


# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME First Congregational Church and Parsonage		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH YHF 148	
LOCATION 216-220 East Gurley			
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai		
OWNER First Congregational Church of Prescott			
OWNER'S ADDRESS 216 East Gurley Prescott, AZ 86301			
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation			
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302			
PHOTO BY Bill Garrett	DATE 1978		
VIEW Site from SE			
PRESENT USE Semi-public (religious)	ACREAGE		
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD (1) Romanesque Revival and (2) Victorian			
SIGNIFICANT DATES (1) Built 1904 (2) Built 1899			

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION** The church is a large masonry structure roughly three stories in height. Massing is asymmetrical and revolves around a square tower. Roofs are gabled with the exception of the one on the east end, which is polygonal. Semi-circular arches occur in the corbel table of the tower, over windows, and above the main entry. Due to deterioration of the original masonry, the structure was substantially rebuilt in 1916. The parsonage is located west of the church. It is a wood frame structure of asymmetrical massing on a floor plan which is approximately 35 feet wide and 50 feet deep. A variety of roof shapes are used; all are shingled. Detailing is generally massive and of the jig sawed type.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** The First Congregational Church of Prescott claims regional importance as the first church of its kind in the Southwest: regular services have been held continuously since October 1880. Membership in the church has included many notable Prescott residents: T.W. Otis, the Pentlands, Hazeltines, Clarks, and Burmisters, to name a few. Architecturally the church structure is one of the few examples of Romanesque Revival in the city. The parsonage, which was built by the construction firm of Sines and Maxwell, exhibits influence from the Queen Anne, Gothic Revival, and Shingle Style. Together, the church and parsonage occupy a special niche in the community's social development.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lots 21 and 23; Block 10  
Original Townsite