



Andrew McNally House, 1887

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Built in 1924 by Dr. John F. Brereton, the **Altadena Hospital** at 2052 N. Lake Ave., was a 10-bed unit equipped to treat "diseases, organic malfunctions, surgery, and obstetrical care." In 1934 the hospital purchased an ambulance, "a new Dodge of the latest type ... completely fitted and capable of taking care of two patients. A police radio is also installed." With the addition of the vehicle, Dr. Brereton announced, "free emergency service to the citizens of Altadena."

In the late 1930s Brereton sold the facility to Dr. Thomas G. Mallard who sold it to a group of osteopathic physicians in 1946. Soon afterwards the facility was enlarged with a new wing on Lake Avenue along with an annex in back capable of serving 22 patients. The original building, (hidden behind the ambulance in the upper photo) was remodeled beyond recognition.

The hospital operated under the direction of Dr. Richard A. Schaub, who died in 1971. The last patients were released and the hospital was boarded up in November, 1974. The building was modernized and today serves as medical offices.

Sources: Peterson, Robert H., *Altadena's Golden Years*, 1976; *Altadena Press*, April 12, 1934 (photo upper right); *Then and Now*, First Federal Savings and Loan, 1959 (photo lower right)



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