

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Casa Grande Hotel		
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Casa Grande Hotel/Gould Hotel		
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 201 West Main Avenue		
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-241	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Wm H. & C. Courtright	PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 201 West Main Avenue		
CITY,TOWN Casa Grande	STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
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CITY,TOWN Tempe,	STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Janus Associates Inc.	DATE Feb. 1982	
VIEW looking southwest		
HISTORIC USE hotel		
PRESENT USE multiple residence	ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER		



CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built before 1898 1929  
2 story, concrete addition built 1918, minor modifications--1914, 1915,

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

The Casa Grande Hotel was originally a single story, double bay, adobe commercial building, and was consolidated into a single-function hotel before 1906. The exterior has been modified. Although the original arcade is present, the angled brackets have been made into arches. The entire arcade and north and east building walls have been covered with stucco; the west wall is exposed adobe. The sleeping porch over the arcade has been replaced with a red tile roof. The low-pitched gable roof surmounting the main building is covered with metal and concealed on the east and north sides with a parapet trimmed with red tile.

A two story, cast-in-place, concrete addition at the south end of the building has a medium-pitched gable roof and is clad with stucco. The eight windows on the east facade (the only visible facade) are double hung rectangular windows discretely located.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Gould Hotel/Casa Grande Hotel is noteworthy as the earliest remaining hotel in Casa Grande. The building fulfilled this important community function over a long period of time and is a good example of an adobe commercial building. Initially the hotel served railroad passenger traffic. From the 1930s through 1961, the hotel's restaurant and banquet room served monthly luncheons to the city's civic organizations. Prominent Arizona residents, including Governor G. W. P. Hunt, were frequent guests. The hotel was also noted for its fine restaurant.

The hotel, originally a five-room adobe rooming house, was purchased in 1909 by William Gould, a local rancher, from John Riess. Over the next two years, Gould added eight more rooms, using adobe construction. Guests frequently slept on cots in the open air above the porch. In 1913 Gould built a two-story, concrete addition at the rear of the hotel, which is now bridged to the hotel by a third addition. Gould died in 1916, and the hotel was operated by his daughter until 1961. The exterior was modified with Mission Revival details c. 1930.

Several interior features have been preserved, including the pressed tin ceilings and wood desk in the lobby, and original light fixtures and door hardware.

## SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index file  
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society history and photo files  
Interview: Mrs. William Courtright--September 3, 1982

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

72' x 170' x 66' x 170' on East End of Block 42 (Lot A),  
Casa Grande Townsite

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST

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## GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY