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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arizona	
COUNTY: Yuma	
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ENTRY NUMBER 41.6.04.0007	DATE 6/3/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Presbyterian Church (and grounds)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mojave Indian Presbyterian Mission Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Second Ave. (NE1/4 of NE1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 23, T9N, R 20W)

CITY OR TOWN:
Parker vic. Zip 85344

STATE Arizona	CODE 04	COUNTY: Yuma	CODE 027
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) now vacant
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Colorado River Indian Tribes

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1, Box 23-B

CITY OR TOWN:
Parker

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
04

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1, Box 23-B

CITY OR TOWN:
Parker

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
04

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
none known

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
26 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
NATIONAL REGISTER

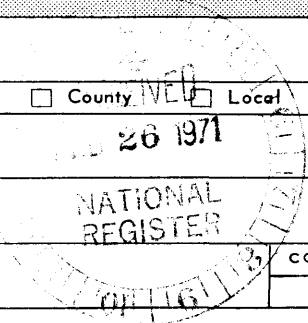
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

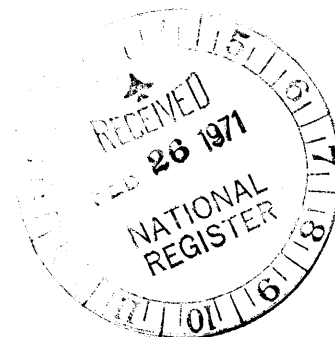
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally, the Mission occupied a site of ten acres which had been set aside in the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as "Church Reserve" status. The ten acres has been returned to the Colorado River Indian Tribes. The actual historical site occupies approximately two and one-half acres of the original reserve. The structure is constructed of timbers and plastered adobe brick. The timbers were from an earlier building which stood on the reservation, a school. The timbers had been carried up the Colorado River by steamer prior to 1877. The building itself is extremely simple and unpretentious. It has a length and width of 43 feet and 24 feet, respectively. Five windows on each side of the church are double hung types with sills and trim of wood. A louvered opening at the rear (west) end of the church serves as a ventilating device.

The roof structure is a simple saddle type with a belfry of wood located at the east (front) end. A brick chimney rises above the roof to the south of the belfry. In plan, the Church is a rectangle without wings. The interior is basically one room. At one time, there existed in the rear of the Church a residence for the Indian minister, but this has been removed.

The building is structurally sound. However, vandals have broken out the glass in the windows and marred the exterior with paint.

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SIGNIFICANCE

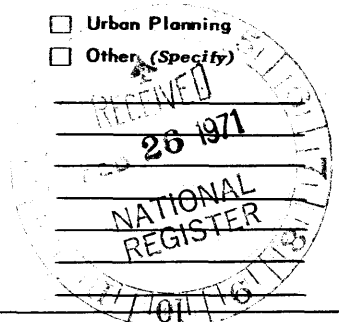
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1917

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mojave Mission is severe in architectural style; it represents no vestige of a building type which once was numerous over the landscape. There are certainly better and older examples of adobe structures throughout the State of Arizona. Therefore, the Mission is not being nominated for any of these reasons.

It is being nominated as an element which influenced the lives of the Mojave Indians and which played an important part of the Country's early Indian policy. Its significance lies within the "historic aboriginal" and the "religion/philosophy" areas of significance.

On April 28, 1907, the Presbyterian Church made its first contact with approximately 500 Mojave Indians living at the Colorado River Agency near Parker, Arizona. In 1909, a Mojave boy with Bible school training, Randall Booth, was secured to take up the work of missioning at Parker and in 1910, a crude mission of mud and stick was erected. On September 17, 1912, a council was held with the Parker band of Indians and Araquath, a Mojave chief. The purpose of the meeting was to request the Federal government to approve a church allotment in order to erect a new and permanent building at the Agency. This request was granted and a school building at the Agency was purchased by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to provide materials for the "new" church. The second church for the Mojave Indians was organized and in the summer of 1917 the building was completed. The mission served not only as an instrument of Christianity but also as a community center which was the heart of Tribal activity. All this occurred before the formation of the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council which was made possible by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

The ten acres on which the Old Presbyterian Church is located has been set aside by the Tribal Council for use as a historical monument and park. The entire ten acres of the proposed park is nominated to the National Register.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Minutes of the Session of the Mojave Presbyterian Church April 8, 1903 through March 15, 1914, by Alfred C. Edgar, first Presbyterian missionary to the Indians of the Colorado River Indian Reservation
2. Letters and Reports sent by the Agents of the Colorado River Reserve Agency, microfilm copy at the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library
3. Letter to the Session of the Parker Valley United Presbyterian Church, September 30, 1969 from Wallace Edgar

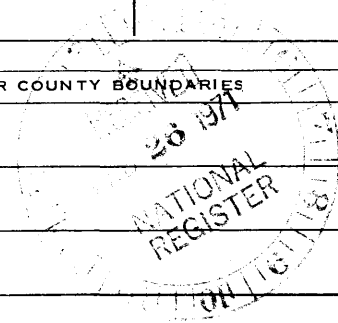
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	34° 6' 42"	114° 18' 52"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **10 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: (From form prepared by D.H. Hall, Museum Director 8/28/70)
Robert Fink, Historic Sites Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION: Arizona State Parks Board DATE: 10/9/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 1688 West Adams

CITY OR TOWN: Phoenix STATE: Arizona CODE: 04

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Dennis McCarthy
 Title: State Parks Director
 Date: 2/15/71

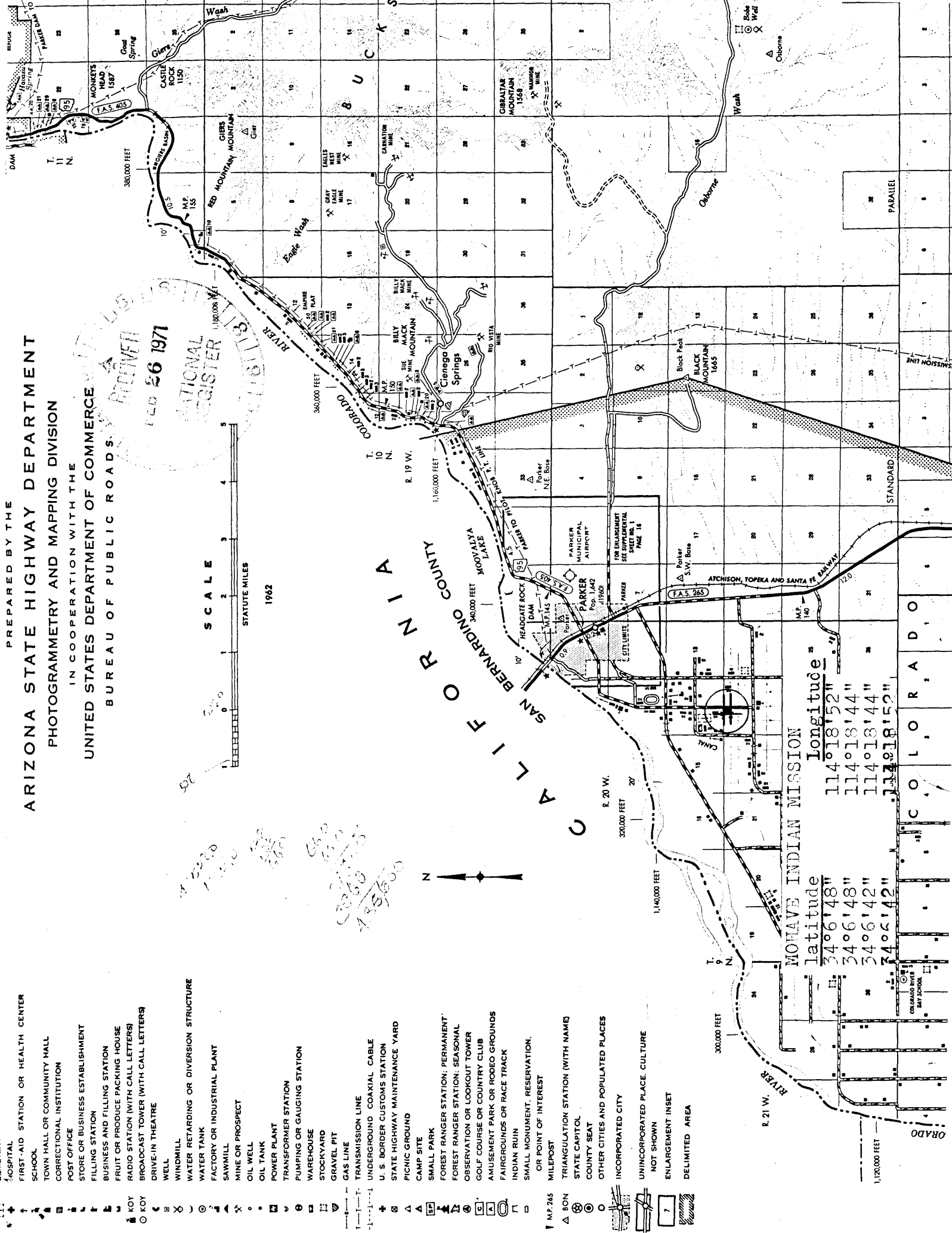
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ewert Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 JUN 3 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William H. Neustadt
 Keeper of the National Register
 Date: MAY 13 1971

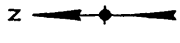
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- ☐ HOSPITAL
- ☐ FIRST-AID STATION OR HEALTH CENTER
- ☐ SCHOOL
- ☐ TOWN HALL OR COMMUNITY HALL
- ☐ CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
- ☐ POST OFFICE
- ☐ STORE OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT
- ☐ FILLING STATION
- ☐ BUSINESS AND FILLING STATION
- ☐ FRUIT OR PRODUCE PACKING HOUSE
- ☐ RADIO STATION (WITH CALL LETTERS)
- ☐ BROADCAST TOWER (WITH CALL LETTERS)
- ☐ DRIVE-IN THEATRE
- ☐ WELL
- ☐ WINDMILL
- ☐ WATER RETARDING OR DIVERSION STRUCTURE
- ☐ WATER TANK
- ☐ FACTORY OR INDUSTRIAL PLANT
- ☐ SAWMILL
- ☐ MINE OR PROSPECT
- ☐ OIL WELL
- ☐ OIL TANK
- ☐ POWER PLANT
- ☐ TRANSFORMER STATION
- ☐ PUMPING OR GAUGING STATION
- ☐ WAREHOUSE
- ☐ STOCKYARD
- ☐ GRAVEL PIT
- ☐ GAS LINE
- ☐ TRANSMISSION LINE
- ☐ UNDERGROUND COAXIAL CABLE
- ☐ U. S. BORDER CUSTOMS STATION
- ☐ STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE YARD
- ☐ PICNIC GROUND
- ☐ CAMP SITE
- ☐ SMALL PARK
- ☐ FOREST RANGER STATION: PERMANENT
- ☐ FOREST RANGER STATION: SEASONAL
- ☐ OBSERVATION OR LOOKOUT TOWER
- ☐ GOLF COURSE OR COUNTRY CLUB
- ☐ AMUSEMENT PARK OR RODEO GROUNDS
- ☐ FAIRGROUNDS OR RACE TRACK
- ☐ INDIAN RUIN
- ☐ SMALL MONUMENT, RESERVATION, OR POINT OF INTEREST
- ☐ MILEPOST
- ☐ TRIANGULATION STATION (WITH NAME)
- ☐ STATE CAPITOL
- ☐ COUNTY SEAT
- ☐ OTHER CITIES AND POPULATED PLACES
- ☐ INCORPORATED CITY
- ☐ UNINCORPORATED PLACE CULTURE NOT SHOWN
- ☐ ENLARGEMENT INSET
- ☐ DELIMITED AREA



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Old Presbyterian Church
State LaPaz County, AZ

Nomination/Type of Review

County change from Yuma
to LaPaz County - Approved

Date/Signature

[Signature] Keeper Albert Byers 8/15/86

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Correction to Old Presbyterian Church, listed 6/3/71

Previously listed as being located within Yuma County, this property is now located in La Paz County. The La Paz County code is 012.

This change is the result of the creation of La Paz County, which became a separate entity from Yuma County on January 1, 1983.

Signed



Donna J. Schober
Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer