

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial

HISTORIC NAME: J.T. Whitney Funeral Chapel

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 330 N. 2nd Avenue

CITY/TOWN: Phoenix

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 111/42/8, 10, 12

OWNER: Betty H. Ellsworth & Barbara Abraham

OWNER ADDRESS: 1909 Greenwood Drive
San Carlos, CA 94070

HISTORIC USE: funeral home

PRESENT USE: funeral home

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/

STYLE: Pueblo Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1926

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lescher & Mahoney, Architects
and Wasielewski Construction
Company, Contractors

INTEGRITY: original site/unaltered

CONDITION: good/maintained

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 36-19

USGS QUAD: Phoenix

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UTM Zone 12 Easting 400000 Northing 3701

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: flat

ROOF SHEATHING: rolled

EAVES TREATMENT: scalloped parapet

WINDOWS: multi-light, casement - glass
block rear

ENTRY: single door

PORCHES: tile floor, veranda w/vines,
5 concrete steps

STOREFRONTS: central entrance - round
vents 2-story

NOTABLE INTERIOR: original doors,
arches, wainscotting, ceiling height,
spatial arrangement, original

OUTBUILDINGS: curtain rods on porch.

ALTERATIONS: building: extended to
incorporate 3-auto garage at rear (brick)

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1-2B DIMENSIONS: (l) 60 (w) 125

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: (rear is 100 wide)
brick/stucco

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: _____

WALL SHEATHING: stucco

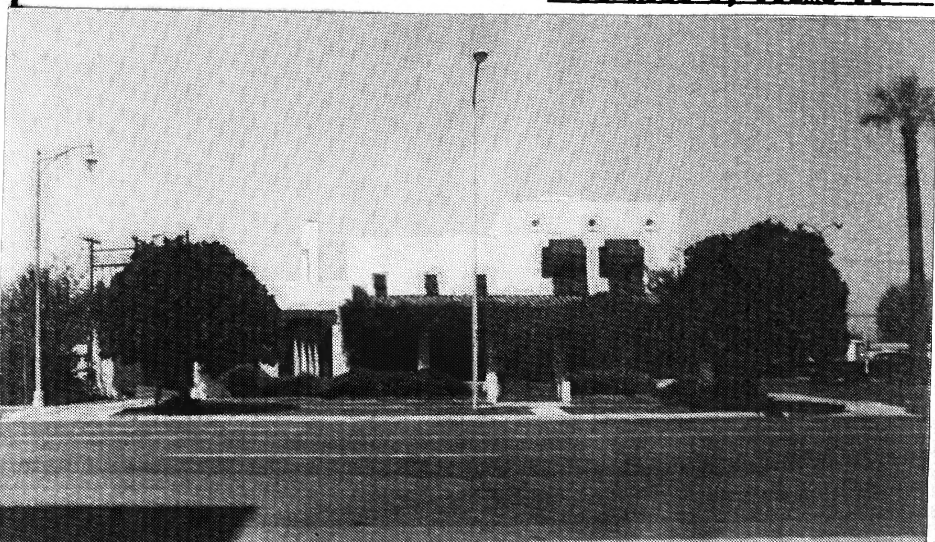
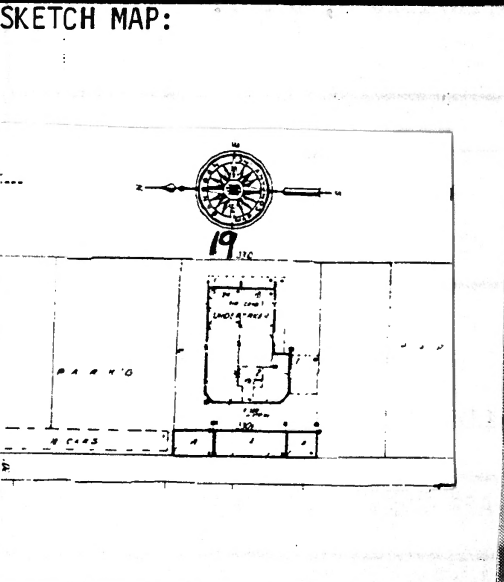
APPLIED ORNAMENT: shutters on 2nd story
grill over windows, flagstone signage

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Gaines

DATE: August 1983 VIEW: W

NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 8, Frame 11





Historic Commercial Properties of Phoenix -
Thematic

Site #36-19 (J.T. Whitney Funeral Chapel)

Supplemental photo #1

Photo by William J. Perreault

Date: June 1985

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Designed by Lescher & Mahoney, one of the city's most important architectural firms. Built by contractor, A.F. Wasielewski, - important Phoenix builder. Funeral home built for J.T. Whitney, Phoenix funeral director from 1903.
 RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT _____

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Unique example of Residential scale Pueblo Revival commercial bld

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL _____

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL _____

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION _____

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: This building has been operated as a funeral home continuously since 1926 by the Whitney family and partners. Building was built by local contractors with local materials.

Building has not been altered and has high overall integrity.

J.T. Whitney began his career as a mortician in 1903 in partnership with S.L. Easterl. By 1912, he was operating independently.

A.F. Wasielewski Construction Co. also built the Luhrs Tower, St. Mary's School, Broop Prep, and many Phoenix homes and businesses. **(see bel

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL _____ RESIDENTIAL STREET _____ COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE _____
 CBD: _____ OTHER: Neighborhood

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Phoenix Directory

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

**Discussion as Required, continued:

Lescher & Mahoney also designed the Title and Trust Building, Orpheum Theater, and dozens of Phoenix homes and businesses.

SURVEYOR J. Garrison etal SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984