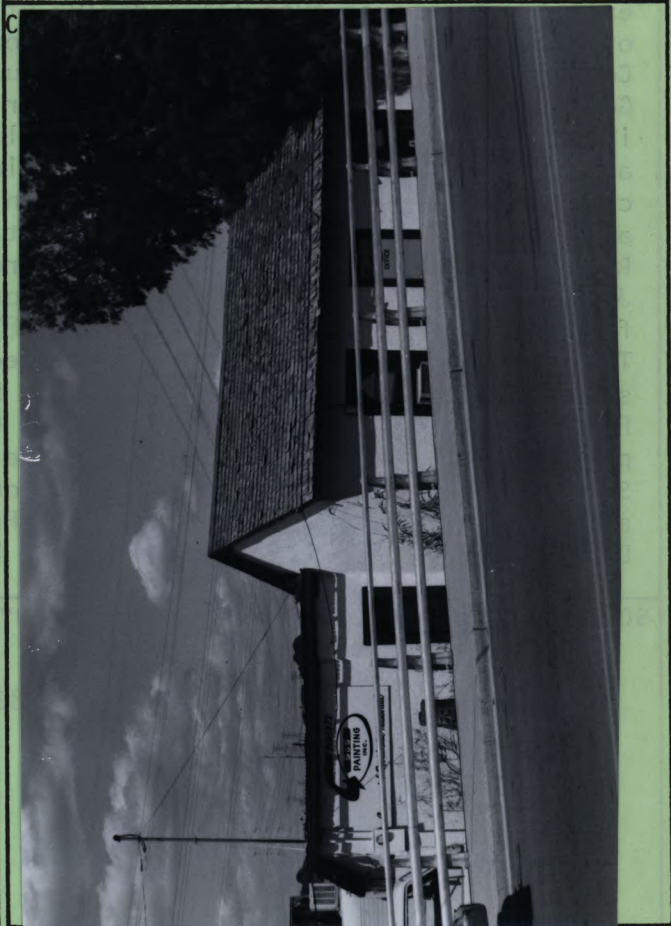


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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| HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Ramon Gonzales/Jesus Martinez House | | COUNTY Maricopa | INVENTORY NO. 142 |
| COMMON PROPERTY NAME S & S Painting | | QUAD/COUNTY MAP | |
| PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 320 W. First Street | | | |
| CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe | | ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 124-32-03 | |
| OWNER OF PROPERTY Steve F. Sussex | | PHONE | |
| STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 320 W. 1st Street | | | |
| CITY, TOWN Tempe | | STATE Arizona | ZIP 85281 |
| FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates | | DATE 12/82 | |
| STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 2121 S. Priest Suite 127 | | PHONE 967-7117 | |
| CITY, TOWN Tempe | | STATE Arizona | ZIP 85282 |
| PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society | | DATE 1982 | |
| VIEW looking north | | | |
| HISTORIC USE residence | | | |
| PRESENT USE commercial, shop | | ACREAGE 1.99A | |
| ARCHITECT/BUILDER Ramon Gonzales | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1880 | | | |



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Gonzales/Martinez House is a single-story adobe structure measuring approximately 20' wide by 12' deep. A 10-foot deep frame and stucco extension of the house, which originally functioned as a sleeping porch and kitchen, is located along the rear of the house. The original adobe structure is composed of two rooms with a central entry facing south, and supports a double-pitched shingled roof. The rear extension is covered by a gently-pitched roof, also finished with wood shingles. The original wood floor has been replaced by a concrete slab. Door and window openings, and exterior finishes date from the historic period. A twelve by ten-foot pitched roof addition extends to the west of the original house.

Despite this modest addition, and the property's current function as a paint shop, the house retains a substantial amount of its original architectural integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY — The Ramon Gonzales/Jesus Martinez House is significant for its historic association with the initial settlement of the Hayden's Ferry townsite along the south bank of the Salt River. Built in 1880 by Ramon Gonzales, the house is one of only three remaining structures associated with the first ten years of Tempe's history. Architecturally, the building is a rare local example of a house type illustrative of the early life style and settlement pattern of the predominantly Mexican population at Tempe prior to the arrival of the Mormon Colonists in 1881-1882, and the subsequent influx of Anglo settlers into the area. Gonzales was a freighter in Southern Arizona who was associated with C. T. Hayden in Tucson during the early 1870s. He located in the Tempe Settlement about 1877 and was employed by the Hayden freighting and shipping operations. The house he constructed in 1880, intended as a town residence, was located on two or three acres along the section line immediately west of the 80-acre Hayden's Ferry Townsite. Ramon Gonzales' arrival in Tempe was preceded by other family members including Jesus, Mariano, and Manuel Gonzales (possibly brothers), who had followed Hayden from Tucson to the Tempe district in 1873. They were employed by Hayden and the Tempe Canal Company and also homesteaded lands along the Kirkland-McKinney Ditch in sections 13, 14, 23, and 24 (later the Hayden Homestead) and under the San Francisco Canal west of Tempe. Manuel Gonzales represented the local Mexican population in acquiring the 40-acre site from W. H. Kirkland which would become the San Pablo Settlement in 1873. Ramon Gonzales and his brothers also operated 240 acre farm under the throat of the San Francisco Canal in section 17 (University Drive between Priest and 44th Street). Ramon Gonzales continued to work for the C. T. (continued below)

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

State Plat, 12, Lot 1E, Pt of NE4 of Sec 16, TIN R4E
 Tempe Quad
 Z-12, E-412360, N-3699100

(continued from above)

Hayden Company until about 1892 when he sold his house and lot at Tempe to Jesus Martinez. Martinez, a Mexican immigrant, farmed at this location during the 1890s and the first decade of the twentieth century. The property has remained in family ownership for the last 90 years.