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"HISTORIC BUILDING FORM"

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# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

**IDENTIFICATION** Nogales Architectural/  
**SURVEY AREA NAME:** Historical Resource Survey  
**HISTORIC NAME:** U.S. Custom House  
**ADDRESS/LOCATION:** International & Terrace Streets  
**CITY/TOWN:** Nogales, Arizona  
**TAX PARCEL NUMBER:** 101-46-94 ID #AZ0551BB  
**OWNER:** Public: GSA, Region 9  
**OWNER ADDRESS:** 525 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
**HISTORIC USE:** U.S. Custom House  
**PRESENT USE:** Border Station Office Building  
**BUILDING TYPE:** public  
**STYLE:** Period Revival  
**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1934  
**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Louis A. Simon, Super., Archt.  
original site  
**INTEGRITY:** altered, minor  
**CONDITION:** excellent

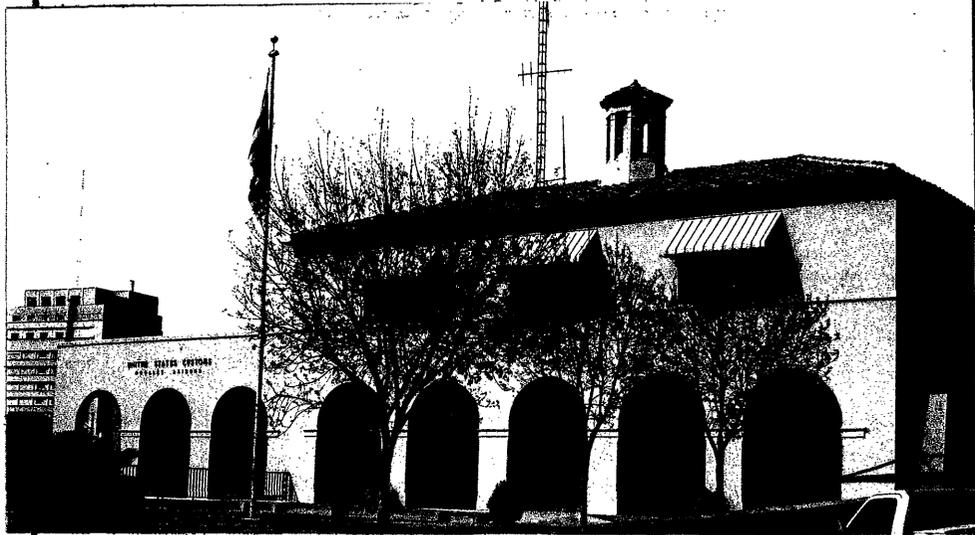
**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz **SURVEY SITE:** 21-26  
**USGS QUAD:** Nogales  
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**UTM** 12/505480E/3466340N (> 1 acre)  
**Description (contd.)**  
**ROOF TYPE:** hip  
**ROOF SHEATHING:** Mexican clay tile  
**EAVES TREATMENT:** boxed cornice  
**WINDOWS:** double-hung (6/6), steel  
**ENTRY:** central entry, double door  
**PORCHES:** arcade below 2nd level  
**STOREFRONTS:** N/A

**DESCRIPTION**  
**STORIES:** 2 **DIMENSIONS:** (l)130 (w) 100  
**STRUCTURAL MATERIAL:** brick  
**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** unknown  
**WALL SHEATHING:** stucco  
**APPLIED ORNAMENT:** plaster crown moulding at  
arch springers; cupola

**NOTABLE INTERIOR:** unknown  
**OUTBUILDINGS:** none  
**ALTERATIONS:** sensitive loading dock at  
rear

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Jim Woodward  
**DATE:** April 1984 **VIEW:** southwest  
**NEGATIVE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SKETCH MAP:**  
 See accompanying map in  
 Nogales MRA documentation.



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

NOTE: Form sent to Treasury Department Preservation Officer in 1985 but never forwarded to National Register. Form revised 12-86. Building has not changed appearance since the April, 1984 photograph. See Nogales MRA for additional information (#7, p.9).

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE  COMMUNITY PLANNING \_\_\_\_\_ ECONOMICS \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT \_\_\_\_\_ GOVERNMENTAL  MILITARY \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
THEATRE \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION \_\_\_\_\_ TOURISM \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Associated with the U.S. Customs Service and prominent Federal Architect, Louis A. Simon.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Symbolic of Nogales' important role as (cont. below)

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Houses main headquarters of the Arizona District, U.S. Customs

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of Federal Architect Period Revival style.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Unique cupola adorns roof.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Prominently located at border.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

(cont.) primary port of entry from Mexico along the Arizona borders.

Louis Simon served as Chief of the Architectural Division (1904-1933) and Supervising Architect (1933-1941) of the Treasury Department and was responsible for all of the Roosevelt Administration prolific Depression Era federal building construction programs. His period revival interpretations of regional architecture were exemplary and influenced greatly that stylistic trend in the 20th century among other Federal Architects.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL \_\_\_\_\_ RESIDENTIAL STREET \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL SQUARE \_\_\_\_\_  
CBD:  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

The Federal Architect  
Sanborn Maps - 1917, 1930

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:  
LISTED \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ NOT EVALUATED \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR Jim Woodward SURVEY DATE April 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED July 1984