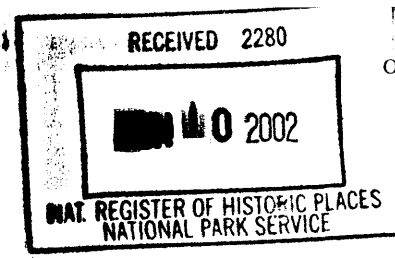


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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, 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 N/A

other names/site number 915 E. Pierce Street/Grand Pyramid House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 915 E. Pierce Street not for publication

city or town Phoenix vicinity

state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code 013 zip code 85006

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James W. Gowen Arizona State Parks
Signature of certifying official
State or Federal agency and bureau

5 JUNE 2002
Date

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

Signature of Keeper Edson A. Beall Date of Action 7.17.02

- I hereby certify that this property is:
- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register
 - other (explain): _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many as apply)		Category of Property (check as many as apply)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing		
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<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site				site
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure				structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object				object
		1			Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling	Domestic/single dwelling
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
Colonial Revival	foundation Stone, raised
_____	walls brick
_____	roof asphalt
_____	other wood
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

See continuation sheet

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

c. 1907

Significant Dates

1907-08

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Criteria Considerations

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

- 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:

City of Phoenix, Historic Preservation Office

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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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

name/title	<u>John Clifford Armstrong</u>	date	<u>January 2001</u>
organization		telephone	<u>(602) 253-5414</u>
street & number	<u>915 E. Pierce Street</u>	zip code	<u>85006-3340</u>
city or town	<u>Phoenix</u>	state	<u>AZ</u>

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/title	<u>John Clifford Armstrong</u>	telephone	<u>(602) 253-5414</u>
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SECTION 7 – DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The structure at 915 E. Pierce Street, hereinafter referred to as “the house”, is now a private single-family residence. The house was constructed circa 1907 and designed in the Colonial Revival style. This late Victorian Era home is a two-story brick building distinguished by a pyramidal-type roof. The house is a custom adaptation of a local architectural theme, known as the pyramid cottage. The house is unique among pyramid cottages however, in that it is larger and grander in scale than other remaining pyramid cottages in the downtown Phoenix area and is a full two stories. Pyramid cottages were typically one story with an attic and were relatively modest in scope and size. The house is located in the historic Dennis Addition of what is currently known as “The Garfield District”.

DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

The design characteristics that the subject property shares with typical pyramid cottages of the period are: (1) a curving ‘belcast’ hip roof with a central dormer; (2) a recessed entryway; (3) an offset front porch with a single, classical-column; (4) applied ornaments including a detailed, corbelled brick architrave at the façade of the front arched window and segmentally-arched, chipped brick trim over door and window openings, and (5) double-hung windows. The roof of the house is unique to the pyramid cottage style of architecture because it does not come to a point in the center of the front façade. Instead, the roofline rises at steeper angles on all sides of the house and flattens out to a horizontal line in the center, providing maximum livable interior space on the second floor for this style of house. In effect, the top of this ‘potentially tall pyramid’ is ‘cut off’ before reaching full height, which keeps the roofline in better proportion design-wise to the rest of the structure. The central dormers in the roof are also larger than in other pyramid cottages. The dormers contain full-size (two 53-inch X 29-inch windows per dormer), double-hung wooden windows, allowing standing room inside the dormers on the second floor. There is approximately 900 square feet of livable space on the second story. All other remaining pyramid cottages in the surrounding area and downtown core appear to be single-story with small attic or ventilation areas above the first floor. For a visual comparison of this difference, see the photograph and drawing of a typical pyramid cottage on Page 5 of Section 7 and compare those to the photograph of the subject property on Page 3, Section 8 and the photographs of the front elevation of the house (Photographs 8,9, and 10), as listed in Section 11, Page 1. The house originally had two narrow brick chimneys connected to wood burning stoves on either side. The eastern chimney was removed when the second story was remodeled during restoration in the early 1990’s. All bricks are embossed with raised edges and large, raised initials in the center of the top surface. The initials are “W.B.C.”, which presumably stand for “Western Brick Company”. The front and side windows of the brick structure all have brick windowsills. Originally, on the south side of the structure facing the back yard, there was a sleeping porch. Apparently, the porch was framed in around 1914, according to a date found in the old exterior wall during restoration. It was at that time that a kitchen appears to have been added to the framed-in area, in what once was the back sleeping porch. Windows in the original brick portion of the structure are all oversized, measuring 8 feet in height, excluding upper and lower trim. The wooden windows are double-hung, with the lower window sliding up and down on rope sashes attached to a pulley and weight system inside the side trim.

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The house now stands on a single 50 X 137-foot lot in the middle of the 900 block of what is currently East Pierce Street. Street names changed in 1906. The house was originally on Desert Street, between Arizona and Alta Streets in the Dennis Addition to the original Phoenix Township (platted in 1883).

The house was constructed prior to widespread automobile use. There is and apparently never has been a garage on the property, nor is there room between the house and side lot boundaries for an adequately wide driveway. According to the 1911 Sanborn Fire Map, a separate, smaller structure existed at the very rear of the property, immediately off of the rear alley. This may have been a carriage house (as was the custom before automobiles were commonplace) or some sort of exterior restroom. If it were an 'outhouse', it is doubtful that it would have been located inconveniently at the very rear of the lot.

The property was resurveyed in 1998. The house is simply too big for the lot, unlike smaller neighboring homes that were built in the 1910s and 1920s, which allow for side driveways and/or detached garages in the back. Other characteristics of note are that the house had no original closets or cabinets, other than a small closet under the stairs in the front parlor. The construction crew that performed most of the original rehabilitation work in the early 1990s also could find no sign of original plumbing in the house. It was apparent that the old plumbing that was present was added after initial construction. Likewise, electricity appears to have been a later addition to the original house. The holes for the wiring were not made with the same quality of craftsmanship evident elsewhere in the original house, nor were there any electrical light fixtures or outlets that fit in with the design period or architectural style of the original house. There were no electrical receptacles found in the original house. Also of note is that the original wood flooring found throughout the first and second stories of the house is Douglas fir. Apparently, oak replaced Douglas fir as the most popular flooring material in Phoenix after the turn of the century. The height (9 inches) and style (corniced, with ornate Victorian cornerbeads) of the wooden baseboards are decidedly Victorian. Likewise, the window and door trim moldings are ornate with corniced wood surrounds and a complex dentil design on the top. Interior doors are 5-panel Douglas fir. Door hardware consists of ornate, Victorian copper plates and knobs.

The size and scope of the house at 915 E. Pierce Street are what sets it apart from the rest of the neighborhood. Inside, the main rooms are expansive with 12-foot ceilings. All walls are double brick, the interiors of which are covered with plaster. Main rooms in the house average 15.5 X 14.25 feet in size. The formal dining room is large enough to seat 10 to 12. Oversized windows bathe these rooms in morning and afternoon sunlight. The first floor consists of a front entry or living room off of the front porch. This room appears to have been a parlor or front bedroom. There is a smaller room to the back of this room that is now a large, full bathroom. Behind these two rooms is another room that is now a kitchen. Behind the kitchen (on the west side) and the dining room (on the east side) is the enclosed rear portion of the house (which was once the back sleeping porch). This space has been divided into a family room or bedroom behind the dining room, and a separate ¾ bath and utility room with access to the back yard, behind the current kitchen. Both front doors to the house are original. They appear to be two-panel with dentil molding on the exterior above the center glass panels. Both doors are Victorian in design and are quite ornate. One door still has the original beveled glass. The total square footage for the lower level is approximately 1500. Stairs leading to the upper level are off of the current kitchen. The upper level consists of a full bathroom (under construction), a closet, and a huge main room. Square footage for the second story is approximately 900. Total livable square footage for the house comes in just under 2400.

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CURRENT APPEARANCE AND ALTERATIONS

As of January 2001, the house is approximately 80% restored. With the exception of the rear framed-in porch area, all exterior brick walls are original. In fact, at present, the brick exterior needs to be re-mortared and some broken/worn bricks need to be replaced. The rear porch area was recovered with new siding in the early 1990s. A large patio slab and trellis were built onto the rear of the house in 1998. At the same time, a block wall was installed around the perimeter of the side and rear yards. Current landscaping is new. Prior to 1998, the property had no landscaping. Before the house was rehabilitated in the early 1990s, the structure was abandoned and inhabited by a mixture of homeless individuals, drug addicts, and local gang members. Graffiti and serious vandalism were found throughout the house prior to reconstruction.

The only alterations to the front of the house consist of an asphalt shingle roof and concrete porch railing. The original roofing material was wood shake. Front porch railing was not a construction element of original Pyramid cottages. This railing is scheduled for removal when the front porch is reconstructed sometime within the next year. Estimates are currently being sought for redoing the brick mortar, reconstruction of the front porch floor, and elevated planters on either side of the front walk. The original two front doors are intact and in very good shape. The same applies to all of the windows in the original portion of the house. Currently, the house trim is white and the front doors are red. The asphalt roof is gray. There are no nonconforming or additional structures on the property.

The current condition of the house is perhaps its most notable characteristic in comparison to the surrounding area. The house is located in the Garfield District, an area that is locally renowned for its neglect and crime. Absentee landlords own approximately 85% of the district. Most of the original homes have either suffered from serious neglect, substantial alterations with nonconforming additions and subdivision into apartments or tenements, or demolition. Zoning violations in this area are rampant. Fortunately, there is hope for the area to rebound with the revitalization of downtown Phoenix. The Garfield District is the closest historic area to the central downtown business and entertainment sectors. The house at 915 E. Pierce Street is one of very few structures in the area to be rehabilitated and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places to date.

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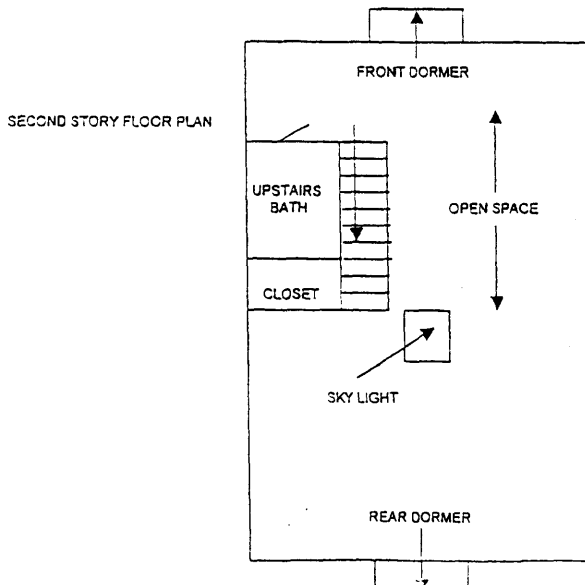
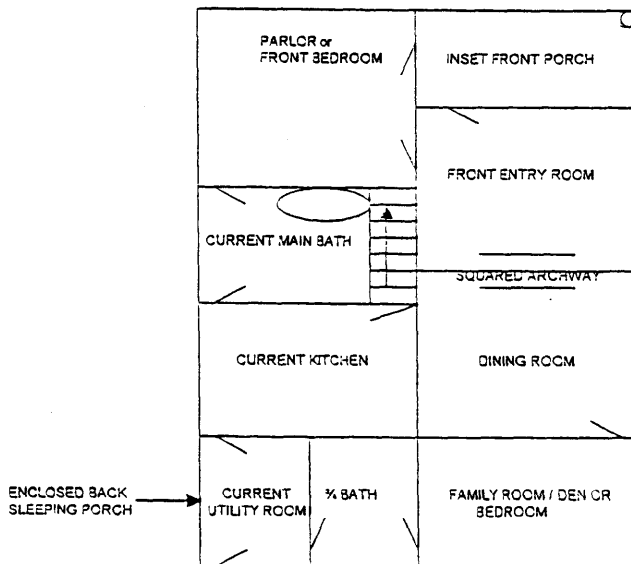
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BUILDING SKETCH

915 East Pierce Street
Basic Floor Plan (Ground Floor)

NOT TO SCALE



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PUBLISHED DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPICAL PYRAMID COTTAGE

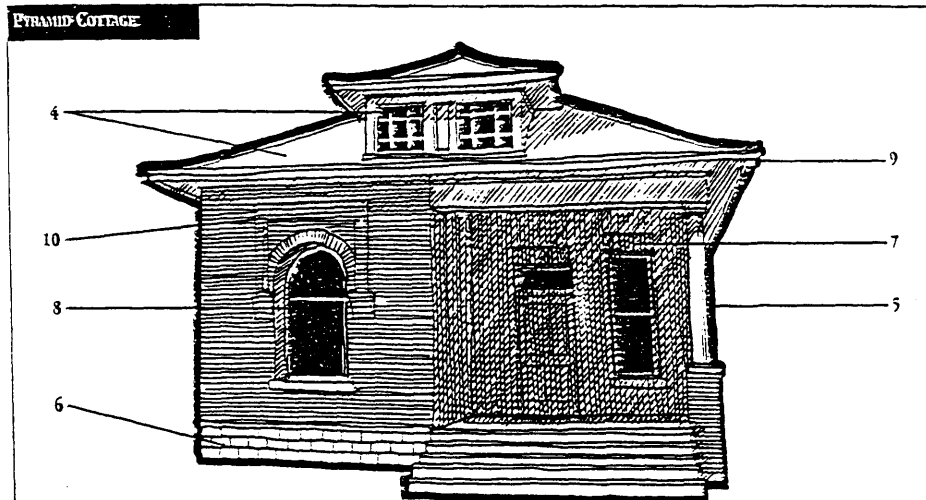
PYRAMID COTTAGE

One story and usually rectangular or square in plan, the hip-roofed Pyramid Cottages were the simplest and last type of building during the Victorian Era. Featuring an ornamental front porch covering a recessed front entry, the simplified Pyramid Cottage did not include the variations of massing, roofs and materials found in earlier Victorian styles. This modest, middle-class cottage was clearly a transitional style—the direct predecessor of the Classical Bungalow—with which it shared many characteristics. As with other Victorian Era styles, plans for Pyramid Cottages were readily available in house pattern books and periodicals of the time.

THE VICTORIAN ERA: 1885-1905



The curving "belcast" hip roof with a small central dormer, a recessed entry and single-columned porch make this small home a typical Pyramid Cottage.



PYRAMID COTTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. One story
- 2. Cross wing floor plan
- 3. Asymmetrical facade, boxlike shape, small and simple massing
- 4. Hip roof, sometimes "belcast" or curved as it reaches the eaves; a small

- dormer is centered on the front roof
- 5. Front porch over the recessed entry supported usually by one column
- 6. Raised stone or concrete block foundations with brick or rusticated concrete block upper walls

- 7. Tall, flat-topped, round or segmentally arched door and window openings
- 8. Double-hung and fixed picture windows
- 9. Simple molded wood trim
- 10. Corbeled brick masonry trim

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SECTION 8 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 915 East Pierce Street is an excellent and well-preserved example of the once-common pyramid cottage. The architectural style is that of the late Victorian Era, under the general classification of Colonial Revival. This style of architecture is loosely referred to as a transitional style, falling between the more ornate Victorian designs and the new bungalow styles that became popular at the beginning of the 20th Century. The pyramid cottage is thought to be the direct predecessor of the Classical Bungalow – particularly the ‘hip-roof bungalow’. What makes this house particularly significant is that it is unique among the few remaining pyramid cottages in downtown Phoenix because of its larger size, the presence of a full second story, and its current condition. The house at 915 East Pierce Street is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C for the significance of its architecture.

Regarding size, 915 E. Pierce is larger than other pyramid cottages remaining in the downtown Phoenix area. While at first glance there are many structural similarities, it is only the proportions of the significant architectural features that are similar; the actual scale of the subject property is grander in both scope and size. The house appears larger in person because the exterior structure and interior rooms are indeed larger than those found in the typical pyramid cottage. This significant difference is not apparent from a photograph because proportions of structural elements are similar. Main rooms on the lower level are large and expansive, with 12-foot ceilings and oversized 8-foot double-hung windows. The main three front rooms average 15.5 X 14.25 feet, including an entry room, a parlor or front bedroom and a large dining room. The overall effect is not one of a ‘cottage’ but of something grander and more impressive, especially with the large, wood-framed, square archway between the main entry room and the dining room (measuring 8.5 feet high by 7.75 feet wide). There are eight rooms on the first floor. Square footage, including the enclosed back porch area (now subdivided into three interior rooms), is approximately 1500 on the first floor alone. With the fully finished second floor (the interior was finished in 1993 with drywall; the wood flooring upstairs was left original), the total square footage for the house comes in just under 2400.

The presence of a full and livable second floor also makes 915 E. Pierce Street unique among pyramid cottages. The second floor contains approximately 900 square feet of livable space. Second story dormers are full size and contain double-hung wooden windows, whereas in other homes of this style (such as The Teeter House in Heritage Square – downtown Phoenix), dormers are smaller with smaller windows or ventilators and a lower, wider angle roof line, all of which are indicative of a low-ceiling attic for storage instead of a full second story. The four dormer windows at 915 E. Pierce (2 front, 2 rear) measure approximately 53 inches (5 feet) by 29 inches wide each. The roofline is also not fully pyramidal in shape. The roof rises at steeper angles on all sides of the house and flattens out to a horizontal line in the center, providing maximum livable interior space on the second floor for this style of house. In effect, the top of this ‘potentially tall pyramid’ is ‘cut off’ before reaching full height, which keeps the roofline in better proportion design-wise to the rest of the structure.

The present condition of the house is also notable. The structure was largely restored in the early 1990s. The structure is intact and in original condition (except for the rear façade which was given new siding with the restoration, a new asphalt composition roof, and concrete railing added to the front porch). The railing is scheduled for removal shortly. The condition of the subject property is noteworthy, given the condition of many other pyramid cottages in the downtown core, particularly those found in the present day Garfield area.

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The house is located on Lot 13, Block 7 of the Mount Pleasant Tract of the Dennis Addition to the city of Phoenix, according to Book 2 of Maps, page 9, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. According to early tract book records, lots 12, 13 and 14 were packaged together. The Dennis Addition was originally platted in 1883. It is important to note that the Dennis Addition is known as the first suburb to the original township of Phoenix. The Mount Pleasant Tract of the Dennis Addition was officially dedicated in 1891 by E. Pennoyer and Frances L. Cole. According to the tract book, in 1899 Frances Cole sold Block 7 of the Mt. Pleasant Tract to Sarah Burtis. Sarah Burtis then sold Block 7 to George D. Burtis in 1904; George Burtis took a mortgage from Phoenix Building and Loan Association in 1904 for lots 4, 5, and 6 and lots 11, 12, and 13. George Burtis satisfied the mortgage from Phoenix Building and Loan in 1907 for lots 12, 13, and 14. He then took a mortgage from Lena Steineggar in 1907 for lots 12, 13, and 14. Since the address appears in the 1908 city directory as 915 E. Pierce Street (Lot 13) the loan was likely taken to help finance the construction of the house. The city directories for 1908 and 1909 show a single man, a bank teller (R. B. Shupp of Phoenix National Bank), residing at 915 E. Pierce Street. The 1911 Sanborn map shows the house located at 915 E. Pierce with only one other house on the street. The next occupant was not listed until 1916, at which time M. J. Burns and family occupied the house. Mr. Burns was listed as a banker for Valley Bank (which later became Valley National Bank) at the time. The house was occupied from 1916 to 1919 by Burns and his family.

The house appears to be the first structure built on the south side of the 900 block of East Pierce Street. It is present on the 1911 Sanborn Map. Unfortunately, the previous edition of the Sanborn Map (1901) does not show the Dennis Addition in any detail, making it impossible to locate a specific structure in the area at that time. However, it is apparent from city directories that the Dennis Addition and specifically what is now Pierce Street, contained houses as early as 1895. Verification of the construction date and original owner(s) of 915 E. Pierce Street proved to be difficult due to street name changes and inconsistencies in directories. What is clear is that the house stood alone on the 900 block of Pierce Street (1911 Sanborn Map); that the area that it was built in was one of the earliest areas to be developed in the Garfield District; and that the house was probably one of the earliest homes built in the entire area, or at least has qualified as one of the oldest remaining structures in the area. It may be that 915 East Pierce Street is one of a few, intact, turn-of-the-century residences remaining in the core downtown Phoenix area. The house is now a stable anchor in a very problematic historic area, as well as a source of identity and pride for the Dennis Addition and the entire Garfield Neighborhood. It is for these reasons, that the house is listed as the "**main building of the district**" in the Garfield Neighborhood Historic Resource Survey completed by the city of Phoenix in 1994 (See the Historic Property Inventory Form describing the house in this Section of the Registration Materials).

Under Section 1 at the beginning of the registration form, the other names/site number is listed as "**915 East Pierce Street; Grand Pyramid House (preferred)**". The reason for the preferred name of "**Grand Pyramid House**" is because the structure appears to be the largest and grandest remaining example of the pyramid cottage style of architecture in the downtown area. The house deserves this sort of special designation because of its architectural significance to the city of Phoenix and its symbolic importance to the Garfield District, in which it currently resides.

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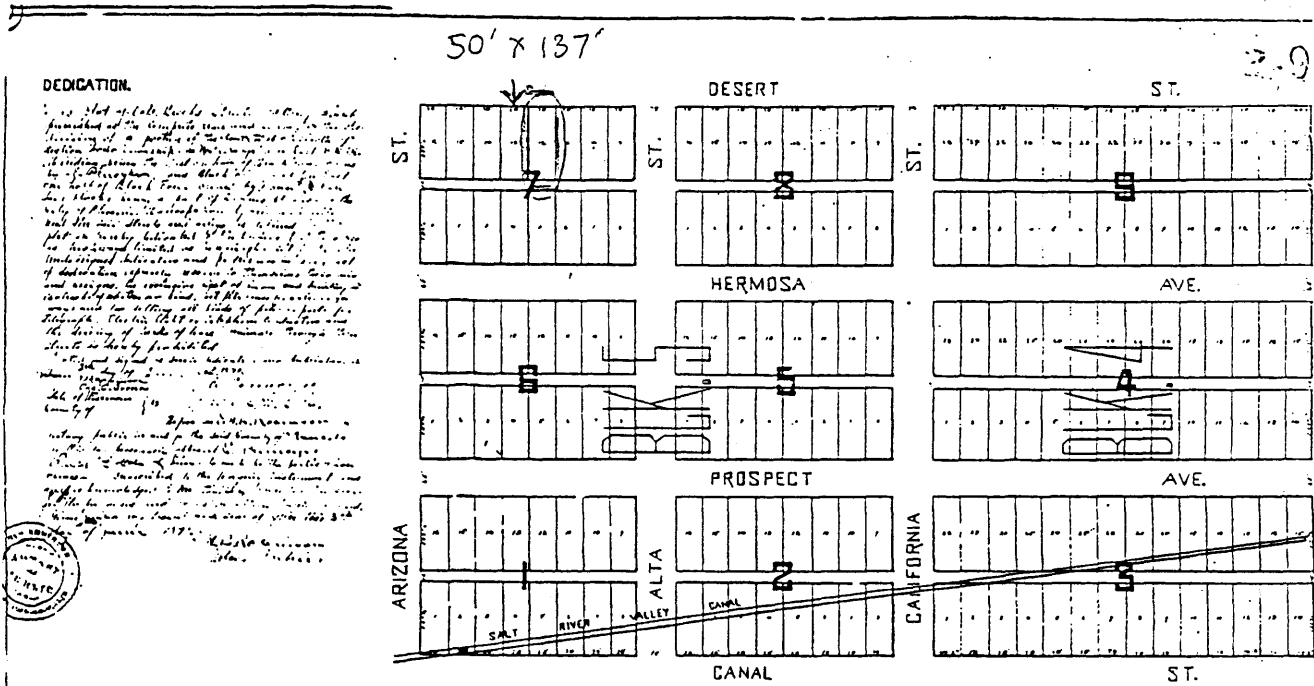
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PLAT MAP OF MOUNT PLEASANT TRACT, DENNIS ADDITION



MAP of

MOUNT PLEASANT tract.

THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 4 & 5.

DENNIS ADDITION TO PHOENIX.

1891.

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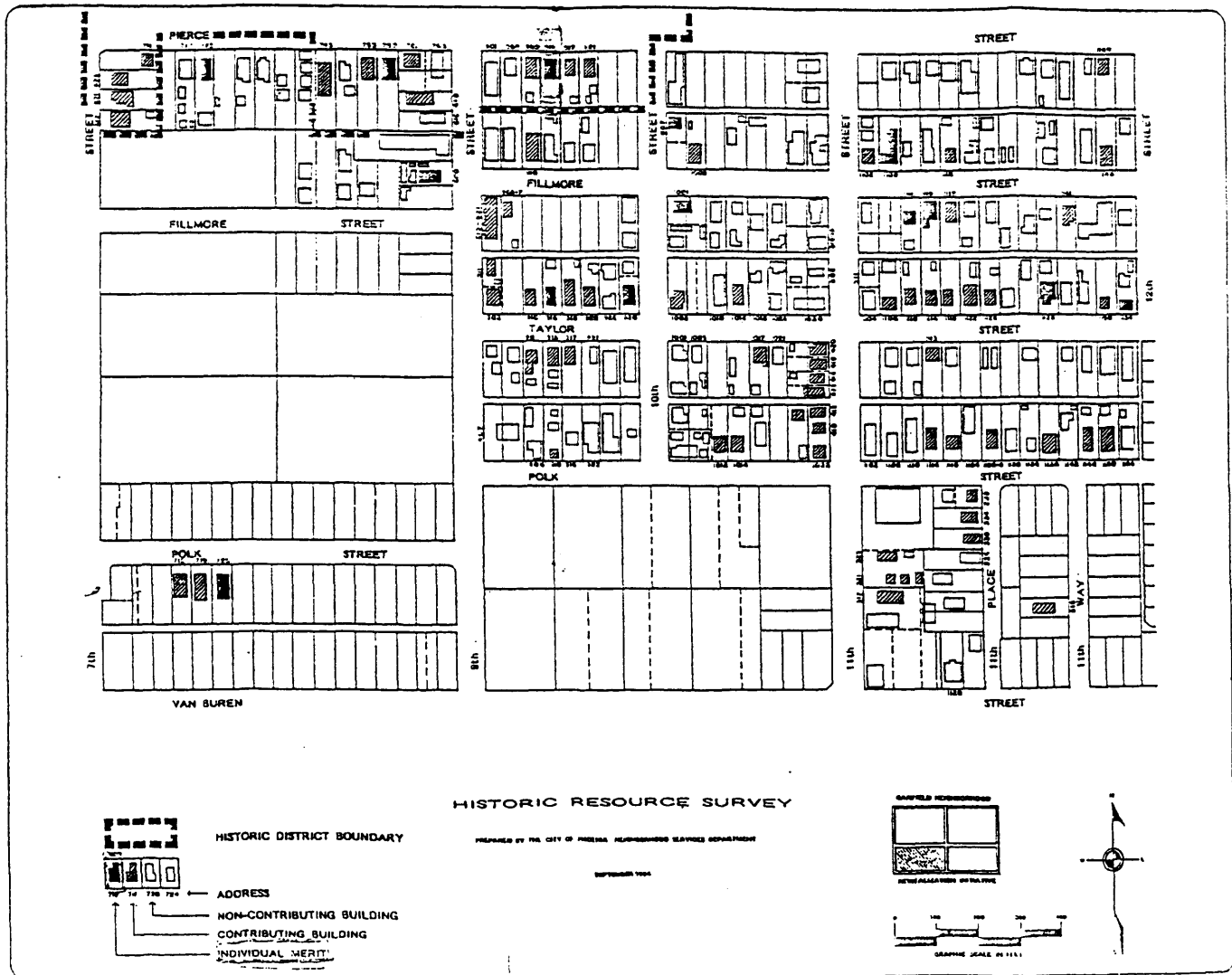
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GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE AREA
Historic Resource Survey Map

DETAIL OF SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF GARFIELD HISTORIC SURVEY



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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 13, Block 7, Mount Pleasant Tract, Dennis Addition, City of Phoenix according to the Book of Maps, Page 9, records of Maricopa County, Arizona.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the existing property historically associated with 915 E. Pierce Street on Lot 13 of Block 7. Originally, the house was part of a package of three adjoining lots (12, 13, 14). Lots 12 and 14, on either side of the house, were sold in the 1920s.

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Information applies to all photographs except where noted.

1. 915 E. Pierce Street House
2. Maricopa County, Arizona
3. Cliff Armstrong, photographer
4. January 18, 2001
5. Negatives held at Arizona SHPO

Photo 1: Interior, from dining room out to front of house. Shows entry room and square archway between entry room and dining room.

Photo 2: Interior, from front entry into dining room.

Photo 3: Rear elevation showing enclosed sleeping porch, view N.

Photo 4: View from southeast corner of house (rear) showing how new construction is attached to original construction.

Photo 5: View of west side of house from rear showing window treatments and eaves.

Photo 6: View SW of front doors from front porch. Door with mail slot goes into front entry room. Door behind plant goes into front parlor or bedroom. Note: the house was not construction as a duplex in the typical sense. Original doorways connect both sides of the house internally. Doors and doorways have not been altered.

Photo 7: View of front arched window with brick treatment.

Photo 8: View S of front elevation showing second story dormers.

Photo 9: View SW of front elevation of house.

Photo 10: View SE of front elevation of house.