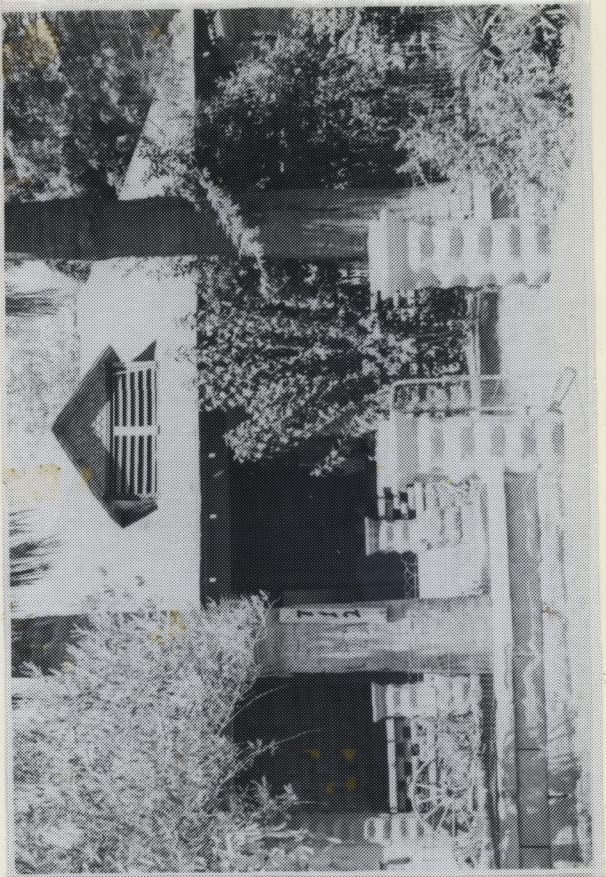


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## ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> Ruth Ewing House		Yu123
<b>LOCATION</b> 712 Second Avenue		<b>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH</b> 
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma	
<b>OWNER</b> Awareness House of Yuma		
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> 712 Second Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY</b> Yuma County Historical Society		
<b>ADDRESS</b> 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>PHOTO BY</b> P. Callahan	<b>DATE</b> 4/78	
<b>VIEW</b> Front elevation from east.		
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Residence/single family	<b>ACREAGE</b> less/acre	
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Early 20th Century Block Cottage		
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1906		

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

The house at 712 Second Avenue is a one story concrete block structure with a rectangular plan measuring approximately 28 feet wide and 60 feet deep. The front is given an additional 12 feet in width by an extension of the porch beyond the north wall of the building. Both the main body of the house and the porch extension are covered by hipped elements, one smaller than the other. A gable ventilator marks the transition of the hips on the front roof plane. The porch is supported by four columns of concrete block similar to the masonry used elsewhere in the building. The block is faceted and resembles rusticated stone. Overall the structure is sound and little changed.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Built about 1906, the Ruth Ewing House is noteworthy for its architectural value and for its association with Mrs. Ewing. Like the other residences built with rusticated concrete block, the building is modern in design and feeling. The roof and porch configuration, in particular, indicate a freedom from stylistic constraints which was unusual for the time. Ruth Ewing, the original owner of the house, is best remembered for her work on behalf of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She left her house to the Church upon her death in 1927. The Church, in turn, sold the property to the Rev. R. W. Dixon for his retirement home. Proceeds of the sale went toward construction of a parish hall for St. Paul's.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Block 165; South  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 2; Yuma Townsite