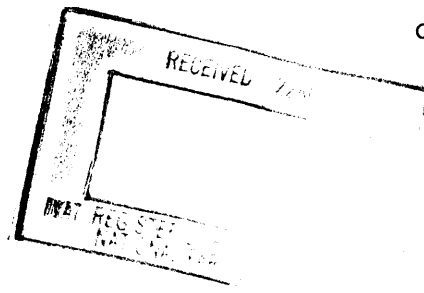


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name 121 North Florence Street

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 121 North Florence Street

N/A not for publication

city/town: Casa Grande

N/A vicinity

state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Thomas W. Gunkin, ASST PD 23 MAY 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Sarah D. Pope 11/20/02

121 North Florence Street

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing).

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/ specialty shop

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification

COMMERCIAL STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls ADOBE

roof ASPHALT

other GLASS

METAL

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

121 North Florence Street

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1923 - 1951

Significant Dates

1923 - 1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository:

121 North Florence Street

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429470	3637630	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **Black and White photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

121 North Florence Street is located in the downtown business district of Casa Grande. It sits within a commercial block between two buildings as part of a commercial row. The building, itself, as well as the two adjacent buildings, have no setbacks. Thus all three adjoin the sidewalk and share party walls on their side facades. A building designed to accommodate commerce, this building is executed in the Commercial Style. Unusual for a building of its type, but not unusual for a building of its type in this region, the building is of adobe. It is very modest in size for a building of its type; its façade measures approximately 12 feet in width. The building is probably less than 500 square feet. Significant features of this particular building's form are the way the building site is maximized, the flat roof with parapets, and the large wood framed display windows with an entry in the center. Other features are the flat, corrugated metal canopy suspended by tie-rods, the glass entry door framed in wood with a transom above, and the kick plate height below the windows. The wood frames surrounding the windows and doors are in poor repair and the right window is boarded up. Despite this, the integrity of the building remains very good. The proportions of the display windows appear to be unaltered, as is the kick plate height. As this is a very small building, the entry was probably never recessed but always flush with the rest of the façade, and is most probably original as well. On the rear of the facade, both the window and the door are boarded up. The window is probably not original as windows to the rear were usually small transoms placed high on the wall. As this type of building, in particular, was designed to be seen from the front but never from the back, this does not affect the historic integrity. Its location is on its original site, within the downtown business district of Casa Grande. It is within a commercial row of buildings constructed during the same era. The setting of similar buildings on small-scale downtown streets is extremely evocative of the area's history, and the authenticity in the building and the area is reflected in the accompanying feeling and association.

This commercial building is located within the downtown business district within what is the original town site of Casa Grande, which originated in 1879. A simple rectangle in plan, the building is one story in height and only one bay. It is constructed of adobe with a stucco finish, metal, and asphalt. The asphalt-covered roof is flat with a parapet. On a concrete foundation, adobe load-bearing walls carry wood joists that support the roof. Specific features of this building are its canopy, windows, and entry door. The canopy extends almost the entire length of the façade; it has corrugated metal roofing and is fastened to the building façade with metal tie rods. Display windows frame each side of the entry; these windows have a wood sash and rise from kick plate height to align with the height of the transom window above the entry door. The entry door is a single glass door framed in wood with a transom window above. It is flush with and centered on the façade. This building, which is small for its type, exemplifies the utilitarian nature of the Commercial Style it employs to the extreme, as there is no applied exterior ornament evident on this building. As a commercial-type building that maximizes the use of its site, there are no outbuildings associated with this property. No alterations are apparent with the exception of a metal screen security door that has been added to the interior of the entry.

This commercial building is the only contributing element to this nomination; there are no non-contributing elements.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

121 North Florence Street is eligible under Criterion A as an intact example of the Central Business District Commercial Building property type, related to the context of Planning and Development of Casa Grande, 1879-1951. It is also eligible under Criterion C as an intact example of the Commercial Style related to the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The period of the building's significance begins with its date of construction, and ends with the date of 1951 which coincides with the fifty-year cutoff date for eligibility. This is one of the oldest commercial buildings on Florence Street in downtown Casa Grande. Its construction date, estimated between 1920 and 1929, coincides with the period during which trucks were replacing the railroad as the principal means of moving goods into and out of Casa Grande. Casa Grande continued to grow during this pre-Depression era, evidenced by commercial buildings such as this. It is typical of the Commercial Style with its high ratio of display window space to area below the shade canopy. It is also significant under Criterion C for its construction under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900 -1950. There are a total of three hundred-and-five buildings considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998), thirty of which are constructed of adobe. This building comprises one out of the five adobe commercial buildings in the area. The property also has good integrity, as it in its original location and the primary façade is unaltered. The building possesses the characteristics of the Central Business District Commercial Building property type with the façade resting on the front property line in a streetscape of similarly sited buildings. The utilitarian appearance of the building is typical of the property type. The building was used for the delivery of goods and services to local residents, and contributes to the general understanding of development patterns in downtown Casa Grande in the early part of the 20th Century.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The building does not appear on the 1922 Sanborn map but is shown on the 1940 map, when it was identified as a barbershop. It is likely that this was Slim's Barber Shop, an establishment present on Florence Street in 1929 and possibly earlier. C.D. Tindall, a barber in Casa Grande from at least 1936 to 1942, next occupied the shop. In 1943, Arthur J. Barmes set up City Barber shop here, having run a similar business in Eloy. (The 1951 directory lists him as J. Barmes.) Barmes was the husband of one of Casa Grande's mayors, Flossie Barmes, who was also active with the Casa Grande Woman's Club. According to the historical society, Barmes retired from the barbershop in 1970; whether the business closed then or changed hands is not known.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the 121 North Florence Street property is lot - of Block 13 in the Casa Grande Townsite Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Photo # 1 View: West

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Photo # 2 View: East

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