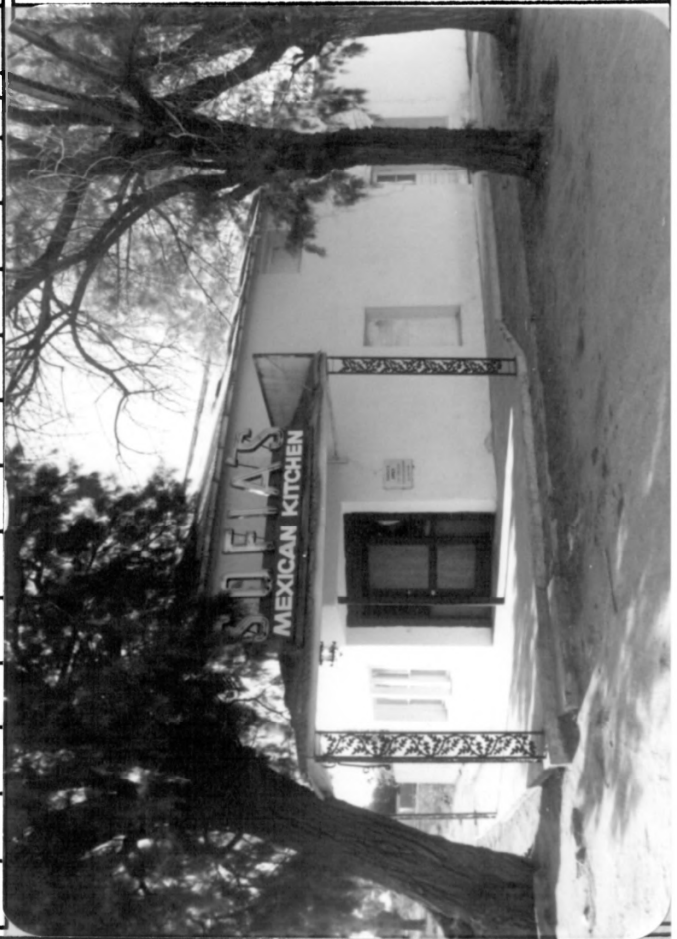


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Johnson's Grocery Store		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-133
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Sofia's Mexican Kitchen		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 301 North Picacho			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-198	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Joseph Revak		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 311 Orange Drive			
CITY, TOWN Casa Grande,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 2121 South Priest Suite 127		PHONE 967-7117	
CITY, TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Casa Grande Survey Volunteer		DATE June 1982	
VIEW looking southeast			
HISTORIC USE commercial			
PRESENT USE commercial		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built c. 1907			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This rectangular plan gabled-roofed building is one and one-half stories tall with a basement. Oriented to a corner, the building has a modified diagonal entry supported by one pipe column. A late L-shaped porch supported by grilled ironwork columns extends from the entry. A flat-roofed L-shaped addition extends across the rear. The north facade has two original openings each having two double-hung windows. The west facade has two infilled windows and a three-panel/four-light door. Vents are located at the top of each gabled end. Two small windows are located high on the east and west facades. The interior was altered after a fire in 1957. Mature tamarisk trees dominate the site.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

Built around 1907, this commercial building is significant for use of adobe, which is rare for commercial use at the time of its construction. The building first served as a grocery store until 1932, first operated by J. G. Johnson and then Wong Hong Chin. From 1940 to 1955, the building was occupied by the city's first do-it-yourself laundry. A catering service from 1958 to 1960 was followed by the current Mexican food restaurant. Despite the years of continued use, the building is relatively unchanged on the exterior. Remodeling after a fire in 1957 altered the interior.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Block 34, Casa Grande Townsite

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST

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GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY