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1. Name

historic Railroad Avenue Historic District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Downtown Willcox: between the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks on the south
and Curtis Avenue on the north, Grant Street on the west and Stewart Street on the east.

N/A not for publication

city, town Willcox N/A vicinity of

state Arizona code 04 county Cochise code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name See accompanying Inventory forms.

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cochise County Courthouse

street & number 118 Arizona Street

city, town Bisbee state Arizona

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Arizona Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

800 W. Washington, Suite 415

city, town Phoenix state Arizona

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Willcox Multiple Resource Area is located within the city boundaries of Willcox, Arizona. Willcox is situated in the Upper Sulphur Springs Valley on the shore of the Willcox Playa, a prehistoric dry lake, with the Dos Cabezas Mountains on the east, the Dragon Mountains on the west, and the Pinaleno and Galliuero Mountains on the north.

The Railroad Avenue Historic District is located within the Willcox Multiple Resource Area in the central business district of Willcox, Arizona with the earliest buildings facing the railroad tracks, station, and park. The district consists of seventeen contributing commercial buildings and the Railroad Avenue Park. There are seven noncontributing buildings and one vacant lot. Two of the noncontributing buildings were built after 1936 and five have been extensively modified. The district's period of significance is defined as 1880-1936, the predominant period of development in Willcox.

Architecturally, the district is dominated by variations of typical commercial styles of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Panel Brick Commercial is the most prevalent. The district contains one excellent example of a Mesker Brother's cast iron and pressed tin facade, a two story redwood frame Southern Pacific Railroad Station, an Art Deco Theater, the only extant hotel in Willcox, and three bank buildings displaying Mission Revival, Neo-Classical, and Panel Brick Commercial styles.

Integrity of most of the buildings is high, and none have lost their integrity as a result of incompatible building alterations in the form of modernized facade slip covering, irreversible changes in materials, or fenestration. The majority of the structures are well maintained although neglect is a problem for a few.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

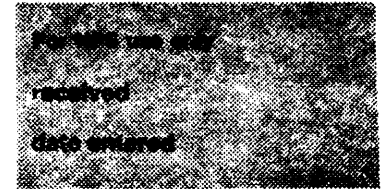
The district is an irregular shaped area which encompasses approximately two blocks. This area is the most densely built in the community. The streets are laid out in a rectilinear grid pattern that follows the angle of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. The district provides a strong sense of place, especially along Railroad Avenue and Maley, in part because it is not interrupted by through highway traffic. In addition, it provides a focus for the community with its commercial structures and public park, along with constant reminders through the presence of the railroad and station of the importance of railroading to the development of Willcox.

Building in the Railroad Avenue Historic District began in 1880 with the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad Station (W084) and the Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045) and continued until the mid-1930's. Only two buildings were built after 1936. For the most part, buildings within the historic district are in good condition and retain a great deal of integrity. The most prevalent changes to buildings include the removal of early wooden canopies, cornice elements, and modifications to bulkheads.

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The historic district has changed very little over time. Only seven buildings and one vacant lot are considered to be noncontributing, primarily owing to extensive modification. New buildings have observed the uniform setbacks at the sidewalk, approximately 8 feet from the street curb, that are common throughout the district. Buildings generally occupy the front portion of 50 foot wide lots, though several extend the full 150 feet to the rear property line. The sidewalks in the 100 block of North Railroad Avenue were originally wooden walks in 1910. In 1917 concrete sidewalks were laid. They have high curbs, over one foot, probably designed to help control the flooding that was common in the early years of the community's growth. The sidewalks are currently in poor condition with weeds obtruding through the cracks. The other sidewalks throughout the district are the responsibility of the Arizona Department of Transportation and are new and in good repair.

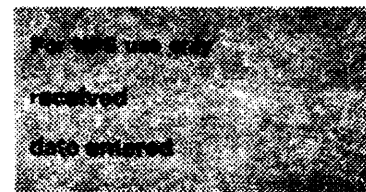
Railroad Park is between the commercial streetscape of Railroad Avenue and the current railroad tracks. The park, which was planted in 1928, is the property of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and is leased by the City of Willcox. Large, mature cottonwood and elm trees shade the area and provide a focus for pedestrian activity in the historic district.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES REPRESENTED

Panel Brick Commercial (9 buildings) is the most prevalent building style in the Railroad Avenue Historic District. These one and two story brick buildings display typical early twentieth century storefronts with street level plate glass display windows, frequently recessed entries, and transoms of plain glass or prism glass. The bulkheads are, for the most part, the original brick. The roofs are flat with parapets. The cornices may be banded with brick work or in a rare instance (W077), utilize dentils providing a modest Neo-classical influence. One outstanding example of Stick Style architecture exists in the commercial district. The Southern Pacific Railroad Station built of redwood in 1880 is the only known remaining original, on-site, wood frame railroad station on the second transcontinental railroad route from Los Angeles to Chicago. The Willcox Station was, from the opening of the rails in 1880, viewed by the Southern Pacific as a major station. It is typical of early two story wood frame stations that were built before the turn of the century.

The first floor of the station contains a freight room, baggage room, office, and waiting room. The second story provided living quarters for the station agent. An additional waiting room and office area were added to the north portion between 1900 and 1927. The addition is sensitive to the original structure. The Willcox Station displays gabled hipped roofs with broad overhangs supported by brackets. The exterior sheathing is 6" wide redwood with corner boards. A bay window projects on the track side with a staircase and balcony for entry to the second story apartment on the east side.

A few good expressions of late 19th and early 20th century Revival Styles are found within the district. Nicholson Drugstore (W055) displays the only pressed tin storefront in Willcox. Similar prefabricated facades were once common but are now rare in Arizona. "Mesker Brothers Front Builders, St. Louis MO, Pat. Oct 4, 1887" is stamped on the lower portion of the four major cast iron engaged columns. Five narrow piers separate the display windows of the bays. The three entries are recessed with glass panel doors and transoms. There are single pane transoms above the display windows and doors. The original wood panel

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bulkheads are intact as are the cast iron entry floors. The typically ornate pressed tin cornice is intact and in good condition. A removable metal awning projects over the transom level. The two story adobe Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 31, 1983.

The Willcox Bank & Trust (W048) is another outstanding example of Neo-Classical Style architecture. This imposing one and a half story building is sheathed in white glazed terra-cotta imported from Los Angeles. Four engaged columns are crowned with a projecting pressed tin cornice below the panel brick parapet. The large, copper trimmed, rectangular windows and the entry are topped with wide prism glass transoms. A continuous sill runs below the windows. The double copper clad doors with fixed glass and single light transom are beneath a projecting pressed tin broken pediment above the entry cornice.

The Willcox Theater (W051) is a modest example of Art Deco style with a painted motif at the parapet. The recessed entry remains, though boarded, with the original ticket booth. The original projecting wood canopy is in disrepair. The interior of the building remains predominantly unchanged, though the seats in the balcony have been removed and the interior is in disrepair.

The Central Bank & Trust (W061) is an interesting example of the Mission Revival Style with Pueblo Revival detailing and is in excellent condition. This building, with its irregularly spaced windows, truncated corner entry supported by a wide column, modest curvilinear parapet, and projecting vigas is the only example of this style in Willcox.

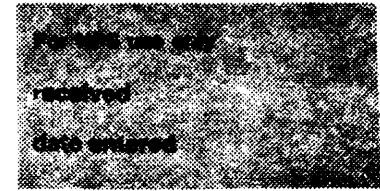
Many early buildings in the Historic District, as indicated on the 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, utilized wood sheathing brought in by the railroad. Otherwise, locally available adobe was used. The original wood frame buildings in the commercial district were frequently subject to disastrous fires and, as indicated on the 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, were replaced with brick.

There were no brick buildings shown on the 1893 Sanborn Map but by 1927 the majority of commercial and a few residential buildings were brick. The early walls of commercial buildings were built of soft fired brick common in the west. This material may have been imported from Tucson where there were numerous active brick producers. There is no indication that bricks were locally made. Hard fired bricks were used by 1920 when Rottman's Dry Goods Store (W060) was built.

An archaeological survey has not been done within the historic district. The nearby Willcox Playa is currently being surveyed for prehistoric archaeological sites by the Amerind Foundation. The proximity of the district to the Playa, one mile, may indicate that prehistoric archaeological sites may exist within the historic district although no evidence is currently available. Historic archaeological evidence has not been surveyed. However, there is a reasonable probability that sites may exist on vacant parcels once occupied by structures built before 1900.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The Railroad Avenue Historic District includes all of the intact early community structures in downtown Willcox. It is located within the boundaries of the original platted townsite. The complexion of the area changes outside of the District as one moves from east to west on Haskell Avenue where newer buildings have been constructed.

The district boundaries were drawn to reflect the weakening of architectural expression away from the Central Business District core. The integrity of buildings is much weaker in the blocks beyond the boundaries where new intrusive commercial buildings, irreversible modifications, or vacant lots become more apparent.

The Schwertner House property (listed in the National Register on August 25, 1983) abuts the Railroad Avenue Historic District behind Railroad Avenue on Stewart Street.

Residential buildings in close proximity to the district are listed as individual contributing properties in the Multiple Resource Area.

Boundaries are delineated on the accompanying map and include all of each property as identified by its tax parcel number on the survey forms. The boundary is further defined as being the inside curblines of all perimeter streets.

The boundary is drawn to include one noncontributing property at the edge of the district (W074). Although constructed separately from adjoining building (W073), these two buildings have now been linked by entries through the common wall. Based on conversations with National Register staff, they are considered one building. Accordingly, the noncontributing property (W074) is included at the edge of the district boundary.

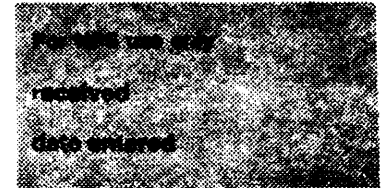
SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The consultants relied primarily on the very few records that exist for the community, oral interviews, and the few early photos that are available. During the historic period, the local newspaper, the Arizona Range News, was written to meet the needs of Sulphur Springs Valley cattlemen. It contains very little information on the community and the built environment. Exact dates for buildings were very difficult to obtain. No city directories or building permits exist. The best resource on the history of Willcox is Southeastern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona by Vernon B Schultz.

A preliminary windshield survey with two community volunteers provided a starting point for research by determining from a visual perspective and memory which buildings potentially meet the age criteria. A field survey team then covered the entire area, containing 567 properties, filling out a building inventory form for each structure whose architectural style and other features indicated a pre-1940 building date. One hundred and nineteen structures were located on a map, evaluated for architectural integrity and photographed. Particular attention was given to buildings recorded on the 1897 and 1923 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps.

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Further research was conducted at relevant research collections such as the Arizona Historical Society Library, the University of Arizona, the State Archives and the back files of the local newspaper, the Arizona Range News. Oral interviews were conducted with long time residents and early photographs were collected. All materials relating to Willcox were assembled and reviewed. Very little material was found in the above collections. In addition, the following information sources were utilized:

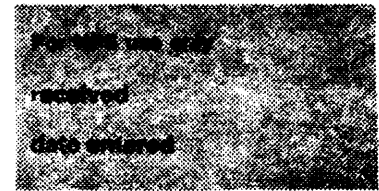
1. Aerials - A recent aerial photo was used to map the architectural resources.
2. Current Assessor's Records - All records of the survey area were reviewed for property ownership data. No building dates appear on these records. Early assessor's records were searched for property assessment increases that indicated a building date.
3. Archaeological Site Files - Site files maintained by the Arizona State Museum were reviewed for the study area. No site listings were found.

An archaeological survey has not been done within the Multiple Resource Area. The Willcox Playa is currently being surveyed for prehistoric archaeological sites by the Amarind Foundation. The proximity of the town of Willcox to the Playa may indicate that prehistoric archaeological sites may exist within the historic district although no evidence is currently available. Historic archaeological evidence has not been surveyed. However, there is a reasonable probability that sites may exist on vacant parcels once occupied by structures built before 1900.

4. (Arizona Range News), 1897-1935.

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CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES BY INVENTORY FORM NUMBER

<u>Survey Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Counting Elements</u>
W045*	Norton-Morgan	180 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W048	Bank and Trust	154 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W049	Schwertner Saloon	154 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W051	Mystic Theater	130 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W052	none	128 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W054	none.	116 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W055	Nicholson Drug	104-122 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W057	Commercial Hotel	135 E. Maley	1
W058	Valley Hardware	127 E. Maley	1
W060	Dry Goods Store	107 E. Maley	1
W061	Central B and T	105 E. Maley	1
W071	Masonic Temple	100 S. Haskell Ave.	1
W073	Arizona Range News	122 S. Haskell Ave.	1
W077	Riggs Bank	100 E. Maley	1
W078	Piggly Wiggly	116 E. Maley	1
W079	Toggery	128 E. Maley	
W084	SP RR Depot	125 S. Railroad Ave.	1
W0113	RR Park	100 Blk. Railroad Ave.	1

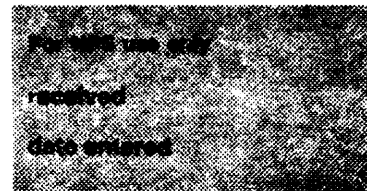
Total

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*The Norton-Morgan Commercial Company was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 31, 1983.

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NONCONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES BY INVENTORY FORM NUMBER

<u>Survey Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Counting Elements</u>
W046	Soto Mercantile	162 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W047	Soto Bros.	156 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W050	none	150/152 S. Railroad Ave.	1
W053	The White Spot	118 N. Railroad Ave.	1
W056	Headquarters Saloon	147 E. Maley St.	1
W059	Vacant lot	117 E. Maley St.	1
W072	none	112 S. Haskell.	1
W074	none	122 S. Haskell	1

Total

8

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ranching
Specific dates 1880-1936	Builder/Architect	Various		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Railroad Avenue Historic District is significant for its association with the early settlement of Willcox and the establishment of commercial development of the community as a trade center for the Sulphur Springs Valley. It is also important for its association with rail transportation. Railroad Avenue was an important supply point for the Army during the Indian wars from 1880 to 1886. It was also important to the cattle ranching and mining industries of southeastern Arizona as a major shipping point. A full description of the origins and development of the community and of its residents is provided in the main body of the Multiple Resource Area text.

Willcox was founded in 1880 as a freighting and shipping point on the second transcontinental railroad to serve all of southeastern Arizona. The southern railroad route was vital to the opening of the southwest for settlement, mining, and commerce. The Willcox Railroad Station (W084), built in 1880, is the last known intact, on-site, original station on the second transcontinental route which ran from Los Angeles to Chicago.

During the final years of the Indian wars, Willcox functioned as an important military shipping point for the goods and troops that were necessary for the defeat of the Apache Indians, which occurred with the surrender of Geronimo in 1866. The small community quickly grew to become an important center of commerce for all of southeastern Arizona and was the only trade center in the 5,000 square mile Sulphur Springs Valley until 1900. Trade goods brought by rail and unloaded at the Willcox Railroad Station (W084) were freighted to Army forts, mining camps, and ranches in the region by freighting companies owned by Pablo Soto (W043) and Henry A. Morgan (W088). These two men also operated mercantile establishments on Railroad Avenue: the Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045) and the Soto Brothers Mercantile (W046).

Cattle ranching was the major industry in the Sulphur Springs Valley after the 1880's. Cattle ranchers such as Henry Hooker (W034), who founded the Sierra Bonita ranch which still encompasses 48,000 acres, and the Riggs family (W077), whose holdings still include 175,000 acres, were important to the growth of the historic commercial district in Willcox. Ranching families also built town homes in Willcox from which they conducted business (Mee Home (W025), Hooker Town House (W034), Johnson/Tillotson Home (W039), Saxon Home (W111).

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893, 1927

Arizona Range News, 1897-1935

Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Vernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 9 acres

Quadrangle name Willcox North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda Laird

organization Linda Laird and Associates date June 1985

street & number 346 N. 4th Avenue telephone (602) 792-1802

city or town Tucson state Arizona

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Donna J. Schuber

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3-24-87

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

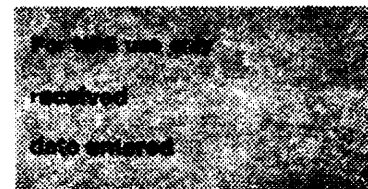
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Mining activities in the region depended on Willcox as a shipping point and commercial center. Local businessman Pablo Soto (W043, W046) and rancher James A. Riggs (W061) were involved in the development of the mines in Dos Cabezas. Local merchants at the Schwertner Saloon (W049), Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045) and the Soto Brothers Mercantile (W046) provided supplies. Local banks, the Willcox Bank and Trust (W048), the Central Bank and Trust (W061), and the Riggs Bank/ Bank of Willcox (W077), cashed the cowboy's and miners paycheck's and arranged the necessary financing for the ranchers and mine owners.

The Railroad Avenue Historic District contains the original Railroad Station (W084), the community's first public park (W113), Nicholson Drug (W055), the Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045), and three bank buildings from the early twentieth century. Nicholson Drug displays a rare, intact Mesker Brothers cast iron and pressed tin storefront. The Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

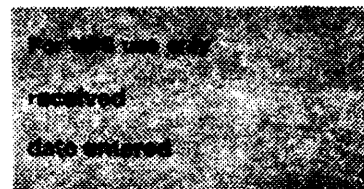
HISTORIC CONTEXTS

THE RAILROAD AND THE FOUNDING OF WILLCOX

The founding of Willcox was generated by larger factors affecting the opening and development of the West. The town was founded as a major eastern Arizona shipping and freighting point on the second transcontinental railroad in 1880. Until 1900, Willcox was the largest town and the only trade center in the Sulphur Springs Valley, an area of 100 miles by fifty miles. The small community quickly grew to become an important center of commerce for all of southeastern Arizona, providing supplies to several Army posts during the final years of the Indian Wars as well as to ranchers who were settling in the area.

The need for a southern transcontinental railroad was recognized by the U.S. Government in the 1830's and 1840's. The winning of the Mexican War and the discovery of gold in California increased interest in the southern route. It is estimated that by the end of 1851, approximately 50,000 immigrants had passed through Arizona in their quest for gold. Previous boundary exploration had shown that a southern route could only be constructed south of the Gila River. The U.S. Government successfully negotiated the Gadsden Purchase and took control of the area in 1854, which cleared ownership as an obstacle to construction of the southern railroad.

In the early 1850's Lt. J.G. Parke had surveyed southeastern Arizona for a transcontinental railroad. His first survey was through Apache Pass, but this route proved to unfavorable because the grade was too steep, at two hundred feet to the mile. Furthermore, the descent from the pass was broken by many small valleys and would have required extensive filling to construct a road bed. Parke then made a reconnaissance around the northern end of the Dos Cabezas Mountains and south of Mt. Graham where he discovered an easy and practicable railroad route with the heaviest grade only 64 feet to the mile. In 1854, the land for this route was acquired from Mexico by the Gadsden purchase.

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The discovery of rich sources of mineral ore and burgeoning mining activity increased the need for inexpensive freighting in the Arizona Territory through the 1870's. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company was granted permission for a southern railroad connection at the Yuma Crossing in 1871, but the national economy and intense competition among major railroad powers postponed the building of the line. It was not until the late 1870's that political maneuvering between the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, the Central Pacific Railroad, and politicians at all levels had been resolved.

It was not until November 19, 1878, however, that actual construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad began in Arizona. The track was laid eastward from Yuma towards Casa Grande, reaching that city on May 19, 1879. Work was then discontinued and was not resumed until January 26, 1880. The first train arrived in Tucson on March 20, 1880. At the same time, grading was being done in the Sulphur Springs Valley in 1877, and a railroad construction camp was established at the present site of Willcox some time before January 3, 1878. On August 26, 1880, the Arizona Star carried an item concerning a new city called Maley, located 40 miles east of Benson, "which would have a post office in a few days." The railroad reached there some time during that month, but the exact date is unknown.

Further construction continued eastward across Arizona and New Mexico, and on March 8, 1881, the Southern Pacific rails from the west met the Santa Fe rails from the east. A silver spike was driven in Deming, New Mexico to celebrate the completion of the second transcontinental railroad. The little railroad town in the Sulphur Springs Valley continued to grow. The name of the town was changed from Maley to Willcox in honor of General O.B. Willcox, well known for his military operations against the Indians, who rode the first train into the Maley station.

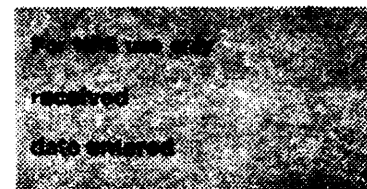
The Southern Pacific Railroad Company built a two story clapboard depot (W084) at Willcox soon after the tracks were completed. The depot quickly became a focal point for commercial development on Railroad Avenue. The station was expanded in 1914 with the building of a new waiting room.

MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS OF WILLCOX

Another important reason for Willcox's rise to prominence as a service/trade center was its location on the railroad relative to military camps such as Fort Bowie, Fort Grant, and Camp Thomas as well as the communities of Dos Cabezas, San Carlos, and Globe. Goods arrived by rail and were freighted by wagon train to these military posts and communities until 1898 when a rail line was completed from Bowie to Globe. Military personnel also arrived on the railroad and were dispersed to the various forts to continue military campaigns against the Indians which were conducted until the surrender of Geronimo in 1886.

COMMUNITY GROWTH AND ARCHITECTURE

The first substantial commercial buildings in Willcox were built facing the railroad tracks and were constructed of wood frame or adobe. At various times fire damaged portions of the business area, and gradually the wood frame and adobe structures were replaced by brick commercial buildings.

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The largest adobe building on Railroad Avenue remaining from this period is the Norton-Morgan Commercial Company (W045). The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 31, 1983. The Norton-Morgan Commercial Company originated through the efforts of John H. Norton and M.W. Stewart, two of the earliest business men in the community. Norton was a post trader at Fort Grant in 1876 and recognized the larger regional opportunities of the mercantile business that the coming of the railroad would provide. He joined forces with Stewart, and in 1880 they set up the John H. Norton and Stewart Company in Willcox. The first portion of the present building was erected at this time along with a large warehouse.

Norton and Stewart handled a large number of government freighting contracts, carried the mail and ran a stage line from Willcox to Camp Thomas, Fort Grant, and Globe. They were reported as doing the "heaviest business of any firm outside of Tucson or Tombstone" in 1884 with goods brought in by rail. Stewart's interest in the company was purchased by Henry A. Morgan, who had previously worked for the firm, and the building on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Stewart Street was expanded.

The only other surviving adobe structure on Railroad Avenue is the Schwertner Saloon and Grocery (W049) which was built before 1893. Joseph Schwertner opened his saloon in this building soon after his arrival in Willcox in 1897. He later converted the saloon to a grocery store just before prohibition was declared in Arizona. A rear addition of soft fired brick was added at that time.

Saloons abounded on Railroad Avenue-- at one time there were seven. In April of 1900, local cowboys were drinking at the Headquarters Saloon (W056). A disagreement escalated into violence during which Warren Earp, brother of Wyatt Earp, was shot. He was carried to the Commercial Hotel (W057) where he died. The Headquarters Saloon burned in the 1940's and was replaced by a similar wood frame structure (W056).

Another commercial building on Railroad Avenue remaining from the 1890's is the Nicholson Drugstore (W055). It was purchased by A.A. Nicholson in 1897 and was the first drugstore in Willcox. Nicholson was active in community affairs, helped found the Willcox Trade Bureau in 1906, and was one of the first members of the City Council. The Nicholson Drug building presents one of the few intact pressed tin facades in Southern Arizona and the only one in Willcox. These storefronts were common in southern Arizona before the turn of the century. The prefabricated storefronts were manufactured in St. Louis and shipped by railroad to towns across the country.

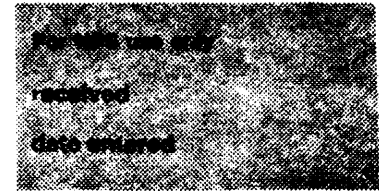
At the turn of the century several other one story commercial buildings (W047), (W052), (W054) were built on Railroad Avenue and have housed a variety of businesses over the years.

THE CATTLE INDUSTRY AND RANCHING IN THE WILLCOX AREA

The cattle industry in the Sulphur Springs Valley began in the eighteenth century when Spaniards occupied the lower portion of the valley. Many wild cattle were left when the Spanish retreated in the face of Apache raiding. The California goldrush of 1848 increased the

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need for trailing cattle from Texas to the west coast and by 1869 William Osborn observed over 15,000 head of Texas cattle between Apache Pass, just east of Willcox and Phoenix, two hundred miles to the northwest.

Large ranching operations developed to take advantage of the mild climate and the lush, green grass that thrived in the Valley. The Riggs family homesteaded in the Chiricahua Mountains southeast of Willcox in the late 1880's and expanded their family holdings to approximately 100,000 acres of patented land by 1929, with ranches from Dos Cabezas to Rodeo, New Mexico. The Riggs family has long been active in Willcox community affairs and opened the Riggs Bank (W077) in 1920.

The JH ranch, operated by Captain W.H. McKittrick in the 1890's and early 1900's extended from Willcox to the ranch house fourteen miles to the northwest and ran as many as 28,000 head of cattle at one time. The Chiricahua Cattle Company held a range that extended thirty miles by seventy-five miles and had one of the largest herds in the Arizona Territory.

Cattle production reached its peak in the Sulphur Springs Valley in 1891 with an estimated 1.5 million cattle grazing the ranges. Willcox was the trade center for this large industry and the shipping point for hundreds of thousands of cattle annually. In 1896, 209,839 head were shipped and 24,097 were killed for home consumption. The Sulphur Valley News (Range News, W073) reported on June 2, 1896 that "Not less than 5,000 cattle will be shipped from Willcox this week. When one stops to think that 5,000 cattle means about \$65,000 in the pockets of the stockmen in this vicinity, people cease to wonder that this is a busy town."

Willcox continued to thrive after the turn of the century as the trade center for the Sulphur Springs Valley. Agriculture and cattle ranching expanded because of the extensive grazing available, and the farmland with its sufficient water became increasingly productive. Willcox continued as an important cattle shipping point and as late as 1936 was called "The Cattle Capitol of the Nation" when Mr. J. Frank Wootan, a United States cattle inspector, stated in Arizona Range News that Willcox "is now the leading shipping point in the entire United States for shipping cattle direct from the range". Even today it is the only freighting point in Southern Arizona that holds a weekly cattle auction.

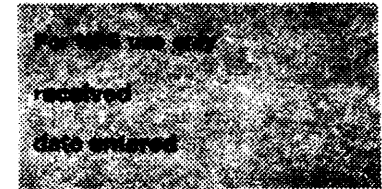
MINING

Willcox has been greatly influenced by the success or failure of various mines located within its trading area because of its importance as a shipping point and commercial center. The Dos Cabezas Mining District, located twelve miles southeast of Willcox, was probably most important because of its proximity to the town. Mining began with discovery of the Juniper Mine in 1878. Willcox businessman Pablo Soto (W043) and James J. Riggs (W061) helped organize the Chicago and Arizona Copper Company in 1903 to work the mine.

The Mascot Copper Company was formed in 1907, with a capitalization of ten million dollars, to work several claims in the Dos Cabezas area, including the Juniper. This mining venture expended a generous amount of capital on construction and employment which increased the economy of Willcox. A railroad spur from Willcox to Dos Cabezas was operated by the

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company from 1913 until 1931 to bring ore from the mines to the Willcox shipping point. The company was reorganized several times and went broke in the mid-1930's because of lack of production and unrealistic management.

Other mines in the region have used the town as a shipping, commercial, and banking center. The mining activity considerably increased business in Willcox as local businessmen actively promoted Willcox as the supply and shipping center for the region. Many local residents have been employed in mining operations.

Other mining activities in the Willcox trade area included the Commonwealth Mine, discovered in 1895, located twenty-five miles south at Pearce where John H. Norton (W045) built a store which is now listed on the National Register. The Aravaipa Mining District, fifty miles north of Willcox, has also been mined periodically since the 1870's. The Johnson Mining district and the Courtland-Gleeson District, twenty-five miles south, have periodically been productive since the 1870's, depending on Willcox for supplies and shipping. Mining operations in Globe, Arizona, 110 miles northeast, depended on Willcox as a shipping point. Freight teams of oxen and mules, pulling three or four wagons, hauled copper to the railroad until the Gila Valley, Globe, and Northern Railroad was completed in 1898.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY

Commercial activities were quickly established as the community grew in importance as a railroad cattle shipping point and commercial center. One of the most significant early commercial activities was banking. The first bank was started on Railroad Avenue by the Soto Brothers in their store (W046) in 1888. Several other banks were organized and functioned for brief periods around the turn of the century.

The first bank building in town, the Willcox Bank and Trust (W048) was constructed on Railroad Avenue in 1916. The imposing Neo-Classical Revival style building was an indication of the growing importance of finance and commerce in the community. The bank was organized by Norton, Morgan, and Horace Dunlap, who at one time owned the Arizona Range News.

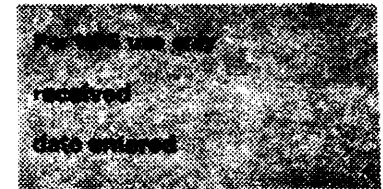
The Central Bank of Phoenix established a branch bank in Willcox in 1915 in a new Pueblo style building (W061) on the corner of Maley Street and Haskell Avenue. The bank was reorganized as a local bank two years later. The Riggs bank (W077) opened in 1920 just across the street. It was organized by the Riggs family, early and important ranchers who homesteaded in the Dos Cabezas. This bank was locally controlled until the Valley National Bank bought it in 1936.

In 1916 the members of Willcox Lodge #10 of the Federation of American Mason built the two story Panel Brick Commercial building opposite the banks. Masonic activities continue to be conducted on the second floor while a variety of commercial uses have been employed on the street level.

The banks and Masonic buildings represent a shift in the focus of downtown. Up until the 1900's the central business district was clustered on Railroad Avenue and oriented toward the

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railroad. As the automobile replaced the railroad, the center of downtown shifted one block west to the corner of Maley and Haskell. Haskell later became State Highway 89 and the only traffic light in Willcox was placed at this intersection.

In the first quarter of the century it seemed that every town in America was building a theater, often in the Art Deco style. Willcox was no different. The Mystic Theater, later called the Willcox Theater, opened on Railroad Avenue in 1929. This small theater of 150 seats, with a simple Art Deco motif on the upper facade, was the only theater in Willcox, as well as the only expression of the Art Deco style in the community. It is historically associated with Rex Allen who performed on his hometown stage early in his career. Roy Rogers and the Sons of the Pioneers also performed here. The Willcox Theater was also the location of country western singer Rex Allen, Jr.'s first performance at age eight.

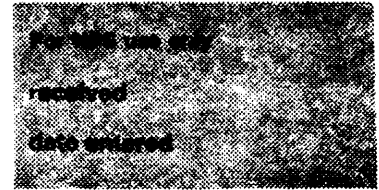
During the twenties and early thirties a number of new commercial buildings were constructed; Frank Rottman built a dry goods store (W060), Harley Windsor built Valley Hardware (W058), Thomas Huffman built the Toggery (W079) and the Piggly Wiggly (W078). All of these buildings are examples of the Panel Brick style. The Toggery and Valley Lumber are still owned and managed by the original owner's families, and the interiors and display cabinets remain unchanged.

The Arizona Range News moved into a new adobe building (W073) on August 20, 1920. This newspaper was started in 1881 to serve the communication needs of Sulphur Springs Valley ranchers. Its early publications reflect this with short articles on community activities and lengthy news about cowboys, cattle theft, and publication of brands.

The area now encompassed by Railroad Park (W113), located directly across from the businesses on Railroad Avenue, had long served as a gathering place for the community. In 1928 the community obtained an easement from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for the land between the Railroad Avenue commercial buildings and the railroad tracks and developed the first city park. The area was a particularly low spot, prone to floods and mud. The one block area was filled with cinders and top soil and planted with elms and cottonwoods. The park (W113), with its tall shade trees and benches, became the first formal park in Willcox and is a source of community pride, functioning as a place for socializing in the historic downtown.

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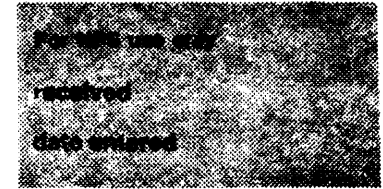
**Railroad Avenue Historic District
Willcox MRA**

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the intersection of the west curbline of Maley Street and the south curbline of the alley between Curtis Avenue and Haskell Avenue, then proceeding southeast along the west curbline of Maley Street 225 feet southeast to the projected south curbline of Haskell Avenue, then turning northeast and following the south curbline of Haskell Avenue 150 feet northeast to the projected rear (northeast) property line of tax parcel 203-28 7/16-233, then turning southeast following said rear property line fifty feet southeast to the south property line of tax parcel 203-28 7/16-233, then turning southwest and following said south property line fifty feet southwest to the rear (east) wall of survey site W060, then turning southeast and following said rear wall fifty feet southeast to the north wall of survey site W058, then turning northeast and following said north wall twenty-five feet northeast to the rear (east) wall of survey site W058, then turning southeast and following said rear wall fifty feet south to the south curbline of the alley between Railroad Avenue and Haskell Avenue, then turning northeast and following said south alley curbline 350 feet northeast to the west curbline of Stewart Street, then turning southeast and following the west curbline of Stewart Street 350 feet southeast to the northern edge of the Santa Fe Railroad track bed, then turning southwest along the northern edge of the track bed 800 feet southwest to the western edge of the Railroad Depot loading platform, then turning northwest and following said western platform edge 175 feet northwest to the south curbline of Railroad Avenue, then turning northeast and following the south curbline of Railroad Avenue 175 feet northeast to the projected west curbline of Maley Street, then turning northwest and following said west curbline 250 feet northwest to the north curbline of the alley between Railroad Avenue and Haskell Avenue, then turning northwest and following said north alley curbline 100 feet northwest to

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the rear (west) property line of tax parcel 203-28 6/16-183, then turning northwest and following said rear property line 160 feet to the south curbline of Haskell Avenue, then turning northwest and following said south Haskell Avenue curbline fifty feet northwest to the projected west property line of tax parcel 203-28 7/16-223, then turning northwest along said west property line 225 feet to the south curbline of the alley between Haskell Avenue and Curtis Avenue, then turning northeast and following the south curbline of said alley 150 feet to the point of beginning.

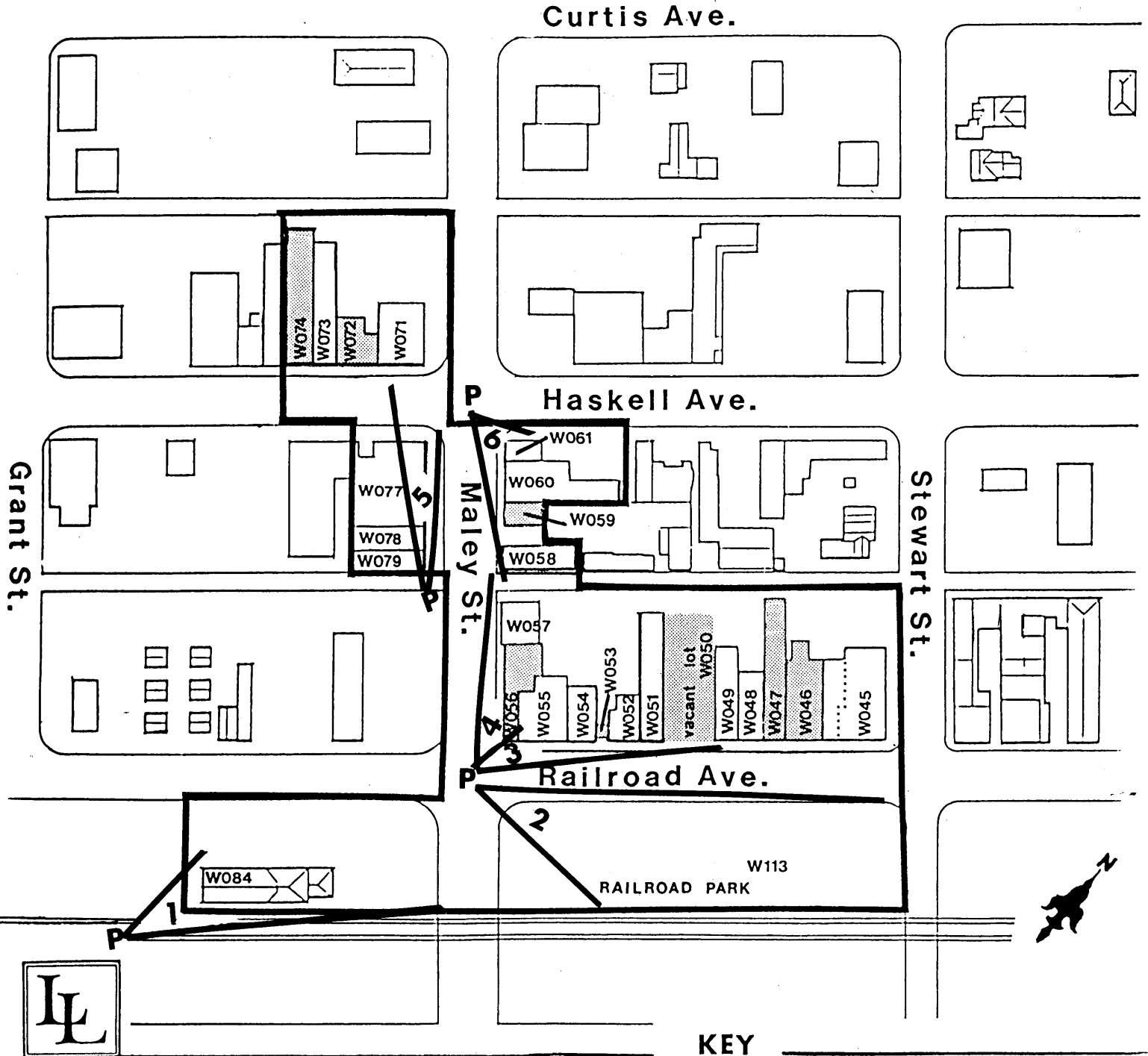
The Railroad Avenue Historic District includes all of the intact early community structures in downtown Willcox that were part of the original townsite. The complexion of the area changes as one moves from southeast to northwest on Haskell Avenue where newer buildings have been constructed outside of the District.

The district boundaries were drawn to reflect the weakening of architectural expression away from the Central Business District core. The integrity of the buildings is weaker in the blocks beyond the boundaries where new intrusive commercial buildings, irreversible modifications, or vacant lots become more apparent.

The boundary is drawn to include one noncontributing property at the edge of the district (W074). Although constructed separately from adjoining building W073, these two buildings have now been linked by entries through the common wall. Based on conversations with National Register staff, they are considered one building. Accordingly, the noncontributing property W074 is included at the edge of the district boundary.

WILLCOX, AZ

RAILROAD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT



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 Non-contributors

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APPROXIMATE SCALE 1"=150'

WILLCOX RAILROAD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

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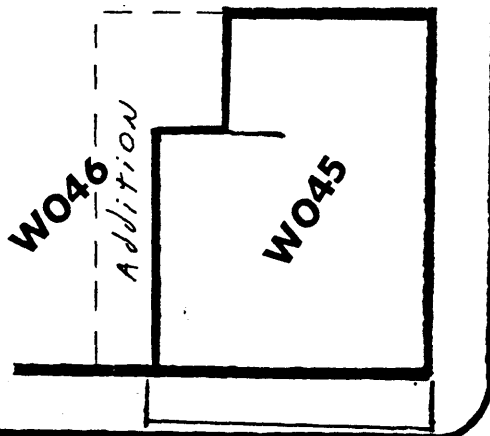
IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Norton-Morgan Commercial Co.
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 180 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-245A (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Seidel, Richard
 OWNER ADDRESS: 180 N. Railroad Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1880
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John H. Norton
 INTEGRITY: Major alterations
 CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 50(w) 80
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Adobe
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: 3 feet of concrete added
to exterior in 1960's
 WALL SHEATHING: Stucco
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage

SKETCH MAP:



COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: WO45
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
 T N R 25S 31 / NE 4 OF THE SW 1/4
 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown
 EAVES TREATMENT: Parapet, false front
 WINDOWS: Single fixed glass display
 ENTRY: Two wood doors, off-center with
lights, one recessed
 PORCHES: Wood canopy on metal posts with
signage
 STOREFRONTS: Upper level & parapet metal
sheathed. Original windows & doors..
 NOTABLE INTERIOR: Pressed tin ceiling is
intact
 OUTBUILDINGS: Attached residence at rear
 ALTERATIONS: Upper facade, addition

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, FF
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:28 F:4



R.R. Ave.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Storefront contd: remain in left 1/2 of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) The Norton-Morgan Commercial Co. opened in 1880, both Norton and Morgan were prominent in community and business affairs.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial construction in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of early Commercial style building

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL Unusually large example of adobe construction

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION None

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Individually listed on the National Register, August 1983

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1893 and 1927; Arizona Range News, 1897-1935
Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel; Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: Individually listed on Register (August, 1983)

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

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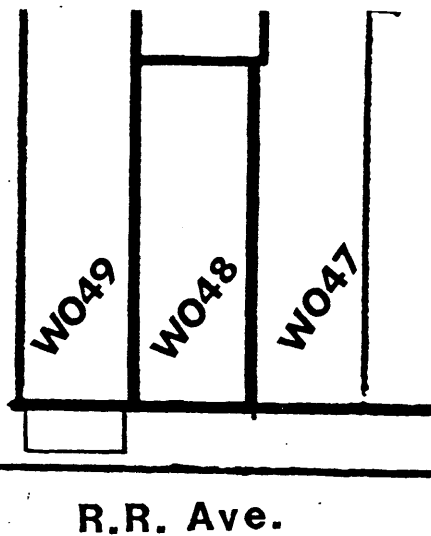
IDENTIFICATION

SRVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Willcox Bank & Trust
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 154 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-243 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Seidel Corporation
 OWNER ADDRESS: 180 N. Railroad Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 BUILDING TYPE: Bank
 STYLE: Neo-Classical Revival
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1916
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 INTEGRITY: Unaltered facade
 CONDITION: Fair

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 75 (w) 30
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
 WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick, white ceramic
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Pressed tin cornice and triangular shaped broken pediment above cornice..

SKETCH MAP:



COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W048
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
 T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4
 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: peaked
 ROOF SHEATHING: sheet metal

EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick parapet with caprow, pressed tin cornice, broken..

WINDOWS: Wood fixed pane, glass block, brick surround with shaped lintel..

ENTRY: Central, wood frame, glass panel double doors with lights, brick..

PORCHES: None

STOREFRONTS: Prominent original features of facade are intact

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original intact, oak flooring, pressed tin ceiling, skylights

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Rear additions date unknown, are compatible with original.

PHOTOGRAPH

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 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, FF
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ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Windows contd: and moulded trim, brick
slipsills. Eaves Trt contd: pediment, engaged columns, no vents.
Entry contd: lintel, flat lighted transom, prism glass at transom level, triangular
pressed tin broken pediment above cornice. Appl Ornam contd: at entry.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Willcox Bank & Trust started in Norton
Mercantile. First banking institution to build separate building

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to elaborate early commercial construction

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of Neo-Classical Revival brick style

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Is the only Neo-Classical building in district

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Only Neo-classical Revival Style Commercial building in
Willcox. Built with white ceramic brick facade. This was the first local bank in
Willcox. Norton Morgan was the first bank president.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS:

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Joseph Schwertner Saloon

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 154 N. Railroad Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-242 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Seidel, Richard and Leona

OWNER ADDRESS: 180 N. Railroad Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: post-1880, pre-1893

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Minor alterations

CONDITION: Fair

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W049

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4

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Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Sheet metal

EAVES TREATMENT: Stepped parapet

WINDOWS: Fixed plate glass with slipsills and 7 fixed at transom level

ENTRY: Central, recessed, wood frame door with glass panel, two lights, flat..

PORCHES: Open with 4 wood posts and flat canopy

STOREFRONTS: One bay, central

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 100(w) 25

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Adobe, double width brick at rear

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Adobe

WALL SHEATHING: Stucco

APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Recessed entry with transom, canopy, original features..

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Sensitive window alterations, date unknown

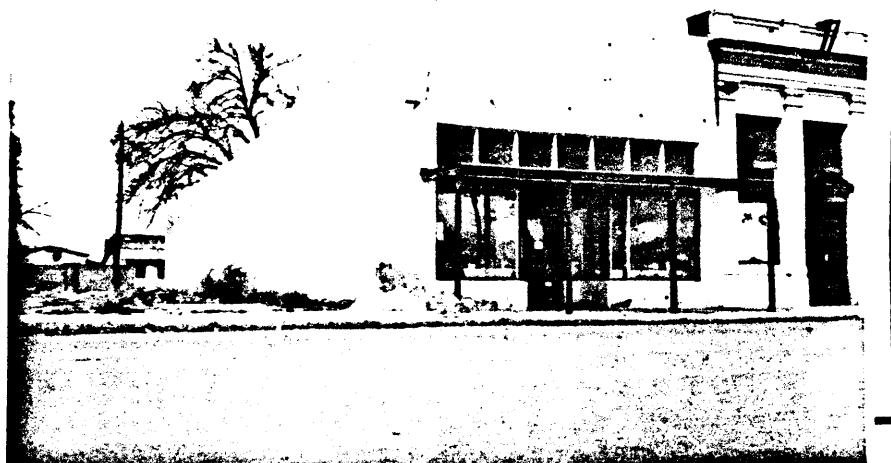
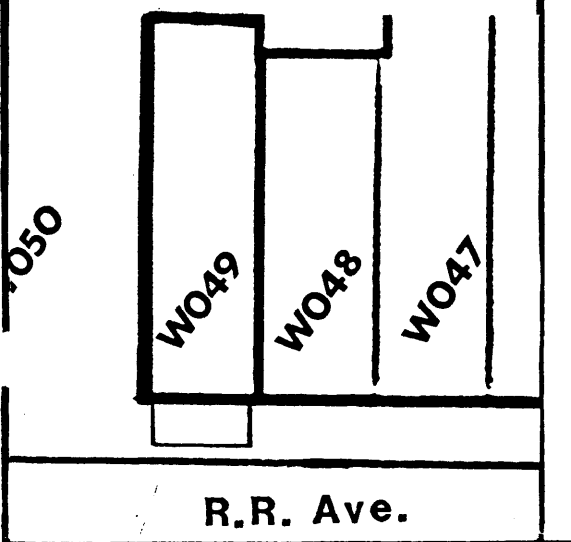
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DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:22 F:18

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Entry contd: blind transom.

Interior contd: intact, maple flooring intact and original. Wine cellar under trap door. Date source: 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance map.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Originally Joseph Schwertner's Saloon,
became a grocery store during prohibition

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to turn of century commercial construction

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Typical example of early adobe Commercial style building

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTRIBUTION Contributes to historic fabric of Railroad Avenue

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: intact adobe commercial building on Railroad Avenue.
Historically associated with prominent merchant Joseph Schwertner.

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

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Mystic Theater/Willcox Theater

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 130 N. Railroad Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-239 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Seidel, Dale

OWNER ADDRESS: 180 Railroad Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Vacant

BUILDING TYPE: Theater

STYLE: Art Deco

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1927

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Intact, but deteriorated

CONDITION: Poor

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W051

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: peaked

ROOF SHEATHING: metal

EAVES TREATMENT: Stepped parapet

WINDOWS: Wood, fixed with continuous sill

ENTRY: Central with two wood frame doors, no lights, ticket booth in center

PORCHES: Open with 4 wood posts, wood canopy

STOREFRONTS: Prominent original features consisting of Art Deco motif, round..

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original stage, seats & floor severely damaged from water leaks

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Canopy deteriorated

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 100(w) 30

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Poured concrete over brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Stucco

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Painted Art Deco motif on front facade

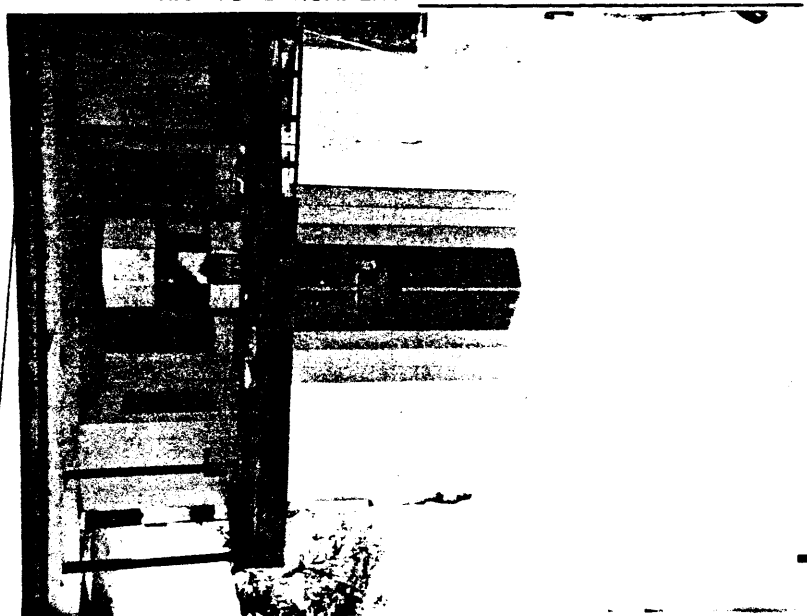
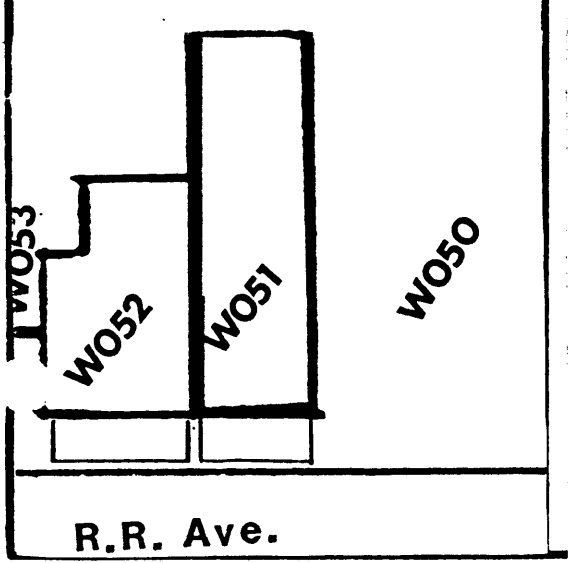
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PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R: F:

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Roof Type contd: proscenium at rear.

Prom Occup contd: first stage Rex Allen Jr. performed on. Significant to the development of movie theaters in Southern Arizona by the Long family.

Storefront contd: theater booth, and display windows.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE x TRANSPORTATION___ TOURISM___ OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) This is the only commercial theater stage in Willcox. Rex Allen & Roy Rogers performed here early in their careers. The..

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Only Art Deco style Commercial building in Willcox

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Is the only movie theater in the district

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Only theater in Willcox. Cowboy singers Rex Allen, Rex Allen Jr. and Roy Rogers associated with theater.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL___ RESIDENTIAL STREET___ COMMERCIAL___ CENTRAL SQUARE___
CBD: x OTHER:___

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1893 and 1927; Arizona Range News, 1897-1935
Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel; Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

LISTED___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE___ NOT EVALUATED___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 100 blk. N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-238 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Mullaly, Tom and Diane
 OWNER ADDRESS: 128 N. Railroad Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1915
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 INTEGRITY: Unaltered
 CONDITION: Fair

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W052
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
 T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼
 UTM

Description (contd.)
 ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: metal
 EAVES TREATMENT: Stepped panel brick parapet with rectangular brick vent
 WINDOWS: Wood frame fixed with wood surround, plain lintel and lugsill,..
 ENTRY: Central, double wood frame doors with 1 light, flat blind transom
 PORCHES: Open with 4 wood posts, wood canopy
 STOREFRONTS: Original brick storefront intact

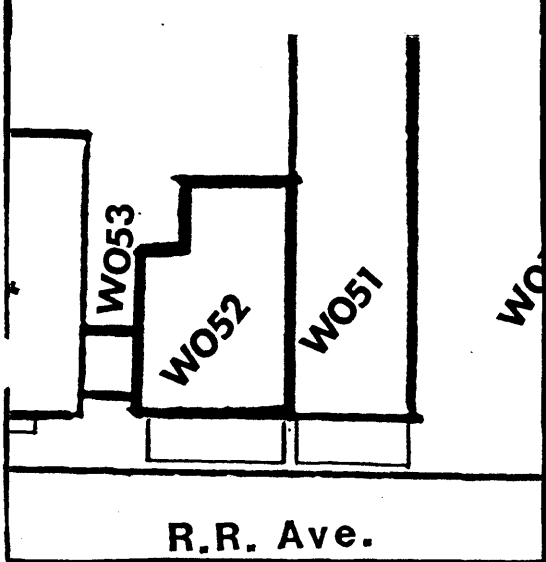
DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 35 (w) 20
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
 WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Few original features, remodeled as living quarters
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: None

PHOTOGRAPH
 PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:22 F:15

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Window contd: transom boarded.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Unknown

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial construction in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Fine example of Panel Brick Commercial style structure

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to the historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Intact example of Panel Brick Commercial style.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1893 and 1927; Arizona Range News, 1897-1935
Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City
of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel;
Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

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

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Unknown

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 116 N. Railroad Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-236 (>1 acre)

OWNER: R.H.C., Inc. c/o Colleen C. Schutz, V.P.

OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 686
Willcox, Arizona 85644

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Vacant

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1905

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Major alterations

CONDITION: Fair

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 60 (w) 40

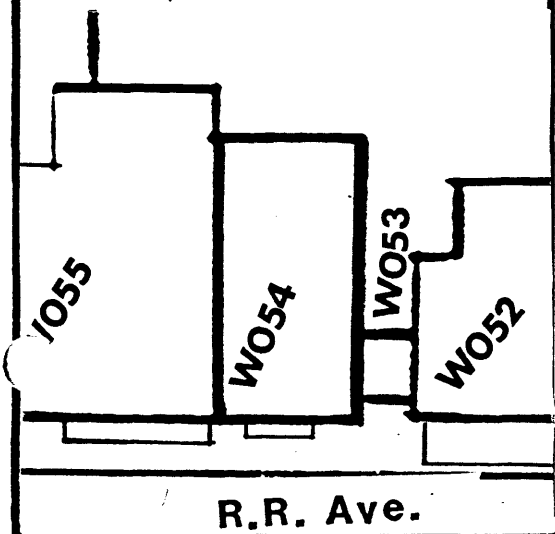
STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Fired buff brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage

SKETCH MAP:



COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W054

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick parapet

WINDOWS: Wood frame fixed, brick surround plain lintel with moulded trim, lugsill..

ENTRY: Central with 2 wood doors

PORCHES: Shed roof overhang

STOREFRONTS: Original windows boarded, central entry modified, but reversible,..

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original reversible pressed tin ceiling thought to be..

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Upper windows boarded, new incompatible brick added to bulkhead (easily reversible)

PHOTOGRAPH _____

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:22 F:13



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Window contd: and new brick bulkhead.
Storefront contd: buff panel brick. Interior contd: intact above current newer ceiling.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Unknown

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial construction in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of Panel Brick Commercial style structure

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Despite alterations, this contributes to block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Only early example of buff brick construction. Earliest Panel Brick Commercial Style commercial building in Willcox. Historic fabric (transoms and lintels) remains behind reversible window sheathing. This was determined when the sheathing was removed for inspection.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:
LISTED ___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE ___ NOT EVALUATED ___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Nicholson Drug

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 104-122 N. Railroad Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-235 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Teeters, Harry & Betty

OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 963
Willcox, Arizona 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Neo-Classical Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1890

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Unaltered

CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W055

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Pressed tin ornamental cornice, parapet

WINDOWS: Wood frame fixed, shaped lintel with moulded trim, stuccoed slipsills

ENTRY: 3 bays, wood frame doors with lights, lighted transoms, some boarded

PORCHES: Metal awning at transom level

STOREFRONTS: Original 1898 Mesker pressed tin facade intact

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Intact

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Metal awning

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 45 (w) 60

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: adobe

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Pressed tin

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage, metal canopy, pressed tin facade, cast iron columns

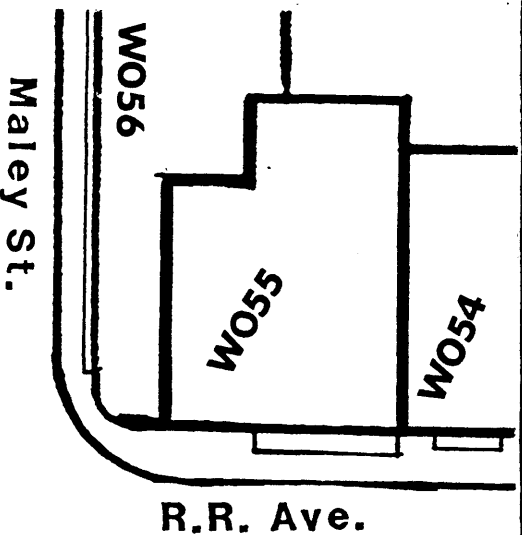
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PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:22 F:12

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Prom Occup contd: A.A. Nicholson was founder of Willcox American Legion.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) First drugstore in Willcox, purchased by A.A. Nicholson in 1895. Nicholson family continued the business until 1955...
RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial construction in Willcox
CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of pressed tin Commercial style structure
MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None
ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None
DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to block face
DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Rare, intact Mesker pressed tin facade unusual in Southern AZ today, but once common. First drugstore in Willcox.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Commercial Hotel

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 135 E. Maley St.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-234 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Sarah Hjelte Estate, c/o Minnie Pearce

OWNER ADDRESS: Box 366
South Haven, MI 49090

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Vacant

BUILDING TYPE: Hotel

STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1900

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Minor alterations

CONDITION: Poor

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W057

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4

UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Decorative panel brick parapet, 3 engaged columns

WINDOWS: 1/1 DH, wood frame with arched lintel, single fixed at storefront..

ENTRY: Two, central with wood panel doors with lights & flat lighted transoms

PORCHES: Open portico without roof and 4 wood piers

STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 40 (w) 40

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick

WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Remodeled with original features intact

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Windows & doors replaced in sensitive manner, repainted in 1985

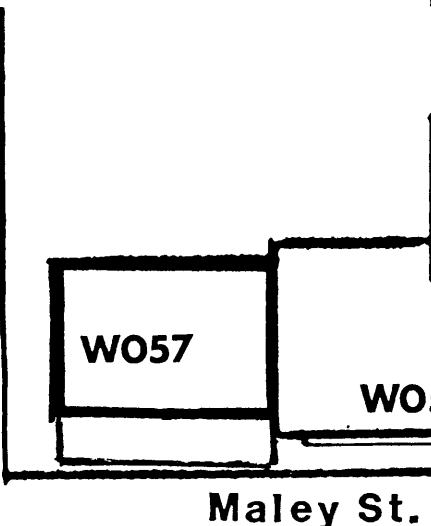
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PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: E, 3/4

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SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): windows contd: level with transoms.

This building is in very poor condition. Held together with metal brackets and cable at second story. Wall on alley is bowed and rear wall is in danger of collapsing.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE___ TRANSPORTATION___ TOURISM x OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Commercial Hotel

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early hotel construction in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of Panel Brick Commercial style two story Hotel

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Is the only remaining historic hotel in the district

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Only remaining historic hotel in Willcox.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL___ RESIDENTIAL STREET___ COMMERCIAL___ CENTRAL SQUARE___
CBD: x OTHER: _____

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City
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Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE___ NOT EVALUATED___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Valley Hardware

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 127 E. Maley St.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-233 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Windsor, Irene

OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 698
Willcox, Arizona 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1929

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Harley Windsor

INTEGRITY: Unaltered

CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W058

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

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UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick parapet

WINDOWS: Plate glass display windows, tile at bulkhead

ENTRY: Central, recessed, wood door with light, flat lighted transom

PORCHES: Metal suspended canopy

STOREFRONTS: Recessed entry with tile base, pressed tin canopy, original..

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original features intact, such as, pressed tin ceiling..

OUTBUILDINGS: Lumber storage sheds (noncontributing)

ALTERATIONS: None

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 50 (w) 35

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick

WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage, tile, glass block

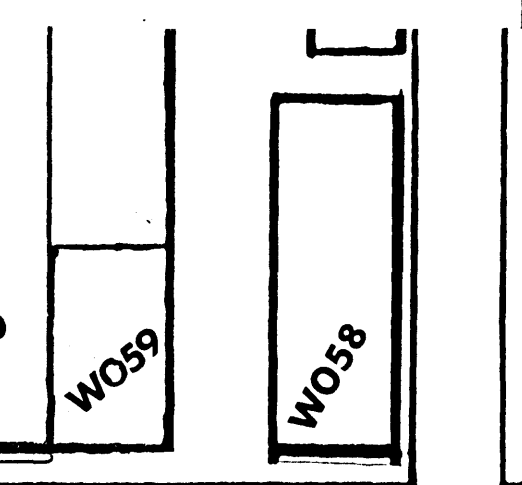
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PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: E, FF

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:22 F:5

SKETCH MAP:



Maley St.



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Storefront contd: signage, prism glass transom. Interior contd: oak floors, original cabinets.
Date source: 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, oral interviews.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Harley Windsor built and still runs the Valley Hardware here

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to 1920's commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of 1920's Panel Brick Commercial style

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Ceramic tile on storefront, prism transom panel

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Intact Panel Brick Commercial style building.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1893 and 1927; Arizona Range News, 1897-1935
Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel; Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

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

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Rottman's Dry Goods Store

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 107 E. Maley

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-232 (> 1 acre)

OWNER: John B. Riggs, et al, c/o Riggs Invest.

OWNER ADDRESS: 4905 E. Broadway, Suite 200
Tucson, AZ 85711

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1920

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Unaltered

CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W060

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE ¼ OF THE SW ¼
UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Stepped parapet, rectangular wood vents at transom level

WINDOWS: Fixed display, continuous sill

ENTRY: 2 bays, one recessed with panel glass and wood doors, lighted transoms

PORCHES: Metal canopy

STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 60 (w) 50

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Modified, some intact features, original pressed tin ceiling

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: None

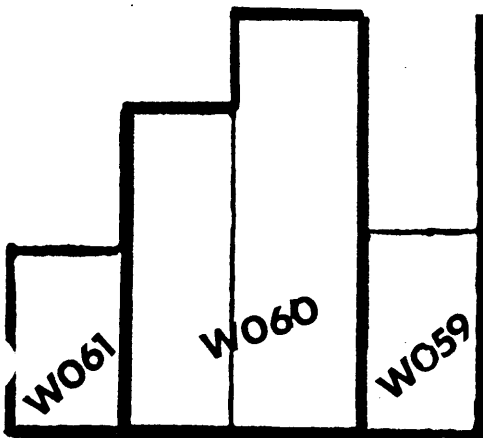
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NEGATIVE NUMBER: R: 22F: 0

SKETCH MAP:



Maley St.



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): None

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Frank W. Rottman built and owned Rottman's Dry Goods. Later became funeral director. Active in civic affairs in the 1930's

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to 1920's commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of Panel Brick Commercial style structure

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Intact Panel Brick Commercial style building.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SRVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Central Bank & Trust

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 105 E. Maley St.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-232 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Riggs, John B. et al, c/o Riggs Invest.

OWNER ADDRESS: 4905 E. Broadway, Suite 200
Tucson, AZ 85711

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Bank

STYLE: Mission Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1915

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Minor alterations

CONDITION: Excellent

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 35 (w) 20

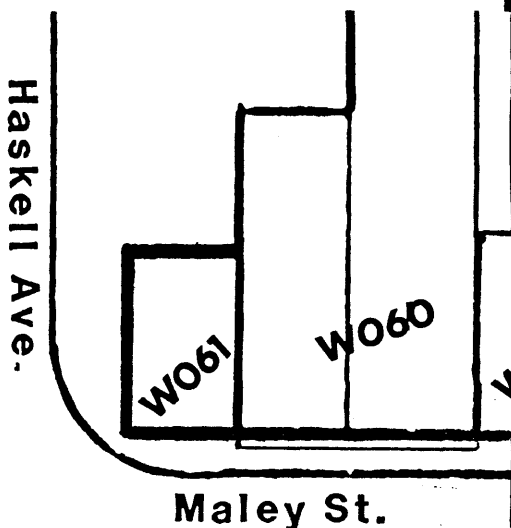
STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick

WALL SHEATHING: Stucco

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage, Pueblo Revival detailing

SKETCH MAP:



COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W061

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4

UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Decorative panel brick parapet with vegas

WINDOWS: Fixed

ENTRY: Recessed truncated corner location with metal and glass door

PORCHES: Recessed with single column

STOREFRONTS: Sensitive remodeling

NOTABLE INTERIOR: The original safe is in the building

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Stucco finish, windows altered

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: E, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:21 F:1



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): None

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Organized as branch of Central Bank of Phoenix in 1915, incorporated locally, 1917.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to 1920's banking development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of Mission Revival style structure

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to the historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: This is one of three banks and is the only Mission Revival Style building in Willcox.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 1893 and 1927; Arizona Range News, 1897-1935
Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel; Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:
LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:
None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Masonic Temple

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 100 S. Haskell Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-226 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Willcox Lodge #10 F. & A.M.

OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 867
Willcox, Arizona 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial/Public

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1916

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: J.F. McClure

INTEGRITY: Minor alterations

CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W071

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4

UTM _____

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick parapet

WINDOWS: Multi-light fixed, wood frame plate glass display, blocked transom.

ENTRY: Corner location, metal frame with light, multi-light transom broken by.

PORCHES: Metal overhang

STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 70 (w) 50

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Date at parapet, signage

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Remodeled, original display cases

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Signage, boarded windows

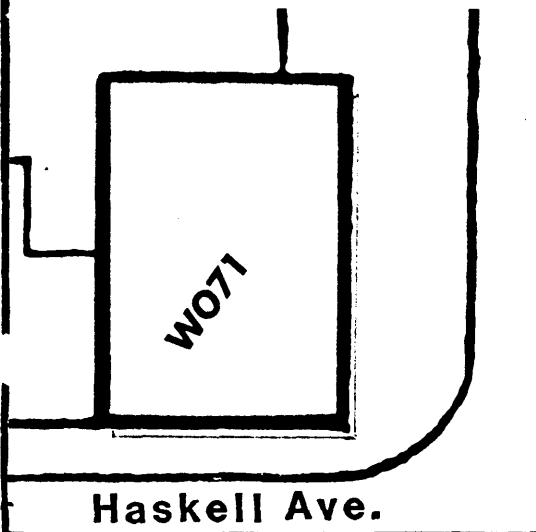
PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R-20 F-1

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Entry contd: metal overhang.

Windows contd: second story 3/7 fixed, boarded.

Prom Occup contd: commercial enterprises have been located in the street level storefronts.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE___ TRANSPORTATION___ TOURISM___ OTHER(specify) Architecture, Community

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built by Willcox Lodge #10, Federated
Masons of America who continue activities in second story. A variety of..

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of Panel Brick Commercial style building

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Prominent structure at major intersection

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: This structure is the most imposing in Willcox. Only two story Panel Brick Commercial style building, is associated with Masons and continually used as Masonic Lodge in Willcox since 1916.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL___ RESIDENTIAL STREET___ COMMERCIAL___ CENTRAL SQUARE___
CBD: x OTHER: _____

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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Southwestern Town: The Story of Willcox, Arizona, Bernon B. Schultz, City of Willcox, 1980; Interviews with: Dale Siedel; Richard Siedel; Mayor, Jonnie Belle Bethel; Mark Simmons; and Fred Romero.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:
LISTED___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE___ NOT EVALUATED___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Arizona Range News

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 100 blk. S. Haskell

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-224 (>1 acre)

OWNER: Arizona Range News, Inc.

OWNER ADDRESS: 122 S. Haskell Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Mission Revival influence

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1920

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: W.S. Hunt

INTEGRITY: Major alterations

CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W073

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 13R 25S 31/ NE OF THE SW 1/4

UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat

ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: Curvilinear parapet

WINDOWS: Fixed wood frame, lugsills

ENTRY: Central with panel wood door and stuccoed transom

PORCHES: None

STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 10(w) 30

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Adobe

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Adobe

WALL SHEATHING: Stucco

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Pressed tin ceiling and hardwood floors still intact

OUTBUILDINGS: None

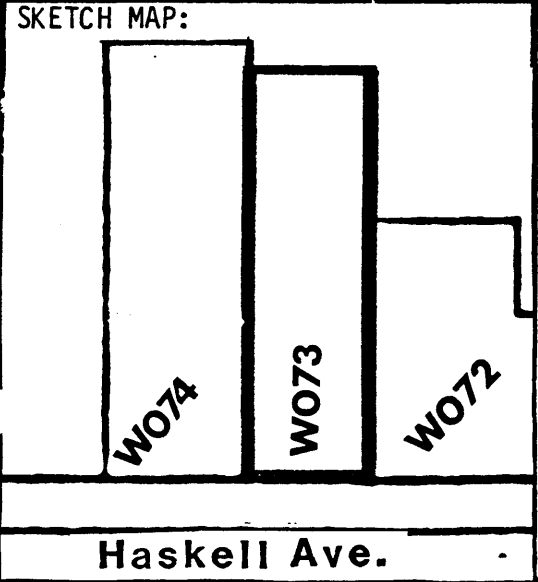
ALTERATIONS: Compatible stucco finish, transom at entry boarded (easily reversible), windows altered from six pane to single pane;

PHOTOGRAPH compatible

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: N, FF

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R: X F: 7



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Prom Occup contd: ranching in Sulphur Springs Valley. The newspaper was the major community information source throughout the historic period and was very influential.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Arizona Range News, founded in 1884*, is Willcox's only newspaper & printing press. It is important to the history of..

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to 1920's adobe commercial construction

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Fine example of adobe Mission Revival style influence

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTRIBUTION Contributes to historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: One of several adobe commercial structures in the downtown area. Important historical association to area ranching and newspaper. Adjacent building (W074) was constructed as a separate building. It is now joined to W073 by several entries in the common wall. Interior maintains original pressed tin ceilings and wood floors. Minor reversible facade changes have not compromised the integrity of the building.
* as Sulpher Valley News

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:
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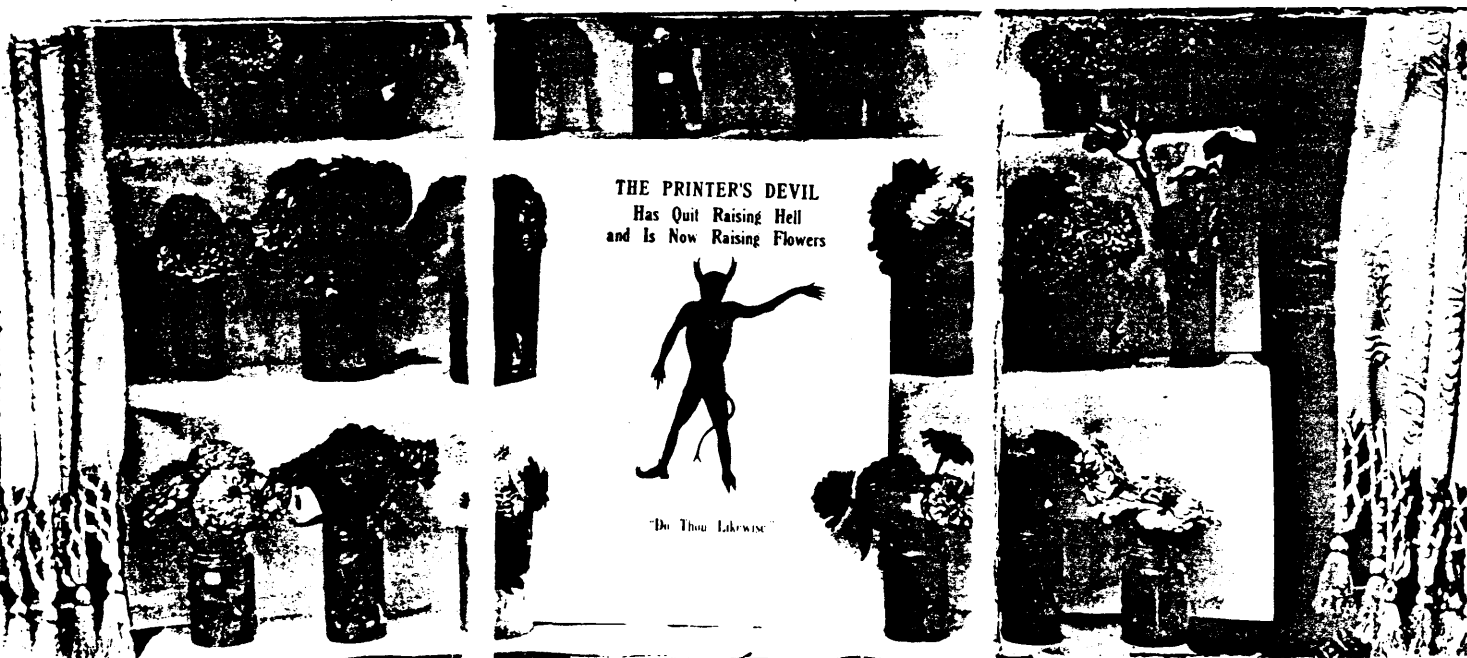
COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

JRVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Riggs Bank/Bank of Willcox/..
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 100 E. Maley
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 6/16-185 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Cotherman, Rex B.
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 1004
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1900
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Gregory
 INTEGRITY: Minor alterations
 CONDITION: Excellent

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W077
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
T 14 R 25 S 6 / NE ¼ OF THE NW ¼
 UTM _____

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown
 EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick cornice with Italianate detailing, parapet w/caprov
 WINDOWS: 1/1 DH, wood frame, plate glass display
 ENTRY: Central and off-center, both with metal and glass doors
 PORCHES: Bracketed wood shake roof at transom level
 STOREFRONTS: Features intact from 1920 bank remodeling

DESCRIPTION

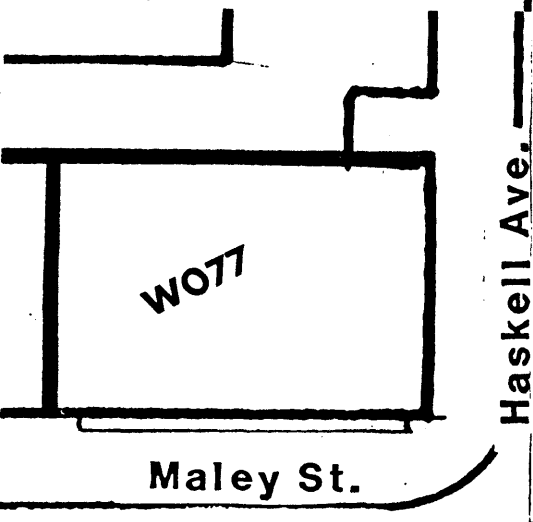
STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 60 (w) 60
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
 WALL SHEATHING: Stucco
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Marble bulkhead

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Unknown
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: Overhang, shutters, doors

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: W, 3/4
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:27 F:7

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Hist name contd: Valley National Bank.

This building shows as Palace Hotel on 1927 sanborn, and was remodeled in 1929 as the Riggs Bank. Prom Occup contd: 1931, and opened as Bank of Willcox in 1933, sold again, this time to Valley National Bank in 1936.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Organized as Riggs Bank by the Riggs family, on April 23, 1920. The Riggs were a prominent ranching family. Sold in..
RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early commercial construction in Willcox
CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of Panel Brick Commercial style
MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None
ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None
DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to historic fabric of the block face
DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: This structure relates to the Riggs family, a prominent ranching family who also had banking interests. This is the only building in Willcox displaying late 19th century Commercial style influence, for example, the corbelling at roofline.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____
NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:
LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SRVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Piggly Wiggly Grocery
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 116 E. Maley
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 6/16-184 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Woods, Katherine Lois
 OWNER ADDRESS: 167 N. Bowie Ave.
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1936
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 INTEGRITY: Unaltered
 CONDITION: Excellent

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W078
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
 T 14 R 25 S 6 / NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4
 UTM

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown
 EAVES TREATMENT: Stepped parapet, rectangular wood vents in recessed panel
 WINDOWS: Fixed display, plain lintel, slipsills, prism glass at transom level
 ENTRY: 2 bays, both with wood and glass doors, lighted transoms
 PORCHES: None
 STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION

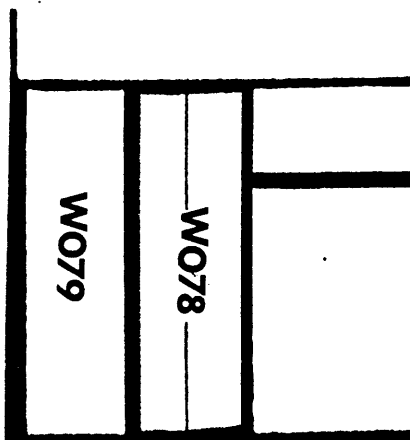
FORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 40 (w) 40
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
 WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Remodeled
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: None

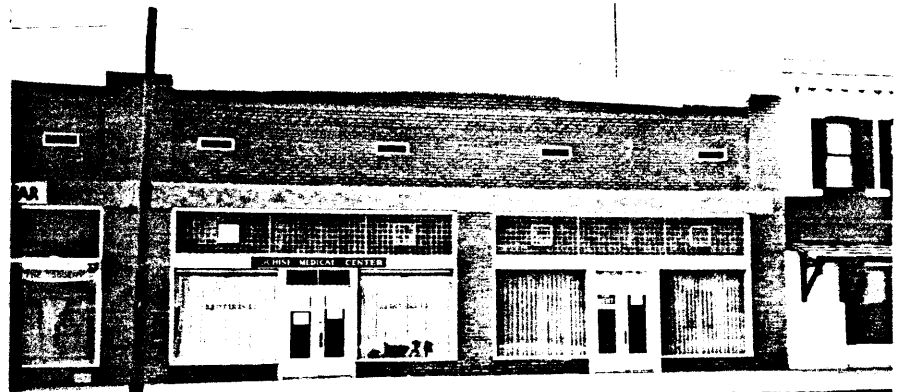
PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: W,
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:X F:4

SKETCH MAP:



Maley St.



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): None

Date source: 1936 Advertisement in the Arizona Range News.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Piggly Wiggly Grocery. At one time housed a bowling alley

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of 1930's Panel Brick Commercial style structure

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to the historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Good example of intact Panel Brick Commercial style building.

See Form W079. Constructed as a single unit and then joined to form the Toggery and Piggly Wiggly. W078 is sensitively connected to W079. W078 and W079 combine to form one contributing building.

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

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
 SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Toggery
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 128 E. Maley
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 6/16-183 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Huffman, Hazel
 OWNER ADDRESS: 128 E. Maley
Willcox, Arizona 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Panel Brick Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1933
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 INTEGRITY: Unaltered
 CONDITION: Excellent

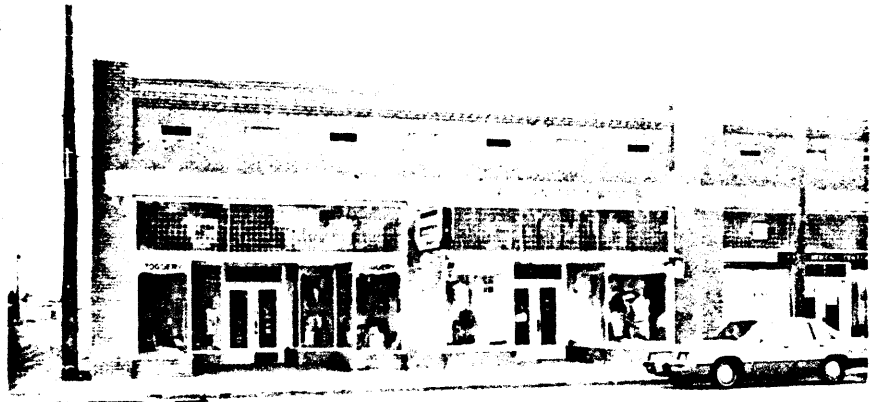
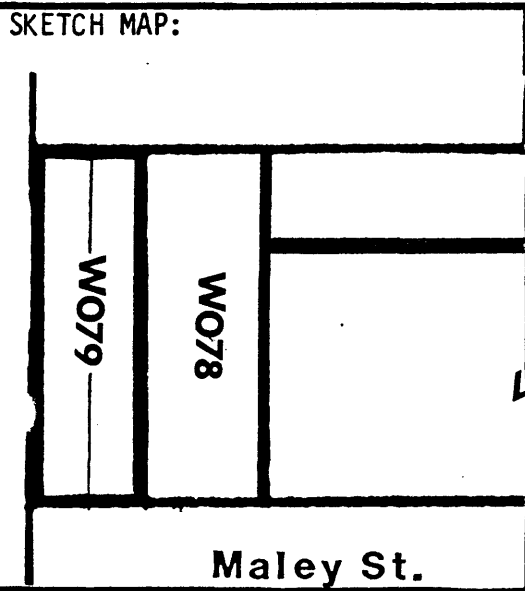
COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W079
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ
 T 14 R 25 S 6 / NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4
 UTM

Description (contd.)
 ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown
 EAVES TREATMENT: Panel brick parapet with caprow and vents at transom level
 WINDOWS: Fixed, plate glass, prism glass at transom level
 ENTRY: Two bays, recessed w/double wood doors with lights, multi-paned transom
 PORCHES: None
 STOREFRONTS: Original features intact

DESCRIPTION
 STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 40 (w) 40
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
 WALL SHEATHING: Fired brick
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Signage

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original floor, wood trim, show cases
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: None

PHOTOGRAPH
 PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: W, 3/4
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:27 F:9



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Date based on historic photo.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) The Toggery, was built by Thomas A. Huffman, whose family still runs the store

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to commercial development in Willcox

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Good example of 1930's Panel Brick Commercial style building

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Contributes to the historic fabric of the block face

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Good example of intact Panel Brick Commercial style building.

See Form W078. Constructed as a single unit and later joined to form the Toggery and Piggly Wiggly. W079 and W078 combine to form one contributing building.

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

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____

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

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 125 S. Railroad Ave.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: None

OWNER: Southern Pacific RR. Co.

OWNER ADDRESS: 9830 N. 32nd Street, Suite B-106
Phoenix, AZ 85028

HISTORIC USE: Railroad Station

PRESENT USE: Loading, storage & vacant

BUILDING TYPE: Railroad Station

STYLE: Stick Style

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1880

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

INTEGRITY: Unaltered

CONDITION: Fair

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W084

USGS QUAD: Willcox, AZ

T 14 R 25 S 6 / NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4

UTM _____

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Medium gable & pyramidal, 3..

ROOF SHEATHING: Wood shingle

EAVES TREATMENT: Projecting eaves, plain wood fascia, wood brackets with knobs

WINDOWS: 1/1 DH, wood frame, plain sides, lugsills

ENTRY: Off-center, wood door with 1 light wood sliding doors at loading docks

PORCHES: Concrete slab loading dock

STOREFRONTS: Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 150(w) 50

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Wood frame (redwood)

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

WALL SHEATHING: Clapboard with corner boards

APPLIED ORNAMENT: Brackets at eaves

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Historic period interior intact.

OUTBUILDINGS: None

ALTERATIONS: Sensitive addition at north side, in historic period

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates

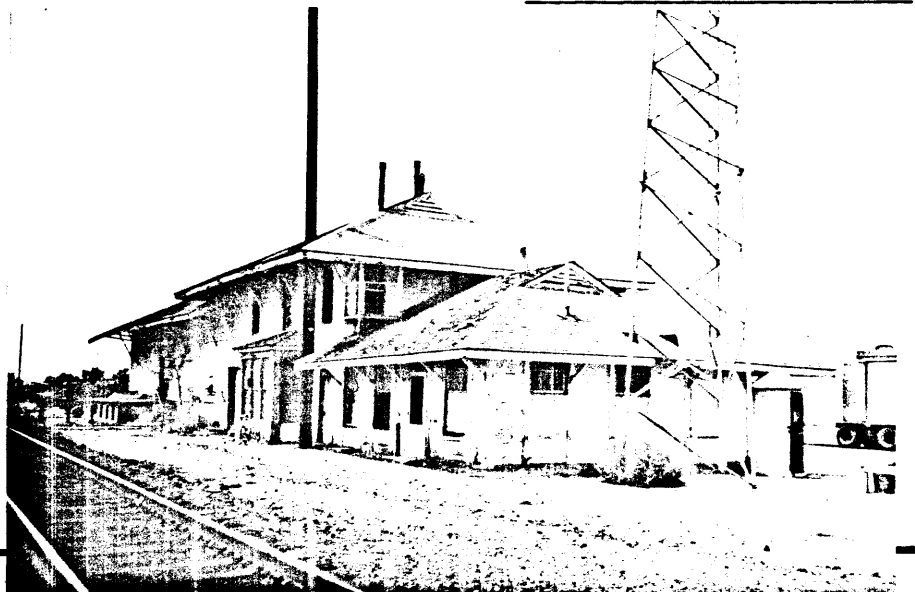
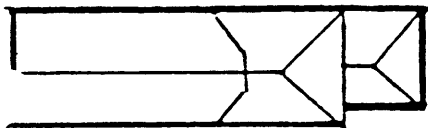
DATE: July, 1986 VIEW: W, 3/4

NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:X F:1

SKETCH MAP:

R.R. Ave.

W084



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Roof type contd: metal chimneys with metal caps. Major additions added for waiting room between 1893-1927.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE___ TRANSPORTATION X TOURISM___ OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) S.P. Railroad Company. See continuation sheet.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to transportation development in Willcox.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Excellent example of redwood Stick Style railroad station

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Redwood

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Prominent isolated site on large lot

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: See continuation sheet.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL___ RESIDENTIAL STREET___ COMMERCIAL___ CENTRAL SQUARE___
CBD: x OTHER: _____

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

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COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE June, 1986 DATE FORM COMPLETED August, 1986

Willcox, Arizona

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD STATION

Addendum

SUMMARY

The Southern Pacific Railroad Depot is a two story Stick Style building constructed in 1880 and sheathed with dimensioned redwood shiplap. The station is important to the history of nationwide railroad expansion as the only known, original, on site, passenger depot still extant on the Southern Trans-Continental Railroad route, from Los Angeles to Chicago. The national need for southern railroad route was an impetus for the war with Mexico in the 1850's and the subsequent Gadsden Purchase. The route was vital in opening up the Southwestern United States for settlement, mining and commerce, connecting the east and west coasts. The station was built by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on their portion of the southern route which ran from Deming, New Mexico to Los Angeles, California. The majority of wood frame stations on the second transcontinental route were replaced by brick structures after the turn of the century. Others have been moved or destroyed. The last intact, on site station on the route was at Bernalillo, New Mexico and was destroyed by fire four years ago.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Willcox Depot is nationally significant as an illustration of typical passenger depots constructed concurrently with the railroad line. Built in the 1880's, the station reflects the prevailing Stick Style architecture of the late nineteenth century. Depots of similar design appeared in towns and cities across the southern route. The Willcox railroad station exhibits a high level of architectural integrity. All of the original Stick Style ornamental features, including brackets and ornamental exterior stickwork, are intact. It is this applied ornamentation which is a hallmark of the Stick Style. The interior finishes and floorplan are also intact, making accurate restoration of the station a feasible possibility. This station is the only one of this period and style which remains standing, on site and is unique for its architectural merits, as well as for its historic associations with nineteenth century railroad development in the United States.

DESCRIPTION

The station, built of redwood in 1880, is the only remaining original wood frame station. The Willcox station was, from the opening of the rails in 1880, viewed by the Southern Pacific and the eastern Arizona business community as a major station. (Arizona Weekly Star, November 18, 1880). It is typical of two story wood frame stations built at the end of the nineteenth century.

The building consist of three portions, a two story central portion, a freight storage portion surrounded by a concrete loading dock, and the one story addition. The roofs on the addition and the central portion are medium gabled hip. The freight storage portion has a medium gabled roof. All roofs are clad with wood shingles. The extended eaves are bracketed. A bay window projects on the track side and a staircase and balcony give entry to the second story apartment on the street side. The exterior sheathing is six inch wide redwood shiplap with corner boards. This building material was not available in Southern Arizona until the coming of the railroad which allowed shipment from California. Wide, dimensioned shiplap was replaced by narrow board redwood by the turn of the century. Buildings in southern Arizona utilizing this material are extremely rare today.

This building is also important for its interior which is predominantly intact. The first floor of the station contains a freight room, baggage room, office and waiting room. The second story provided living quarters for the station agent. An additional waiting room and office area were added to the north portion in 1914. The addition is sensitive to the original structure.

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

Summary Statement

The founding of Willcox was generated by larger factors affecting the opening and development of the west. The town was founded as a major eastern Arizona shipping and freighting point with the coming of the southern route of the second transcontinental railroad in 1880. Until 1900, Willcox was the largest town and the only trade center in the Sulphur Springs Valley, an area of 100 miles by fifty miles. The small community quickly grew to become an important center of commerce for all of southeastern Arizona, providing supplies to several army posts during the final years of the Indian Wars as well as to ranchers and miners who were settling in the area. The Willcox railroad station is nominated at the national level of significance under criteria A, B and C.

The need for a southern transcontinental railroad was recognized by the U.S. Government in the 1830's and 1840's. The winning of the Mexican War and the discovery of gold in California increased interest in the Southern route. It is estimated that by the end of 1851, approximately 50,000 immigrants had passed through Arizona in their quest for gold. Previous boundary exploration had shown that a southern route could only be constructed south of the Gila River. The U.S. Government successfully negotiated the Gadsden Purchase and took control of the area in 1854.

The discovery of rich sources of mineral ore and burgeoning mining activity increased the need for inexpensive freighting from the Arizona Territory to Eastern markets through the 1870's. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company was granted permission for a southern railroad connection at the Yuma Crossing in 1871, but the national economy and intense competition among major railroad powers postponed the building of the line. It was not until

the late 1870's that political maneuvering between the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, the Central Pacific Railroad and politicians at all levels had been resolved.

On November 19, 1878, however, construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad began in Arizona. The track was laid eastward from Yuma towards Casa Grande, reaching that city on May 19, 1879. Work was then discontinued and was not resumed until January 26, 1880. The first train arrived in Tucson on March 20, 1880.

At the same time, grading was being done in the Sulphur Springs Valley in 1877, and a railroad construction camp was established at the present site of Willcox some time before January 3, 1878.

On August 26, 1880, the Arizona Star carried an item concerning a new city called Maley, located 40 miles east of Benson, "which would have a post office in a few days." The railroad reached there some time during that month, but the exact date is unknown.

Further construction continued eastward across Arizona and New Mexico and on March 8, 1881, the Southern Pacific rails from the west met the Santa Fe rails from the east. A silver spike was driven in Deming, New Mexico to celebrate the completion of the second transcontinental railroad which provided the only all weather route from the eastern United States to the Pacific coast.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Station in Willcox was built the same year the railroad arrived, in 1880. It quickly became a focal point in the community. The townsite was even laid out perpendicular to the tracks, instead of the more common east west orientation and reflects the influence of the railroad. During the next eight decades the Willcox Depot was important to the freighting of supplies to cattle ranchers, army posts and small settlements in the upper Sulphur Springs Valley. The Willcox Depot was a major nation-wide shipping point for range cattle from the 1880's through the late 1930's.

The railroad had a tremendous influence in the development of Willcox. The central business district, consisting of mercantile companies, banks and saloons, developed on the blocks facing the station as the community became a significant commercial trade center for military, ranching and mining activities throughout southeastern Arizona. Building materials such as dimensioned lumber, pressed tin facades and windows were received at the station and used in constructing residences and commercial buildings in Willcox and the surrounding area.

During the final years of the Indian Wars, the Willcox Railroad Station functioned as an important military shipping point for the goods and troops that were necessary for the defeat of the Apache Indians. Supplies arrived by rail at the station and were freighted to Fort Bowie, Fort Grant and Fort Thomas. Freighting companies quickly built facilities on Railroad Avenue to handle the increasing military commerce as large numbers of troops were sent west for the final Indian campaign. Officers and troops arrived in Willcox, were entertained, and dispersed to the forts. Although major Indian hostilities ceased in 1886 with the capture of Geronimo, sporadic outbreaks continued for several years and troops remained until the late 1890's.

Willcox has been greatly influenced by the success or failure of various mines located within its trading area because of the importance of the Railroad Station as a shipping point. The Dos Cabezas Mining District, located twelve miles southeast of Willcox, was probably most important because of its proximity to the town.

Mining began in the 1870's and increased when the Mascot Copper Company was formed in 1907, to work several claims in the area. This mining venture expended a generous amount of capital on construction and employment which increased the economy of Willcox and required large quantities of supplies and equipment which were handled at the Willcox Railroad Station. The processed minerals were loaded from wagons to freight cars at the Willcox station and shipped east. A railroad spur from Willcox to Dos Cabezas was operated by the company from 1913 until 1931 to bring ore from the mines to the Willcox shipping point.

Other mining activities in the Willcox trade area included the Commonwealth Mine, discovered in 1895, located twenty-five miles south at Pearce where John H. Norton (W045) built a store which is now listed on the National Register. The Aravaipa Mining District, fifty miles north of Willcox, has also been mined periodically since the 1870's. The Johnson Mining District and the Courtland-Gleeson District, twenty-five miles south, have periodically been productive since the 1870's, depending on Willcox for supplies and shipping. Mining operations in Globe, Arizona, 110 miles northeast, depended on Willcox as a shipping point. Freight teams of oxen and mules, pulling three or four wagons, hauled copper to the Railroad Station in Willcox until the Gila Valley, Globe, and Northern Railroad was completed in 1898.

The railroad was the major catalyst for the expansion of the southeastern Arizona cattle industry. Cattle ranching was a major industry in the Sulphur Springs Valley after the 1880's and Willcox continued to serve a large trade area as a shipping point and center of commerce. The Railroad Station, as a shipping center for thousands of cattle to eastern markets, was a focal point for the cattle industry.

Large ranching operations developed to take advantage of the mild climate and the lush, green grass that thrived in the Valley. The Riggs family homesteaded in the Chiricahua Mountains southeast of Willcox in the late 1880's and expanded their family holdings to approximately 100,000 acres of patented land by 1929, with ranches from Dos Cabezas to Rodeo, New Mexico.

Cattle rancher Henry Hooker founded the Sierra Bonita ranch north of Willcox which grew to control a vast amount of grazing land, irrigated at several locations to produce hay and grain supplementary feed and by 1895 had increased his herd to 20,000 head.

The JH ranch, operated by Captain W.H. McKittrick in the 1890's and early 1900's extended from Willcox to the ranch house fourteen miles to the northwest and ran as many as 28,000 head of cattle at one time. The Chiricahua Cattle Company held a range that extended thirty miles by seventy-five miles and had one of the largest herds in the Arizona Territory.

Cattle production reached its peak in the Sulphur Springs Valley in 1891 with an estimated 1.5 million cattle grazing the ranges. Willcox was the

trade center for this large industry and the shipping point for hundreds of thousands of cattle annually. In 1896, 209,839 head were shipped east from the Willcox Station and 24,097 were killed for home consumption. The Sulphur Springs Valley News (Range News, W073) reported on June 2, 1896 that "not less than 5,000 cattle will be shipped from Willcox this week. When one stops to think that 5,000 cattle means about \$65,000 in the pockets of the stockmen in this vicinity, people cease to wonder that this is a busy town."

Willcox continued to thrive after the turn of the century as the trade center for the Sulphur Springs Valley. Agriculture and cattle ranching expanded because of the extensive grazing available and the farmland with its sufficient water became increasingly productive. Willcox continued as an important cattle shipping point and as late as 1936 was called "The Cattle Capitol of the Nation." when Mr. J. Frank Wootan, a United States cattle inspector, stated in the Arizona Range News that Willcox "is now the leading shipping point in the entire United States for shipping cattle direct from the range." Even today, it is the only freighting point in Southern Arizona that holds a weekly cattle auction.

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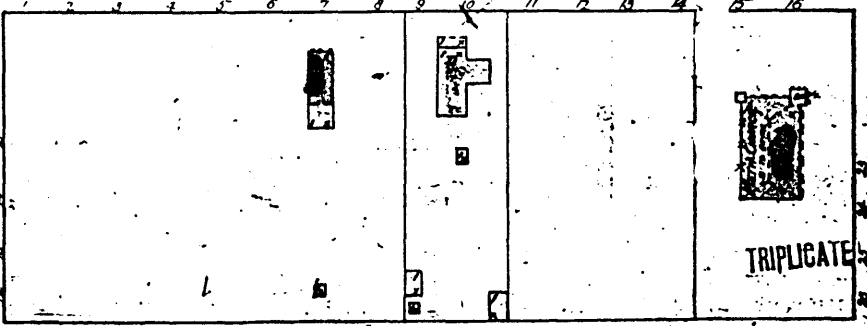
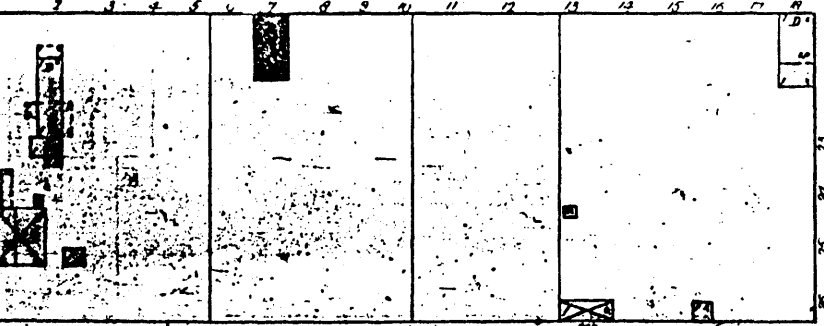
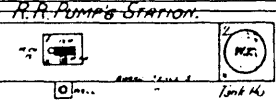
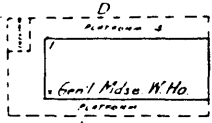
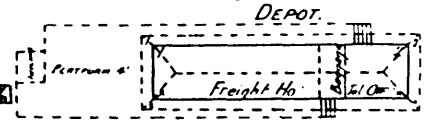
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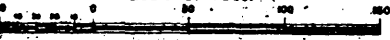
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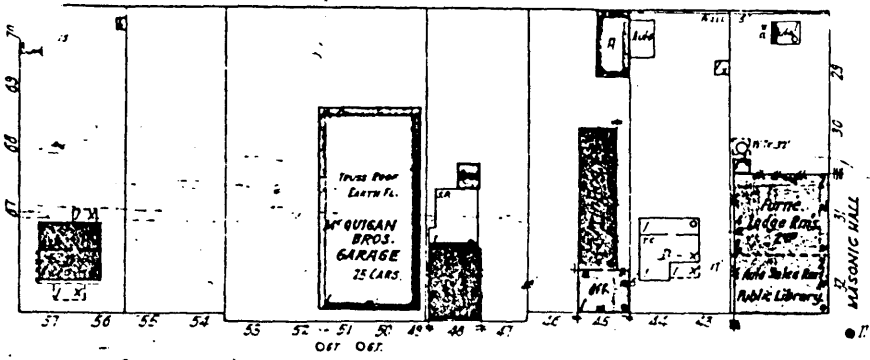
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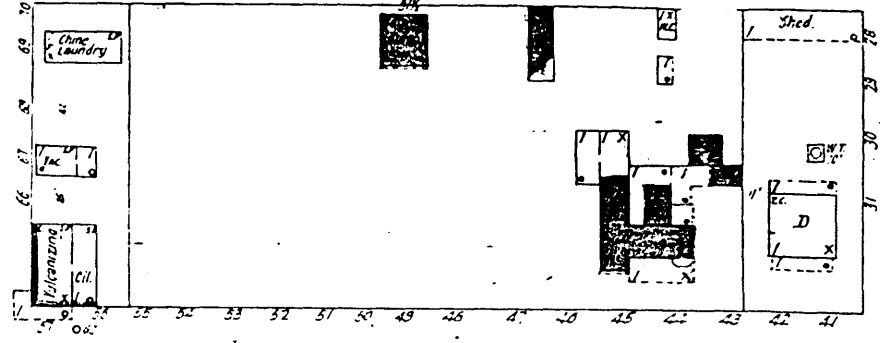
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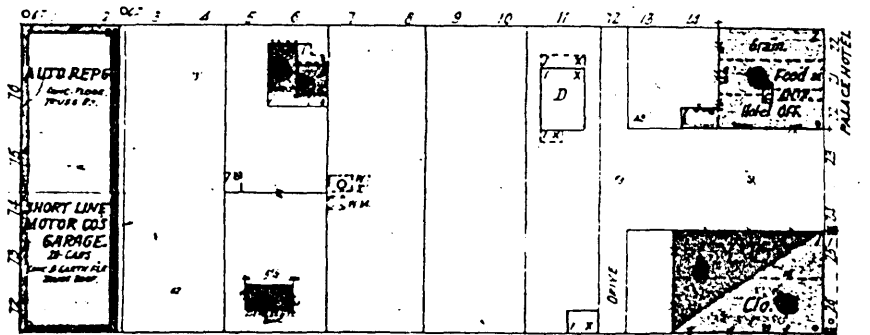
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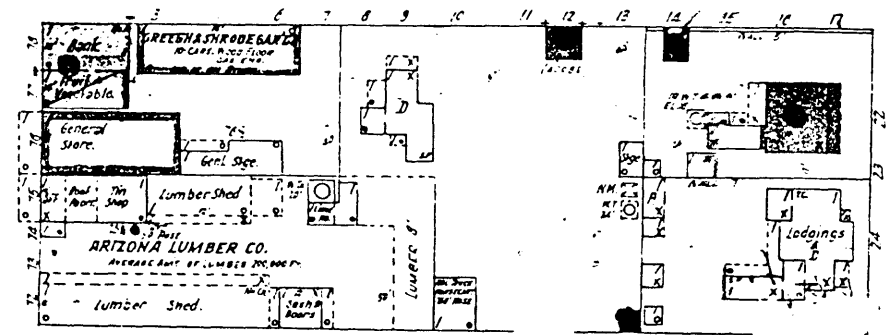
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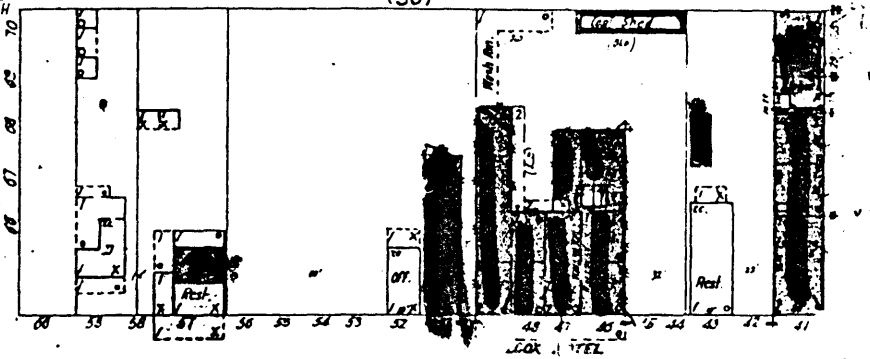
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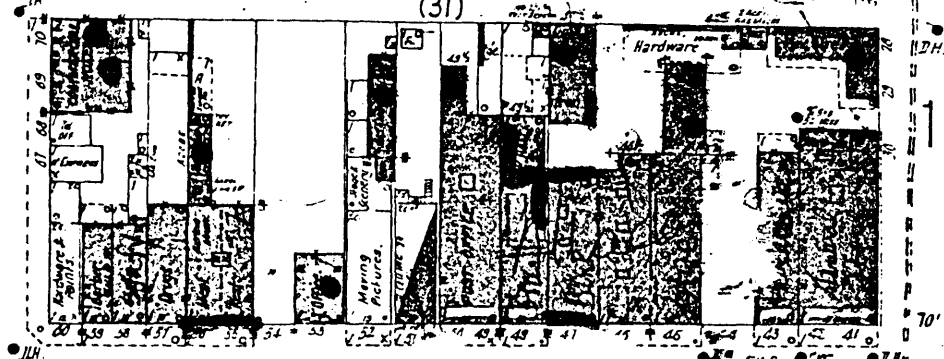


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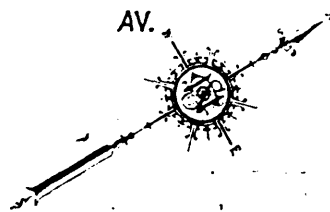
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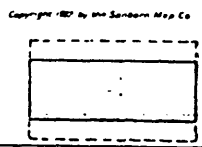
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SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD
MAIN TRACK

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox

HISTORIC NAME: Railroad Park

LOCATION: 100 Block of N. Railroad Avenue
(entire block)

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL: #203-37-001

OWNER: Southern Pacific Transportation Co.

OWNER ADDRESS: 9830 N. 32nd St., Suite B-106
Phoenix, AZ 85028

HISTORIC USE: Park

PRESENT USE: Park

INTEGRITY: Unaltered

CONDITION: Good

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: N/A

STRUCTURAL TYPE: N/A

DESIGNER/BUILDER: N/A

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1928

MATERIALS: N/A

ORNAMENT/FEATURES: N/A

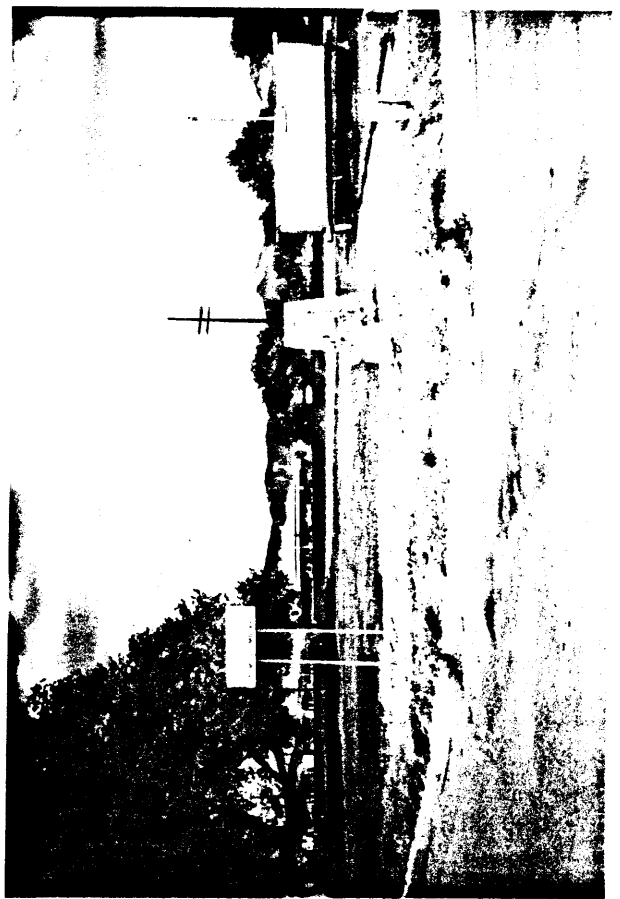
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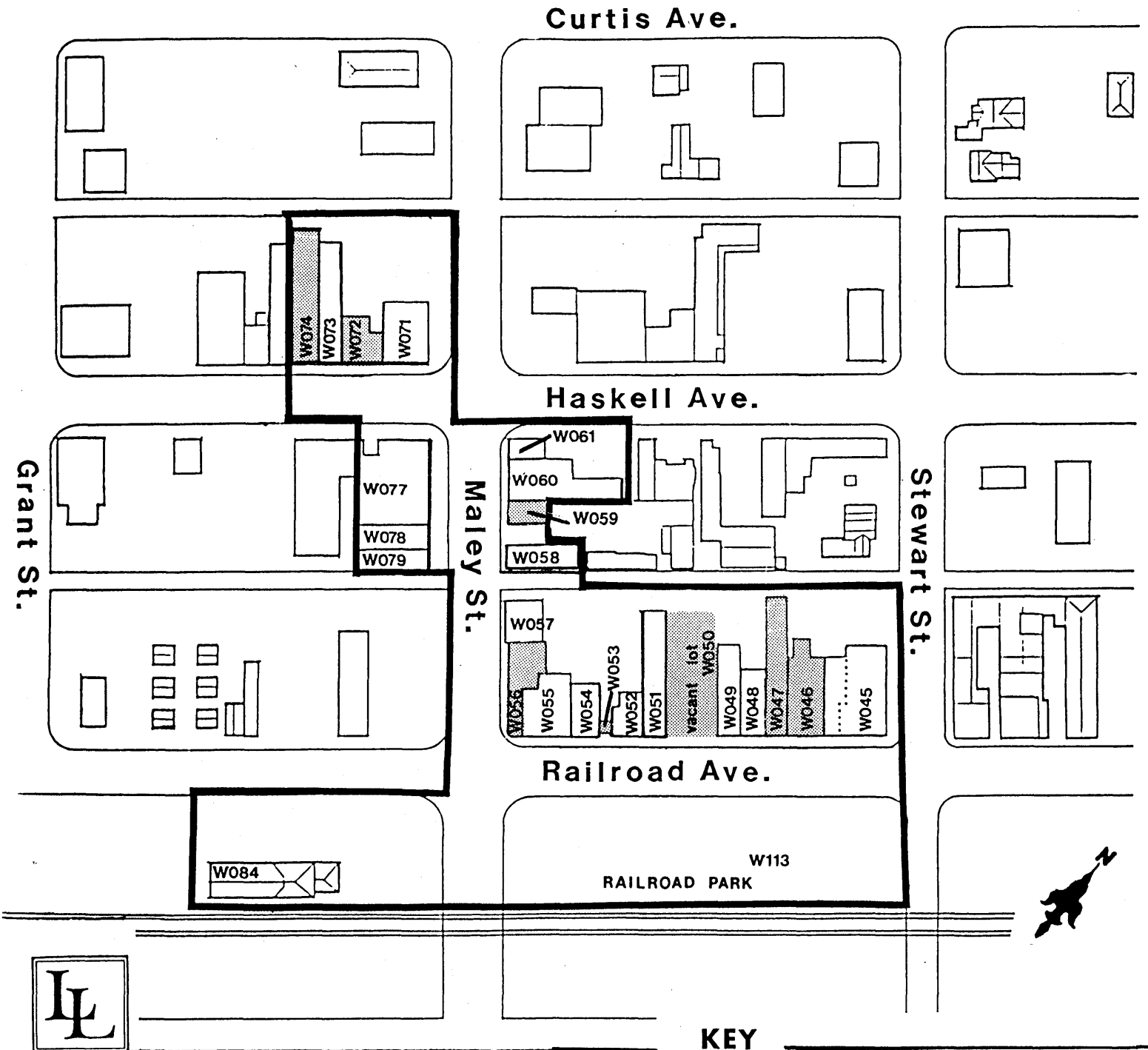
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WILLCOX RAILROAD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT
NONCONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES

WILLCOX, AZ

RAILROAD AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT



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APPROXIMATE SCALE 1"=150'

ARIZONA BUILDING INVENTORY "SHORT FORM"

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Soto Brothers Mercantile
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 162 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-245A (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Martinez, Virginia
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 332 Willcox, AZ 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca.1886, facade constructed post-1927 (ca. 1929)

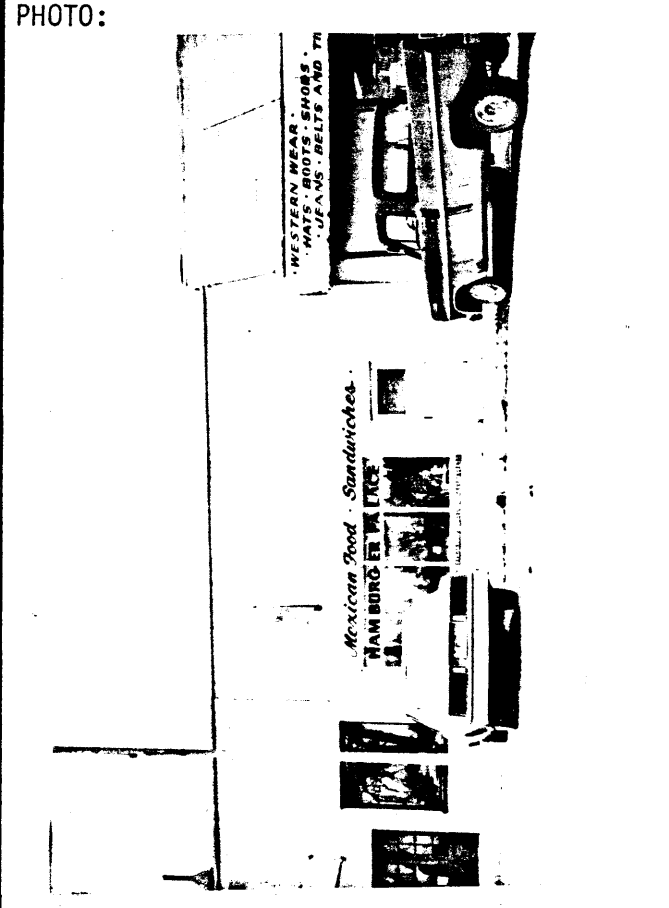
BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: adobe
Commercial style building with flat roof, signage, wood frame plate glass display windows with moulded trim and brick lugsills, off-center entry with wood door, no canopy, with a new brick front facade. Pablo Soto & his brother ran a mercantile store here.

ALTERATIONS: concrete masonry facade

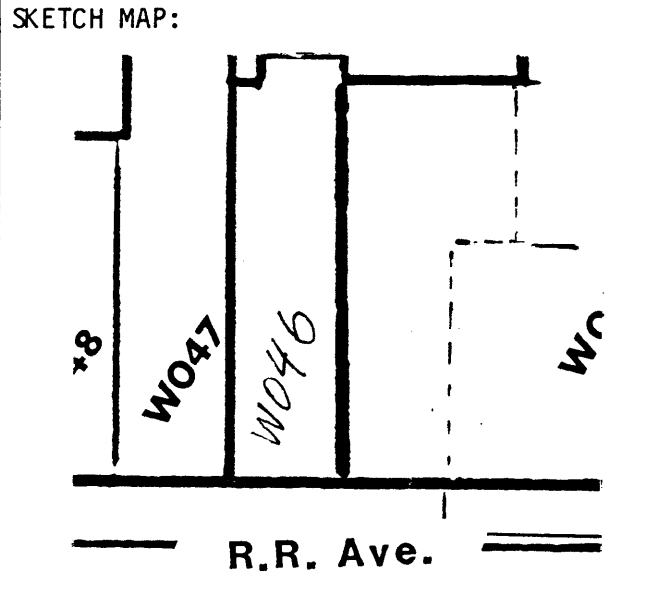
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ARIZONA BUILDING INVENTORY "SHORT FORM"

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Soto Brothers
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 156 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-244 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Siedel, Richard and Dale
 OWNER ADDRESS: 180 N. Railroad Ave. Willcox, AZ
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1900

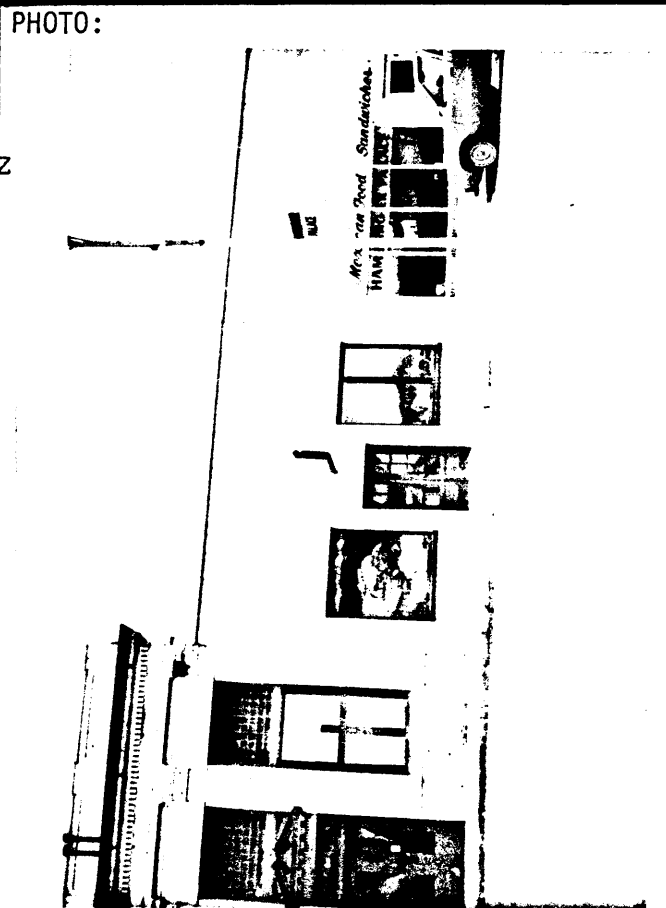
BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Commercial style
adobe building with flat roof, plate glass
display windows, central entry with double
panel wood doors with eight lights each,
stucco finish and blank signage.

ALTERATIONS: Stucco finish, windows,
concrete block facade, and
rear addition.

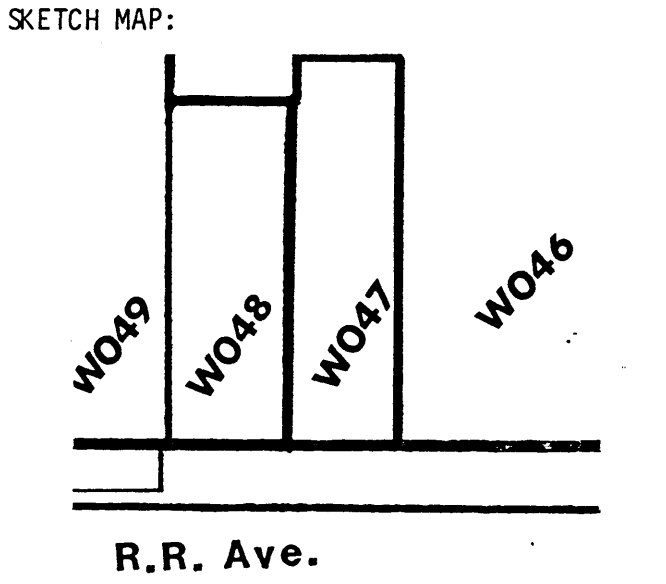
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SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 150-152 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-240 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Siedel, Richard
 OWNER ADDRESS: 180 N. Railroad Ave. Willcox, AZ
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: two 25' vacant lots
 BUILDING TYPE: Not applicable
 STYLE: Not applicable
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: N/A

BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Vacant lot contained the Sweet Shop, a two story brick building that burned and was demolished.

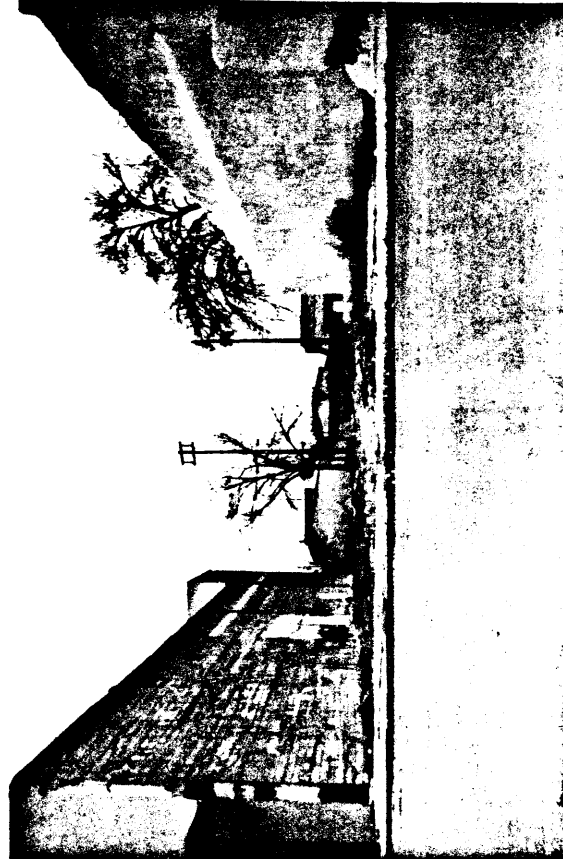
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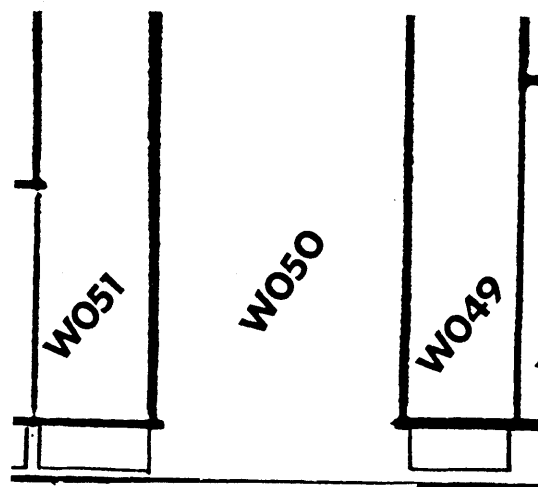
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SKETCH MAP:



R.R. Ave.

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: The White Spot
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 118 N. Railroad Ave.
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 208-28 7/16-237 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Story, Ray, et al.
 OWNER ADDRESS: 839 W. Mountain St. Glendale, CA 91201
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1930

BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Stucco over wood frame Commercial style building with flat roof and parapet, signage, central entry with wood door with single light, no canopy. The interior was remodeled in 1985 for a restaurant.

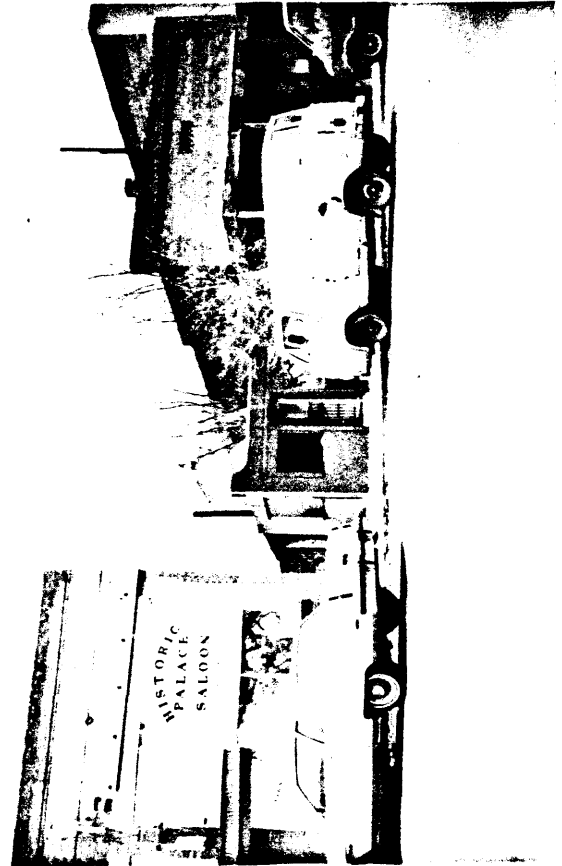
ALTERATIONS: Fence added, interior remodeled in 1985

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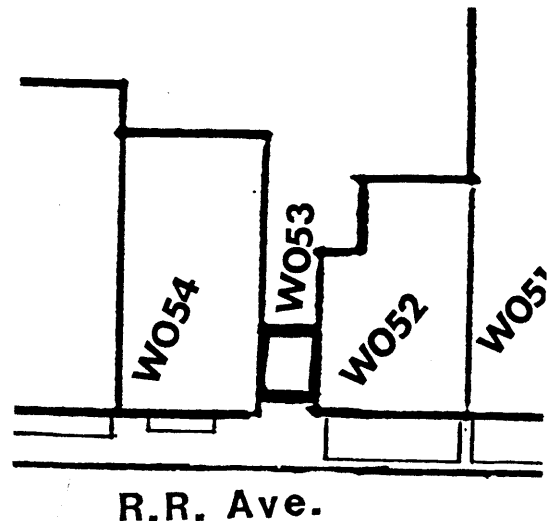
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SKETCH MAP:



SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona

HISTORIC NAME: Headquarters Saloon

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 147 E. Maley St.

CITY/TOWN: Willcox

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-234A (>1 acre)

OWNER: Jerry Robinson

OWNER ADDRESS: 803 W. Soto Willcox, AZ 85643

HISTORIC USE: Commercial

PRESENT USE: Commercial

BUILDING TYPE: Commercial

STYLE: Commercial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: Original structure burned ca. 1940's, then rebuilt.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Stucco over wood frame Commercial style building with flat roof with parapet with caprow, and signage, single wood frame fixed windows with brick surround, slipsill, truncated corner with glass panel door entry without lights. Associated with the killing of Warren Earp.

ALTERATIONS: Stucco finish, signage, windows, doors

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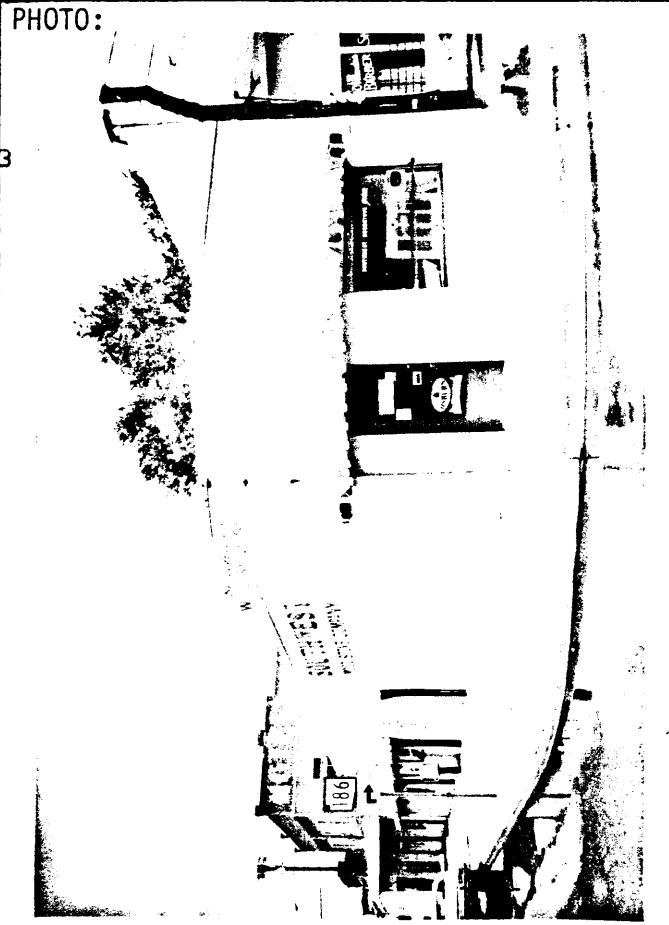
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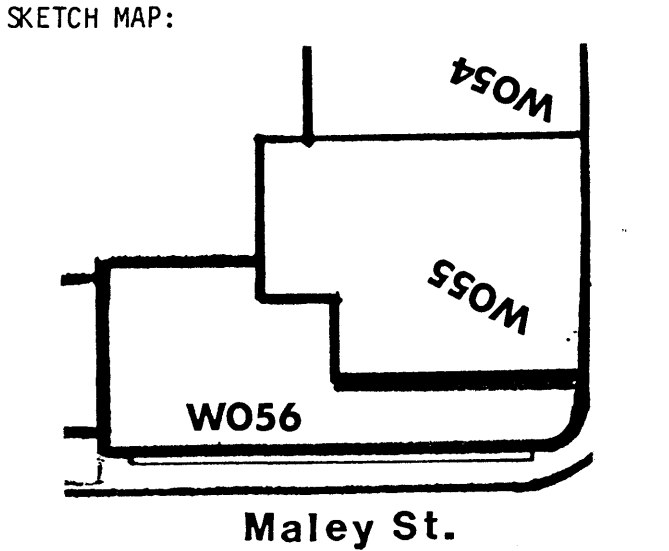
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SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 117 E. Maley
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-233 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Windsor, I.
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 698 Willcox, AZ 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: ca. 1920

BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Wood frame Commercial style building with flat roof, stepped parapet, false front, central entry with wood door with single light, fixed wood frame windows, stucco finish, and original storefront features modified.

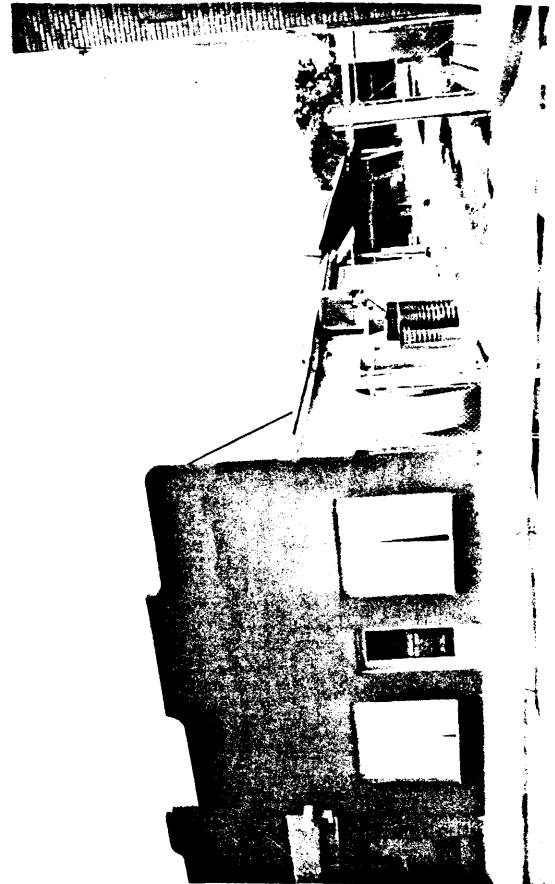
ALTERATIONS: Stucco finish, windows.

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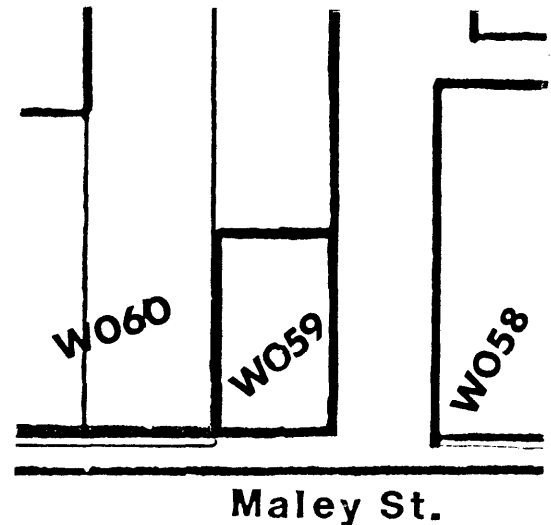
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SKETCH MAP:



ARIZONA BUILDING INVENTORY "SHORT FORM"

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 112 S. Haskell
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-225 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Barnes, Adela C.
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 913 Willcox, AZ 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: post-1945, exact date
unknown

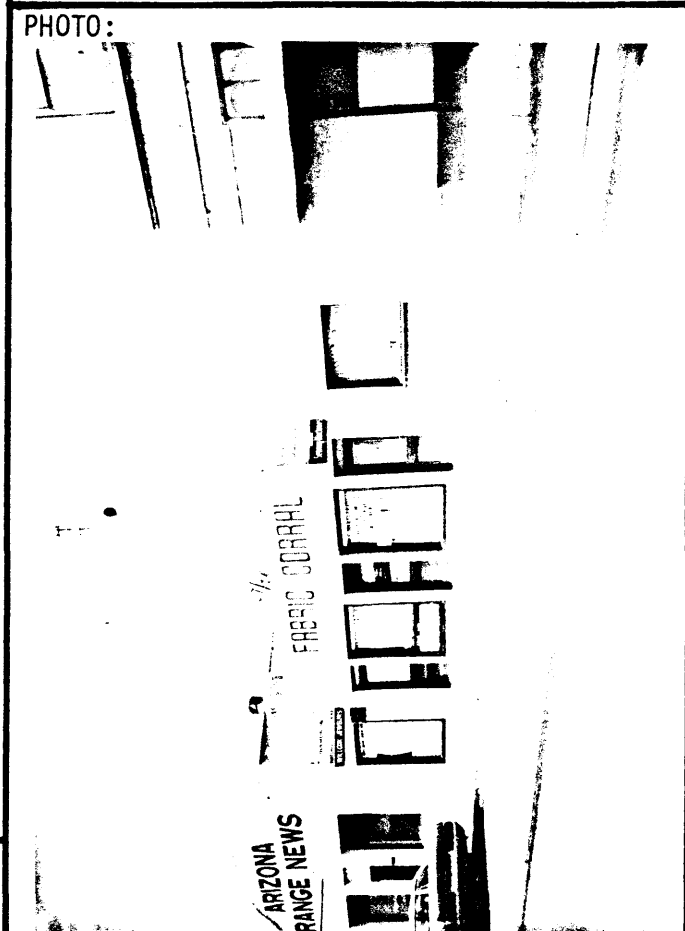
BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Recent modern concrete block Commercial style building with flat roof and stepped parapet, wood frame display windows, and 3 entries with wood doors with lights, signage on windows. The original house is at rear of building.

ALTERATIONS: None

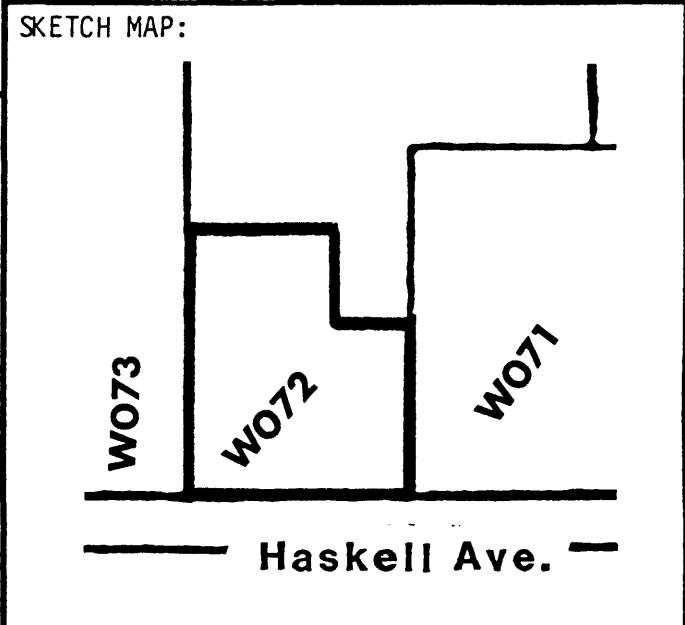
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 COMMERCIAL _____
 TOWN SQUARE _____
 CBD _____ x _____
 ISOLATED/RURAL _____

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COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W072
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, Az
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ARIZONA BUILDING INVENTORY "SHORT FORM"

SURVEY AREA NAME: Willcox, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 122 S. Haskell
 CITY/TOWN: Willcox
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 203-28 7/16-223 (>1 acre)
 OWNER: Arizona Range News, Inc.
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 250 Willcox, AZ 85643
 HISTORIC USE: Commercial
 PRESENT USE: Commercial
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: post-1945 (exact date unknown)

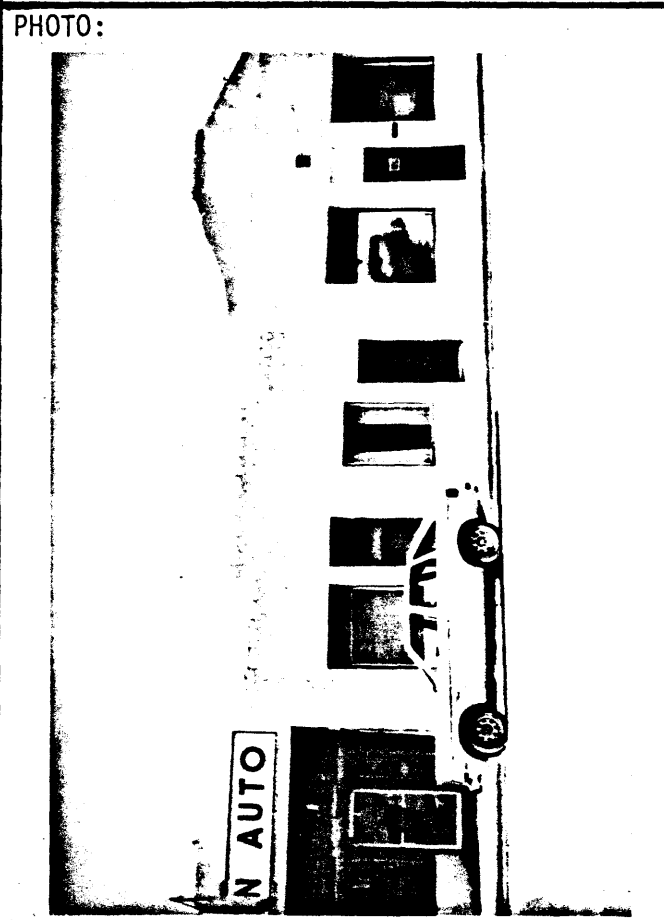
BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT: Adobe Commercial style building with cast block front, flat roof with stepped parapet, two entries, both off-center with wood doors, one with blind transom, metal and glass fixed display windows and no signage.

ALTERATIONS: Block facade sheathing constructed subsequent to and separately from W073 but later joined by entries through the common wall.

CONTEXT: RESIDENTIAL STREETScape _____
 COMMERCIAL _____
 TOWN SQUARE _____
 CBD x _____
 ISOLATED/RURAL _____

SURVEYOR: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: August, 1986

COUNTY: Willcox SURVEY SITE: W074
 USGS QUAD: Willcox, Az
 T 13 R 25 S 31 / NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4
 UTM _____



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