

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Detwiler House	
LOCATION 310 North Alarcon	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai
OWNER Thomas & Frankie Smith	
OWNER'S ADDRESS 310 North Alarcon Prescott, AZ 86301	
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302	
PHOTO BY Ken Kimsey	DATE 1975
VIEW Front elevation from East	
PRESENT USE Residential, single	ACREAGE
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Frame cottage	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built about 1900	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Detwiler House, like many of the other residences in its vicinity, is a wood frame structure with horizontal siding below the eaves and shingles above that line. The roof is a truncated hip with a single off-center gable. In overall dimensions, the building measures about 30 feet wide and 45 feet deep. The plan is irregular in shape. Jigsawed brackets are located under the central gable. The front window and the fan window in the gable are noteworthy external details.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE J.S. "Whistling Jack" Detwiler was a well-known engineer on the S.F., P. & P. Railroad at the turn of the century. He and his family lived in this modest, but nicely built, home until 1904, when Detwiler transferred to a run out of Los Angeles. The house was then sold to the parents of Ernest Love, a local WWI hero. The design has a number of significant attributes. No simple L in plan, the layout is deeper than it is wide. The front gable, once a prominent cottage feature, is overshadowed by the hip roof behind it. Borrowing from Gothic models, the gable surmounts a bay window fully its width; curved brackets provide a transition between the two disparate forms. Architecturally, the building thus represents the culmination of Victorian concepts applied to cottage structures.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 34; Block 1
Moeller Addition

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