

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME San Carlos Hotel		UTM: Z 12; E 723 290; N 362 3200		Yu108
LOCATION 106 First Street		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH		
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma			
OWNER LeRoy C. Stevens & Earl H. Thompson & Connie Thompson				
OWNER'S ADDRESS 106 First Street				
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society				
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364				
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4/78			
VIEW Southern facade				
PRESENT USE Hotel	ACREAGE less/acre			
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Art Deco				
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1930				

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION The San Carlos Hotel is a four story reinforced concrete building of irregular plan measuring 90 feet by 100 feet. The flat roof is concealed by an undulating geometric band and a central parapet with decorative geometric forms. The arrangement of flat-headed windows in horizontally banded recessed bays is balanced by three pilasters which rise from above the ground floor entryway and extend to the parapet. Tapered light shafts with geometric floral motifs rise from the pilasters and are terminated with finials. Central window spandrels are decorated with geometric forms. An awning extends over the brick street front facade.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The San Carlos Hotel is one of Yuma's best examples of Art Deco design. Built in 1930 at a cost of \$300,000.00, the 107 room hotel had one of the earliest cooling systems, operating from a well in the basement and circulated by fans. Until residential cooling became readily available, many prominent families maintained rooms at the San Carlos during the hot summer months. Under renovation by the owners, it will when completed, provide living space for 59 residents, a multi-purpose room (the former garage) for activities and offices, a coffee shop, bar and restaurant. The San Carlos was for many years, headquarters for Hollywood stars seeking Arizona's "accelerated" wedding ceremonies as well as movie crews on location. (See Item 8, p.5)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 7; Lot 17; Yuma Townsite