

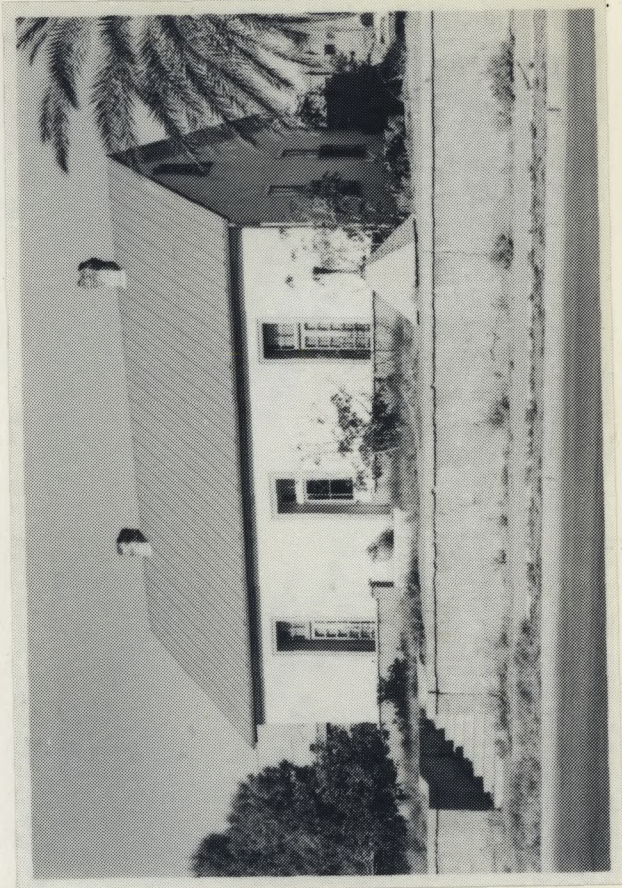
ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

APR 21 1980

PROPERTY NAME Ortiz House	
LOCATION 206 South First Avenue	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma
OWNER Nick Graves	
OWNER'S ADDRESS 206 South First Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364	
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society	
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364	
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4-78
VIEW East elevation	
PRESENT USE Residential	ACREAGE less/acre
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Early 20th Century adobe cottage	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1901	

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
 The Ortiz House is a one story residence consisting of a main element 45 feet wide by 40 feet deep and various rear additions measuring about 35 feet deep and 32 feet wide. Unburned adobe was used as the primary building material throughout the structure. Exterior wall surfaces are plastered; the roof is covered with corrugated "V" crimp metal panels. All major roofs are gabled. The front facade is symmetrical and features three bays---each containing a pair of French doors and a transom. Other major features include corbelled chimneys and louvered ventilators in the gables. Except for the removal of a front porch the house is substantially unchanged from its 1901 appearance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
 The Ortiz House is the best example of Anglicized Sonoran architecture to be found in Yuma. Built in 1901, the main part of the structure features a floor plan, window treatment, and front elevation typical of many Sonoran buildings in the last half of the 19th century. Its "Anglo" character stemmed chiefly from siting (detached with side yards) and roof configuration (gabled with the ridge parallel to the front property line). This marriage of styles was accomplished by G. A. Ortiz, a carpenter and mason who moved from Sonora to Tucson in the late 1890's. He then relocated in Yuma about 1900. The house he built is still sound and is a significant contribution to the integrity of the historic district.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 Block 96; Lot 1; Yuma Townsite