

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Wilder House	
LOCATION 346 South Montezuma	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai
OWNER Paul & Margaretha DeVore	
OWNER'S ADDRESS 346 South Montezuma Prescott, Arizona 86301	
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302	
PHOTO BY Ken Kimsey	DATE 1977
VIEW Front elevation from east	
PRESENT USE Residential & Commercial	ACREAGE
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Queen Anne interpretation	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1891	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The house is a two-story frame structure with relatively simple asymmetrical massing off of a rectangular core. The building measures 30 x 44 feet. California redwood is used throughout the structure. The original fireplace mantle of carved cherry wood and stained glass transoms are still in place. Rectangular bay windows and the use of shingles are noteworthy exterior features.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Platt Clayton "Tip" Wilder was a cattleman from Yavapai County who became wealthy during the 1880s by supplying beef to the territory's rapidly growing population. Although he owned ranches at Anvil Rock and Camp Wood, Wilder needed a residence close to the business activity which he contracted for and more immediate to the social amenities he desired. Accordingly he had a home built for himself on South Montezuma in the spring of 1891. By its use of shingled surfaces, oriel windows, half timbering, and asymmetrical massing, the building deserves to be classed in the Queen style. However, the overall impression and specific form of details mark this structure as more eclectic than

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

eclectic.

Lot 12; Block 25
Original Townsite.

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