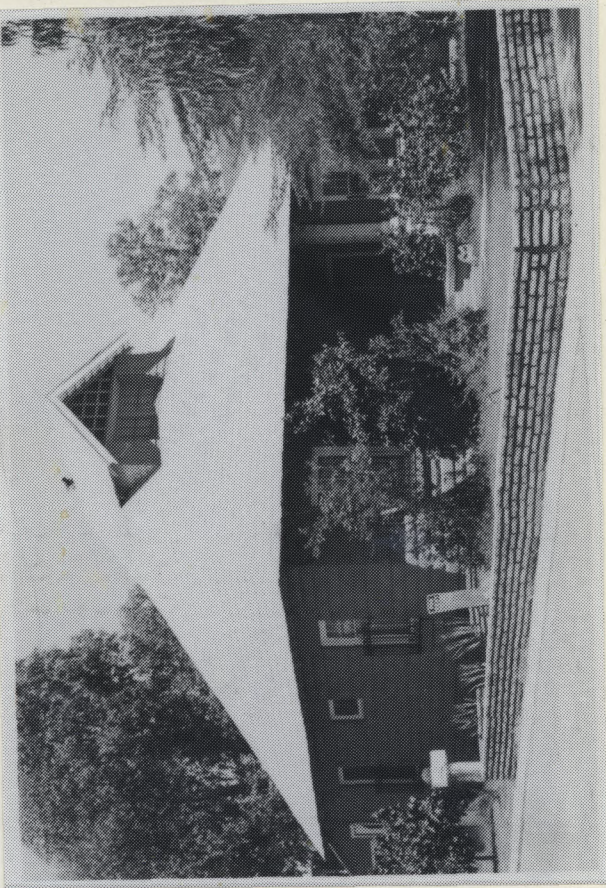


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

APR 21 1980

PROPERTY NAME Clara Smith Riley House		Yu122
LOCATION 734 Second Avenue		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH 
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY: Yuma	COUNTY Yuma	
OWNER Pablo and Victoria Curiel		
OWNER'S ADDRESS 734 Second Avenue Yuma, Arizona 85364		
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society		
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4/78	
VIEW South and east facades		
PRESENT USE Residence/ single family	ACREAGE less/acre	
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Early 20th Century Block Cottage		
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1909		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
The house at 734 Second Avenue is a one-and-a-half story structure of concrete block cast in the form of rusticated stone. A hipped roof with high pitched planes surmounts the rectangular mass of the first story. The roof is accented by an attic gable which extends perpendicular to the central ridge. Originally an "L" shaped porch was inset under the roof on the north and east sides. Part of this area was later enclosed by a frame addition to leave only a recessed entry. Windows and doors are set discretely in the wall planes. The building is little changed and structurally sound.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
The Clara Smith Riley House is a well preserved example of the concrete block residences which were built during the first two decades of the 20th century. Unadorned except for a palette of highly textured materials (e.g. shingles and rusticated blocks), the building is quite modern in the sense that it does not imitate any historical model but reflects utilitarian concerns. The roof, for example, is striking both for its steep sides and dormer configuration: a form which probably resulted from the need to create livable space in the attic. The building is named after its owner from 1923 to 1973.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Block 165; Lot 2; Yuma Townsite