

# *The Touch Of Age Adds Charm To The Garcia Home In Mexico*

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One of the most charming homes in Hermosillo, Son., Mexico, is that of Sr. and Sra. Alfonso P. Garcia and their two daughters, Marcia and Maria Elena.

Located near the heart of the city, the house was built well over 100 years ago and is of the style found in the French Quarter in New Orleans.

It belonged in Sra. Garcia's family—the Camous, one of the first families in Hermosillo history.

The front of the house comes right up to the sidewalk on Avenida Obregon and has wrought iron bars over the door and windows.

Immediately inside the main entry is a wide foyer that leads to the informal living room. To the left is the library; to the right is the formal "sala" (living room) furnished with antique pieces that belonged to the Camou family.

The informal living room opens onto a beautiful, tiled patio located in the center of the house. Galleries on either side of the patio lead to the sleeping area—at left—and family dining room and two kitchens at right.

Beyond the patio is the family's own living room overlooking the back garden and swimming pool.

Marcia, who attended St. Joseph's Academy, and Maria Elena are looking forward to this summer when the new party room is completed. Located at the back of the garden beyond the pool and bath house, it features a tile floor (just right for dancing), a big fireplace and the necessary wiring for a phonograph.

Sleeping porches, a necessity in the days before air conditioning, are on the second floor.