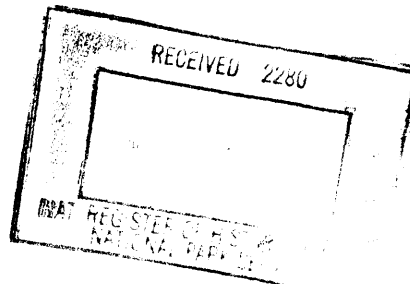


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name 736 North Center Avenue

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 736 N. Center Avenue N/A not for publication  
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity  
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

James W. Sanvian AZSHPO 23 MAY 2002  
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Annah D. Pope

11/20/08

**736 North Center Avenue**

Name of Property

**Pinal County, Arizona**

County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property Category of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>one</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>one</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing).

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

Craftsman/ Bungalow

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

WOOD

walls WOOD

roof METAL

other STONE

\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A, B, C, D, E, F, G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1919

Significant Dates

c. 1919

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, etc.

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- Location checkboxes: State historic preservation office, Other state agency, etc.

Name of Repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

**736 North Center Avenue**

Name of Property

**Pinal County, Arizona**

County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429600	3638050	3	_____	_____
2	___	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **Black and White photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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736 North Center Lane  
Pinal County, AZ

### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

736 North Center Avenue is located in the middle of a residential block on a west-facing lot. A Bungalow style domestic single dwelling, this building is constructed of wood and sheathed with wood siding. This house is modest in its size, which is probably less than 2000 square feet. It is also modest in the utilization of the stylistic vocabulary it employs. Significant features are the cross gabled roof with the street-facing porch gable, the gently pitched roof, the tapered wood piers, stone chimney, eave brackets, and wide window openings. The building appears to be structurally sound, but the wood siding is showing signs of weathering. The building is on its original site and the larger context of the neighborhood that surrounds it is intact, as well. The design and materials remain relatively unaltered, with exception to an evaporative cooler that is mounted on the side of the house. Despite the utilization of a style for the building and its location within one of Casa Grande's earliest neighborhoods, the grounds themselves, with a dirt driveway and the absence of formal landscape elements, suggests the more rural character of a small agricultural town. This rural character imbues the property with strong feeling and association of both its place and time.

This Bungalow residence is located on the edge of a residential area, the First Addition, which was platted in 1913. The residential area remains intact around this property, with the exception of a commercial property and parking lot to the south of it. The dwelling is one story in height, and appears as one single bay as the front entry porch serves to unify the façade. However, two vertical bays are visually distinguishable in the fenestration pattern on the front façade. The dwelling is constructed of wood frame sheathed in wood siding, and metal sheets sheath the roof. The roof is a side gabled roof with the exterior entry porch forming a projecting street-facing gable. The structure is built on piers of concrete with wood posts. These piers support wood floor and wall framing, as well as the wood trusses that support the roof above. Specific significant features of the building include the porch, windows, doors and chimney. The porch spans the length of the front façade, and has a roof integral with the house. The porch is a concrete slab elevated two feet off of the ground. A three-foot high closed railing sheathed with wood siding that encompasses the area of the porch; a four-foot opening in this closed railing accommodates four concrete steps. These steps are located in the middle of the front façade of the porch and are aligned with the entry door. Another detail of the porch is two elliptically shaped porch drains placed in the closed railing and located at the porch walking surface level. The porch also features exposed rafter tails to the sides. The entry door opening onto the porch is a single entry door and is centered on the front façade of the building. This door is flanked by paired 1/1 wood double-hung windows to both sides. A chimney is located to the north-facing side façade of the building and is of native fieldstone. It is one of the important decorative elements of the building. The large eaves of the house and eave brackets add to the exterior ornamentation of the house.

There is one outbuilding associated with the property; it is a garage located to the rear of the house. The garage is of wood frame construction with corrugated metal sheathing and a front-gabled corrugated metal roof. There are no alterations to the front or the sides of the house, with the exception of an HVAC unit that has been located to the south side mounted at gable height. There is an addition to the rear of the building; the addition is shed roofed, and perhaps once was a porch that has been infilled. The date of this addition is not known; however the wood siding that sheathes the addition does not appear to be recent, and the addition likely was added during the period of significance. The residence itself comprises one contributing element to the nomination. As there is no information available about the garage outbuilding, it is considered non-contributing to the nomination.

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736 North Center Avenue  
Pinal County, AZ

### NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### SUMMARY

736 North Center Avenue is significant under Criterion C as an excellent local example of the Bungalow style under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The period of significance is the date of initial construction, c. 1919. The building is a good local example of a style popular at the time of its construction. The Bungalow style is conveyed by the building's details which include a full porch across the façade, large eaves with eave brackets, tapered square wood porch columns, and a fieldstone chimney. The property has good integrity, as the design and materials are intact and unaltered. As a member of the Single Family Neighborhood Dwelling property type, the building is in its original location within a residential neighborhood, although the side now faces a major arterial street. As a member of the Primary Structure subtype, this building possesses the characteristics of its type as it sits within a neighborhood of dwelling buildings of the same property subtype, and shares the same setbacks and orientation as those adjacent buildings. The building is set on the front of the site with a front yard serving as a transition between the building and the street. The property has the high degree of stylistic detail in proportion to scale that is commonly found on buildings of this type. There are five properties executed in the Craftsman / Bungalow Style and of the Single-Family Neighborhood Dwelling Property type in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998); this is one of them. There are eleven additional buildings of this property type included in the survey that have Craftsman / Bungalow detailing only, making a total of sixteen buildings out of two hundred-and-twenty buildings of this property type within the Casa Grande survey area that employ this style. The architectural style retains adequate integrity for listing as a member of its property type.

#### HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

This house appears on both the 1922 and 1940 Sanborn maps. According to the assessment rolls, the property was not improved in 1917 but did have an improvement (likely this house) by 1920, when it was owned by Ellen G. Rollins. Rollins retained ownership until at least 1925, but by 1930 the house was owned by William Plenz. In 1940, Mary V. Plenz owned it.

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736 North Center Lane  
Pinal County, AZ

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the 736 North Center Avenue property is lot 8-9 of Block 2 in the First Addition Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

