

## ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

**IDENTIFICATION**  
 Wickenburg Historic  
 SURVEY AREA NAME: Resource Survey  
 HISTORIC NAME: Cactus Inn (2 bldgs.)  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 158 Yavapai  
 CITY/TOWN: Wickenburg, Arizona  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 505-48-135, 136, 137  
 (less one acre)  
 OWNER: Ruth Hamer Davis  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 634 Edgewater Drive #548  
Dunedin, FL 33528  
 HISTORIC USE: lodging  
 PRESENT USE: lodging  
 BUILDING TYPE: house  
 STYLE: Bungalow  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: c.1924  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown  
 INTEGRITY: altered minor/original site  
 CONDITION: excellent

**DESCRIPTION**

STORIES: 1 DIMENSIONS: (1) 45 (w) 40  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: frame  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete  
 WALL SHEATHING: clapboard, wood shingles  
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Knee braces at eave  
rakes; cantons.

SKETCH MAP:

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 2-29  
 USGS QUAD: Wickenburg  
 T 7N R 5W S 12 / NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 UTM 12-339820-3759800

**Description (contd.)**

ROOF TYPE: goud  
 ROOF SHEATHING: v-crimp metal  
 EAVES TREATMENT: exposed rafters with  
purlins  
 WINDOWS: 4/1, 1/1 wood double hung  
 ENTRY: multiple  
 PORCHES: enclosed  
 STOREFRONTS: N/A

NOTABLE INTERIOR: unknown  
 OUTBUILDINGS: ancillary main building and  
four noncontributing sheds  
 ALTERATIONS: additions on south side of  
south building

**PHOTOGRAPH**PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Woodward

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Verbal boundary description: Lots 22, 23, 24 Block 5 Collins Addition

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE\_\_\_ COMMUNITY PLANNING\_\_\_ ECONOMICS\_\_\_  
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT\_\_\_ GOVERNMENTAL\_\_\_ MILITARY\_\_\_ RELIGION\_\_\_ SCIENCE\_\_\_  
THEATRE\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION\_\_\_ TOURISM X OTHER(specify)\_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Significantly relates to post World War I tourist boom in Wickenburg.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Illustrates the emergence of Wickenburg as a center for tourism during the third decade of the 20th cent

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS\_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE\_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL\_\_\_\_\_

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL\_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION\_\_\_\_\_

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

See MRA text, Item 8, p. 19.

The Cactus Inn is the only tourist facility from the 1920's to remain within the Town Center of Wickenburg. The tourist industry flourished in Wickenburg and Arizona in the 1920's, creating numerous inns, tourist courts, and dude ranches.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL\_\_\_ RESIDENTIAL STREET\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL X CENTRAL SQUARE\_\_\_  
CBD:\_\_\_ OTHER:\_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES: 1931 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map  
1980 Maricopa County Assessor's Records  
Hassayampa Sun 8/31/35  
Personal recollections, Carl Shride, Show Low, Arizona, June 1

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS:\_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:\_\_\_\_\_

LISTED\_\_\_ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE\_\_\_ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE\_\_\_ NOT EVALUATED\_\_\_

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Woodward SURVEY DATE January 1985 DATE FORM COMPLETED June 1985



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Site 2-29, photo 2

Cactus Inn

View of rear building, looking SW

Photo by Jim Woodward

January 1985