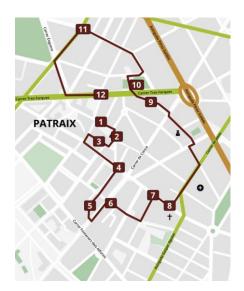
9. Ramón de Castro workers' housing





These houses are part of a series of single-family housing estates that were built by the Building Society of Workers' Houses of València at the beginning of the XX century.

The Society, founded by the general Luis María Pando on the 3rd of April 1902, imitating other european socities, was formed by architects and doctors, had public subscription capital and aimed to build affordale homes for industry and trade workers with low purchasing power.

Each house was priced at 3.000 pesetas and the workers could become owners in a 15-year period, paying monthly installments. This society was the first in Spain with these characteristics.

There was a conviction that neighbourhood clusters for workers should not accumulate to form large neighbourhoods, but to be spread throughout the town, being built in the outskirts, rather than the town centre.

The size of these estates had to be reduced, due to the fear of the bourgeoise to workers' rallies, that is why the estates were scattered in the suburbs. General Pando had taken part in the attack and takeover of the city on the 16th of October 1869, during the Revolution named La Gloriosa, he was awarded the Red Cross for military merit for this. On the 21st of May 1901 he was appointed Captain General of València.

Apart from this estate, built between 1907 and 1910 next to the old València road in Patraix (now Cuenca Street), there were others built in General Pando Street (Mestalla), Lirio Street (Grau) and Algirós Road, all of which are no longer there. 18 out of the 29 houses that were originally built in this neighbourhood (under the direction of J. M. Manuel Cortina) still remain. The

group receives the name Ramón de Castro Artacho, president of the Board of Directors or patrons of the Society, in honour of the patron who made it possible. In València, he was president of the Trade Association, Director of the shipping Company Requena e Hijos, and founder and president of the Chamber of Commerce of València.

He actively participated in the transfer of the property of the Dehesa del Saler and the Albufera to the València City Council.

The owners were given the keys to the houses by Queen Victoria Eugenia during her visit to the regional exhibition in 1910. They are single-family houses built in rows, with masonry walls.

With a single ground floor, spacious entrance door with arched doorway, central corridor and dining room, from which all the rooms lead out, in the traditional rural valencian architecture style. All of them have a back patio. They were declared Asset of Local Significance in 2015.

General information

Address: Ramon de Castro Street.

Accesibility

Access: Accessible street with lowered pavement.

Mobility: 1,2 m wide pavement.

Parking: Parking space reserved for persons with reduced mobility in calle

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