

# 608 Morgan Street

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## 608 Morgan Street – Casa Del Sol Apartments

Casa Del Sol exhibits characteristic elements of Mission architecture, including a parapet around the entire building, stucco dadding, and decorative blind arches on the upper main façade. The building is listed as a contributor to the St. Rose Historic District on the Contributor and Non-Contributor map (based on the Anne Bloomfield's 1989 survey) posted on the city's website.

**1920**-The Casa Del Sol apartments were built between 1920-1924 by Emile and Josephine Languetin. Emile immigrated from Switzerland around 1890 and Josephine immigrated from France a few years later. They met and married in California and arrived in Santa Rosa about 1920. Both retired, Emile and Josephine lived in Casa Del Sol until their deaths in 1935 and 1940.

**1939** -Casa Del Sol was purchased by the Girolo's who owned it for the next 30 years.



Peter (Pietro) Girolo

Josephine (Guisippina) Girolo



The Girolos were part of Santa Rosa's early Italian community. Both Peter and Josephine immigrated from Italy around 1905. They met, married, and raised their family in the West End District of Santa Rosa. They were active members of the St. Rose Church. Their children were christened by Father J.M. Cassin and funeral services for Peter Girola were held there.

Peter started out working for the **Grace Bros** and Josephine started out working for the **Del Monte Cannery**. From there he became a partner in the U.S. Bar located on Fourth Street in the Railroad Square area. Over the year he became a large investor in rental properties owning quite a few in and around the Santa Rosa downtown area.

