

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Bien/McNatt House		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-120
COMMON PROPERTY NAME McNatt House		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 208A West 1st Street			
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-57	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Marvin W. & Viviane L. Grindler		PHONE	
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CITY,TOWN Casa Grande,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY,TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE Feb. 1982	
VIEW looking northwest			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES c. 1880			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This irregularly-shaped one-story structure of stuccoed adobe construction has a very early adobe core. A gabled metal roof with ridge parallel to the front facade tops this core. Two early low, shed-roofed stuccoed additions connect to the main structure on the east and west. A wood ledger remains from an early low shed-roofed wood porch along the front and partial east facades. A wood single leaf door punctuates the front facade of the original dwelling. The simple design lacks decoration or ornament. West addition windows are wood double hung. The central window on the east front facade addition is a late eight-light steel casement window.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Bien-McNatt House is one of the oldest adobe buildings in Casa Grande and is known for its long association with Carr McNatt, one of the city's most popular citizens. The house was also the residence of Ed Bien. Bien owned a blacksmith and wagon shop to the east of the house. Carr S. McNatt bought the property in 1908 and the McNatt family occupied the house for over forty years. McNatt began as a bartender in his brother-in-law's Gilt Edge Saloon in 1907. He later operated a soft-drink parlor and became a Casa Grande deputy sheriff. McNatt was well-liked and a respected man in Casa Grande. He died in the mid-1960's.

The original house consists of what appears to be a "shotgun" plan adobe core with an early wood frame east addition built between 1898 and 1906. Even with the recent removal of the front porch roof and posts and with added form on the west, the house remains a good example of early adobe dwellings in Casa Grande.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index files
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society history files
Interview: Opal McNatt Stein

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, Block 11, Casa Grande Townsite

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST

UTM references on continuation sheet

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY