



19. Casa de la Reina

Known locally as *Casa de la Reina*, it was built on plots 121 and 122 of the street with the same name according to the extension plan designed in 1840 by José Serrano; the construction is a project by Joaquín Cabrera.

It was comprised of two buildings, one facing La Barraca Street and another La Reina Street, owned by Bernabé Dombón Olivar, born in Zaragoza in the early 19th century and inventor of machinery for the Royal Household.

The building on La Barraca Street was built between 1859 and 1861 and used as a workshop; it consisted of two floors on a rectangular plot with a traditional gabled roof. The floors connected to the building on La Reina Street through a courtyard.

Very similar to the original project, the current façade is designed symmetrically with regard to the entrance door with five openings per floor topped with a semicircular arch, with the entrance standing out. Openings on the ground floor are narrower than on the first floor and feature highly decorated ironwork like those on the main façade.

The building on La Reina Street was completed in 1862 according to the date visible on the ironwork of the central opening and was used as a home. It features a structure of load-bearing walls perpendicular to the façade to create three longitudinal spaces; the double-height central space leads to the courtyard. Two staircases, one on each side of the corridor, lead to the mezzanine floor with the servants' quarters. The main rooms are located on the first floor with greater quality and more decorative finishes, such as the Nolla-style flooring and mural paintings.

The eclectic neo-renaissance main façade consists of a base with a ground floor, mezzanine and main floor. Five openings per floor are distributed symmetrically with respect to the main door. The upper floor has five balcony doors of the same size and a balcony running along the entire façade.

Decoration can mainly be found in the mouldings marking the different levels, frames around the opening, pilasters and tympana on the upper floor.

Both buildings currently house the municipal library.