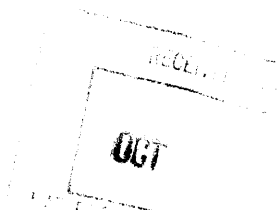


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Benjamin Templeton House

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 923 North Center Avenue N/A not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

James W. Gawicki ARIZONA STATE PARKS 4 OCTOBER 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	<u>Annah D. Pope</u>	<u>11/20/02</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain): _____	_____	_____

Benjamin Templeton House

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing).

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT

other TERRA COTTA

WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1929

Significant Dates

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hearn Brothers

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository: _____

Benjamin Templeton House

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429540	3638320	3	_____	_____
2	___	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **Black and White photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instruction, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Pinal County, AZ

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Benjamin Templeton House is located on an east-facing corner lot within a residential area. This Spanish Colonial Revival style domestic single dwelling is constructed of adobe and finished in white stucco. The original building is between 1000 and 2000 square feet in size; there is an addition to the rear that is nearly as large. The building features unornamented parapet walls with canales, parapets that step at corners, a chimney on the north side, wood posts, and a red tiled shed roof. Recently remodeled, the building is in very good condition. The building is on its original site, still surrounded by a cohesive neighborhood fabric. The sensitively placed addition to the rear allows the original structure to be clearly visible from the street. The site itself has been landscaped and has a low wall encompassing the property that is in keeping with the original design, as it mimics the stepping of the top of the fireplace and the corner-capped parapets. Although the original windows have been replaced, the proportions and placement of the fenestration have remained the same so that the feeling and association of the property remains. Significant materials such as stucco and tile are in place and are well maintained, and the original intent of the design is clearly visible.

This dwelling is located on a corner lot in the residential area that is the First Addition, which was platted in 1913. This house has an L-shaped floor plan with a slightly projecting wing to the front. A front entry porch fills out the L-shaped floor plan and projects even further than the plane of the projecting wing. The building is one story in height, constructed of adobe with a stucco finish, and is accented with wood and red-clay tile. The roof is a flat roof of asphalt with parapet walls. Built on a concrete foundation, adobe load-bearing walls support joists that carry the roof. Specific significant features of the house are its entry porch, windows, doors, and chimney. The covered front porch has a tiled shed roof, a low wall finished in stucco, and wood post supports. The windows are vinyl and aluminum clad casements, and the entry door is a single steel door centered on the right half of façade opening onto an entry porch. The house also has a chimney located to the exterior on the north side. It is a simple block in its massing and is covered in stucco, it has a decorative vent treatment at the top, and it is flanked by a window on each side. Ornament on this building is comprised of corner caps on the parapets, a shed roof entry porch cover and sloping tiled roof beyond, a chimney, and canales. There are no outbuildings associated with this property. The property has immaculately landscaped grounds surrounded by a low concrete block wall. The concrete wall ties in well with the house as it has a decorative pier treatment that mimics the stepping effect of the corner capped parapets and the treatment at the top of the chimney. Alterations include the replacement of the original windows as well as a large addition to the rear. The addition is recent and has a tiled shed roof, a flat roof with parapets, and aluminum slider windows. The residence itself comprises one contributing element to the property; there are no non-contributing elements.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Benjamin Templeton House is significant under Criterion C as an excellent local example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The period of significance is the date of initial construction in 1929. The building is an excellent example of a style popular at the time of its construction. The Spanish Colonial Revival style is conveyed by the tiled porch roof, raised corner caps on the parapet, and canales. The property has good integrity as the design and materials are intact and unaltered, except for the addition of the compatibly designed extension to the rear and a modern landscaped yard. As a member of the Single Family Neighborhood Dwelling property type, the building is in its original location within a residential neighborhood. As a member of the Primary Structure subtype, this building possesses the characteristics of its type as it sits within a neighborhood of dwelling buildings of the same property subtype, and shares the same setbacks and orientation as those adjacent buildings. The building is set on the front of the site with a front yard serving as a transition between the building and the street. The property has a high degree of stylistic detail in proportion to scale that is commonly found on buildings of this type. There are ten buildings executed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style of the Single-Family Neighborhood Dwelling Property type in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998); this is one of them. There are eight additional buildings of this property type included in the survey that have Spanish Colonial Revival detailing only, making a total of eighteen buildings of this property type within the Casa Grande survey area that employ this style. This group of eighteen comprises the largest group of buildings employing a particular style of the two hundred-and-twenty buildings of this property type within the survey area. This is representative of the prevalence of Spanish-style buildings in Casa Grande.

HISTORY OF PROPERTY

This house was built in 1929 for Benjamin Templeton, who remained its owner at least as late as 1940. Later, according to three informants, Leona Darr, a local nurse who managed the Casa Grande Hospital, occupied it. Templeton was the eldest of three sons born to Floyd and Caroline Phoebe Templeton, who came to Casa Grande in 1919 when Floyd established a real estate company. The Templeton family built and operated the Cottonwoods, a swimming pool and recreation area that they operated as a business for several years. Floyd R. Templeton also was instrumental in establishing Electrical District No. 2, for which he served as secretary until his death in 1935.

INTEGRITY

Alterations and additions to the property include window replacement, the rear addition, and site/landscape enhancements. From a visual standpoint, the most important characteristics of the windows are their shape, number, and location and the fact that they are deeply recessed within the home's exterior walls. Window pattern is secondary. The addition, while large, has obscured only the rear façade; both street façades as well as the south side remain unaltered. The design of the addition is compatible yet clearly differentiated from the original by the use of arches and slightly different roof forms and the more modern fenestration. The scale of the addition respects its historic "mother." The landscape enhancements, as well, are in keeping with the character of the building while being differentiated by the unstuccoed masonry used in its construction. Therefore, the building retains a high degree of architectural integrity and qualifies it for National Register listing.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Benjamin Templeton House property is lot 21-22 of Block 13 in the First Addition Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Photo # 1 View: West

Photographer: Bob Graham
Date: September 4, 2001
Location of Original Negatives: Metropolis Design Group
2601 N. Third Street, Suite 308
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Photo # 2 View: Southwest

Photographer: Gabrielle Harlan
Date: December 7, 2000
Location of Original Negatives: Metropolis Design Group
2601 N. Third Street, Suite 308
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Photo # 3 View: South

Photographer: Gabrielle Harlan
Date: December 7, 2000
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