ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH

PROPERTY NAME Jenny Kent House LOCATION 450 Third Avenue CITY/TOWN/VICINITY COUNTY Yuma OWNER Charles Tuhacek OWNER'S ADDRESS 450 Third Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364

FORM COMPLETED BY

Yuma County Historical Society

ADDRESS

240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364

PHOTO BY DATE 4/78 P. Callahan VIEW Front facade from east PRESENT USE ACRIDACED less/acre

Residence/single family STATE OR CULTURAL PERIOD

Frame Residence with Neo-Classical influence

SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1905; modified 1940s

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
The house at 450 Third Avenue is a two story frame structure of asymmetrical massing over an irregular plan. The building measures about 35 feet wide by 40 feet deep. Exterior wall surfaces are finished with horizontal boards. The roof is ridged with cross gables on both the north and south sides. The attic is vented through several gable dormers. Windows are discrete; several are double-hung; all are multi-paned. A two story porch fills the southeastern quadrant of the structure. The columns are square and undecorated. During the 1940s the house was rehabilitated and slightly modified. Its original integrity is, however, recoverable.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1905 by Miss Jennie Kent, a local school teacher, the house at 450 Third Avenue is the best preserved of the two story frame residences built in Yuma during the first two decades of the 20th century. Like other similar structures of its time period, the Kent House employes a 19th century "Victorian" floor plan and massing scheme to deal with the extra height of the second story. However, the simplicity of the house and its original spare use of classical details are typical of the styles which dominated architectural work after 1900. The building was bought in 1920 by another prominent Yuma pioneer, Dr. J. P. Yemen, a dentist.

ERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 118; Lot 4; Yuma Townsite