

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME C. J. "Blinky" Wilson House		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-128
COMMON PROPERTY NAME			
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 223 West 10th			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 506-07-133	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Nelly Galloway-Hensley		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 223 West 10th			
CITY, TOWN Casa Grande,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY, TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE Feb. 1982	
VIEW looking south			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Contractor: Doak of Casa Grande Architect: San Leandro, Calif., co. plans			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1929-30, Modifications 1930-1940			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The C. J. "Blinky" Wilson house is a one-and two-story adobe building in Spanish Colonial Revival style faced with stucco. It has low-pitched gabled red tile roofs with open eaves. A single-story addition has a flat roof trimmed with red tiles. A major feature of the house is a two-story tower on the northeast corner with hipped roof covered with red tiles. A balcony supported by four brackets projects from the second story front facade, reached through double French doors. The balcony tiled shed roof is supported by corbelled columns connected by a lattice railing. The east facade is broken by uniform double four-over-four light windows on the first and second floors. The house is almost completely hidden behind dense vegetation, but appears to be in excellent condition.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The C. J. Wilson House, built in 1929 - 1930, is significant for its integrity and Spanish Colonial Revival detailing and style. The adobe bricks for the two-story building were made on the site by Mexican labor. The carpenter in charge was C. B. Cosner. Mr. Doak also worked on the home's construction. The original house consisted of six rooms and a basement. Plans were ordered from Los Angeles through the Halstead Lumber Company. The Spanish Colonial Revival styling of the house is evidenced in the red tile roof and lattice-framed balcony. The house is in excellent condition and exemplifies the period revival styles being built in Casa Grande at that time.

C. J. "Blinky" Wilson is a well-known Casa Grande businessman. He began in business in Casa Grande in 1912 - 1913 with his father and brother. The family owned an automobile dealership and auto repair shop. After the father's death in 1934, the Wilson brothers continued the business. In 1947, C. J. Wilson opened another auto dealership built to resemble a boat, named the S. S. Blinky Jr. Wilson retired in 1979. Wilson lived in this house from 1930 to 1940.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index files
Interview: C. J. Wilson--September 1, 1982

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 5 and 6, Block 14, First Addition to Casa Grande

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST

UTM references on continuation sheet

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY