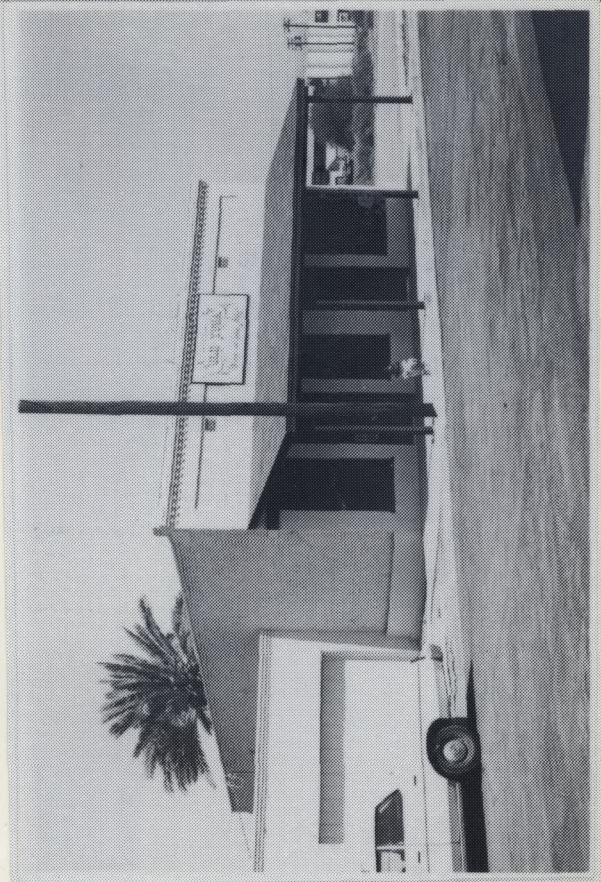


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Stoffela Store/ ⁵ The Railroad Exchange		Yu113	
LOCATION 447 South Main St.		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH 	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma		
OWNER Frank & Joanna Pritchard			
OWNER'S ADDRESS 447 South Main Street Yuma, AZ 85364			
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society			
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364			
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4/78		
VIEW Front facade from northwest			
PRESENT USE Commercial	ACREAGE less/acre		
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Late 19th Century Commercial Brick Stone			
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1899			
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION The Stoffela Store is a one story brick building of rectangular plan and massing. Overall the store measures 38 feet wide, 52 feet deep, and 14 feet high. The building is adjoined on the north by a small brick addition (pre-1927) and is connected at the rear by a breezeway to the original Stoffela home. Three rectangular windows and two doorways penetrate the front facade. The facade extends above the roof line and is terminated by a simple corbel table. Replacement of the original porch is the single largest change which has been made to the historic fabric of the building. The structure is sound and its integrity is recoverable.			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Situated at the southernmost extent of commercial development along Main Street, the Stoffela Store stands as the best preserved of the nineteenth century business houses which were built in Yuma. Its longevity is due in part to the fact that it was situated near the freight depot rather than the more active area around the passenger depot (north of Jones on Madison or east of Gila at Third Street). To accommodate the wants of their customers one room of the store was developed for use as a bar or lounge. The remainder of the rooms were stocked with groceries, clothing, and sundries.			
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Block 24; Lot 11; Yuma Townsite			