountains have been restored over the years. Originally they all had brick foundations coated with several layers of rough concrete. The figures here are that of a Cherub (a small boy) riding a Hippocampus (a sea monster that has the head of a horse and the body of a fish).

16. Serpent Fountain*

Many Victorian homes were highlighted by formal front entries. The fountain and statues were to draw attention to the front doors of the mansion. The fountain piece is a serpent and the statue is of Mother Nature.

17. Architecture

The mansion's symmetrical design and final-capped rooflines were typical of Victorian Architecture. Building oddities—such as this door that opens to an eight foot drop—were common only to Mrs. Winchester's home.

18. Front Doors

These \$3,000 European art glass doors have gone unused since their installation in 1906.

19. Coal Chute

The Coal Chute, located under the iron cap, carried coal directly into the front basement to fire the furnace and many of the mansion's 47 fireplaces. Above to the left is the Daisy Bedroom where Mrs. Winchester was trapped during the 1906 earthquake.

20. Almond Courtyard

Before 1906, this courtyard stood in the shadow of a 7-story tower. Today you can see the remains of the tower above an unfinished portion of the ballroom.

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