

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Harry E. Peirce House		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. BP-155 (S)
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Women's Auxiliary		QUAD/COUNTY MAP Phoenix Quad	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 632 North 3rd Avenue			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Phoenix		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 111-39-11A	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Salvation Army		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX P.O. Box 13307			
CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85003
FORM PREPARED BY Gerald A. Doyle & Associates		DATE August 1982	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 4331 North 12th Street		PHONE 264-3082	
CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85014
PHOTO BY Sue Tilger		DATE July 1982	
VIEW Toward W			
HISTORIC USE Single family residence			
PRESENT USE Office		ACREAGE Less/Acre	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Constructed ca. 1910			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This large, two-story brick house at 632 North 3rd Avenue demonstrates a mixture of Colonial Revival and Queen Anne characteristics. The rectangular, box-like mass of the building is broken at the front facade by a Queen Anne octagonal bay window, which extends through the porch roof up to the second floor. The bell-cast hipped roof has deep, soffitted overhangs, which are repeated at the wrap-around porch. Simple Tuscan columns on rusticated pedestals support the plain entablature of the porch in a manner reminiscent of Colonial Revival. The foundation walls and porch pedestals are made of pressed concrete blocks formed to replicate rusticated stone. Narrow double-hung windows in segmental arched openings are used throughout. Two major front windows are comprised of three window assemblies. The south portion of the wrap-around porch has been enclosed, as has the two-story, rear, screen porch, which is built of wood. The house is in very good condition and retains its integrity and landscaping at the front; however, the rear yard has been paved as a parking lot.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

Built ca. 1910, the Harry E. Peirce House is significant for its architectural design and its association with prominent Republican, Harry E. Peirce.

The house is locally significant as one of the few remaining examples of Queen Anne massing in Phoenix. Further, it is a good example of a transitional building, with 20th century details such as the Craftsman interior and concrete block foundation combined with the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival details of the 19th century.

In addition to its architectural merits, the house is the former residence of Harry E. Peirce. Peirce served as County Assessor during the 1920s, was secretary to Governor John C. Phillips from 1929 until 1932, and was chairperson of the Maricopa County Republican Central Committee. In addition to his political activities, Peirce was a partner in the real estate firm of Jacobs & Peirce. Peirce lived at 632 North 3rd Avenue from about 1911 until about 1930.

For its architectural qualities and its association with Harry E. Peirce, the house appears individually eligible for the National Register at the local level of significance.

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SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Arizona Republican, October 1, 1943, 12:4.
- Maricopa County Assessor's Records.
- Maricopa County Recorder's Records.
- Phoenix City Directories.
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- Sanborn Insurance Maps.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BLOCK D, S2 LOT 18 AND ALL LOT 16, BENNETT PLACE.

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY