ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

Mexican Consulate LOCATION 129 West Fourth Street CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma OWNER

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OWNER'S ADDRESS
115 4th Street

Yuma, AZ 85364

FORM COMPLETED BY

Yuma County Historical Society

ADDRESS

240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364

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VIEW
North & western facades

PRESENT USE
Single residential less/acre
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD

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Late 19th Century Adobe Cottage

SIGNIFICANT DATES
Constructed c. 1892

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The building at 129 West 4th Street is a one story residence of rectangular plan. Overall the building measures about 35 feet in width and 32 feet in depth. The core of the house is of brick construction, the rear addition and "L" shaped porch are of wood frame. The roof is gabled with the main axis parallel to the street and has a central gable on the front plane. All roof surfaces are shingled. Windows and doors are each located discretely; proportionally the openings are tall and narrow. Detailing is simple and practical except for the porch fascia. The building is sound and its integrity recoverable.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built about 1892 by Dionicio and Mary Sanchez, the house at 129 West 4th Street is one of the few remaining examples of nineteenth century adobe construction in Yuma. In comparison to those other adobes the building is further distinguished as the only one with a central gable. In 1897 John Stoffela bought the house, probably as a rental property. Ownership remained with the Stoffela family until 1978. The most significant resident of the house was Henry M. Gandolfo who, while serving as the Mexican consul during the early 1900's, used the building for his office. Henceforth the property was known locally as

the Mexican Consulate.
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 116; Lot 1; Yuma Townsite