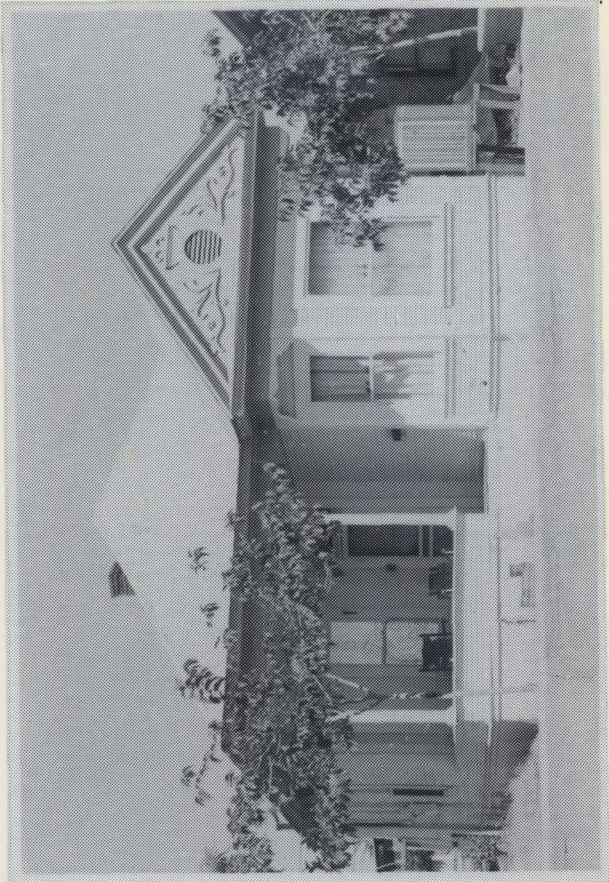


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# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> J. T. Russell <i>House</i> / A. O. Williamson <i>Residence</i>		Yu 120
<b>LOCATION</b> 652 Second Avenue		<b>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH</b> 
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma	
<b>OWNER</b> Jesse & Mary Grice		
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> 652 Second Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY</b> Yuma County Historical Society		
<b>ADDRESS</b> 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>PHOTO BY</b> P. Callahan	<b>DATE</b> 4/78	
<b>VIEW</b> Eastern facade		
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Single residential	<b>ACREAGE</b> less/acre	
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Early 19th Century Frame		
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1907		

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**  
The J. T. Russell Residence is a one story frame building of basic rectangular plan measuring about 20 feet wide and 50 feet deep. A hip roof covers the main body of the house; an offset gable extends over a bay window on the front facade. Next to the bay is a recessed porch in which the main entry is situated. Two round columns support the roof over the porch. Composition shingles cover the roof; exterior walls are finished with clapboard. The most distinctive feature of the building is a decorative molding of floral design which extends out from a circular ventilator in the front gable.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
Built in 1907 by J. T. Russell, the house at 652 Second Avenue is the best example of Victorian architecture still standing in Yuma. In spite of its late date of construction, the building contains a number of distinctively Victorian features: asymmetrical massing, a window bay; jig-sawed ornament; and diagonal entry. Yet the building is not entirely Victorian. Simple porch columns and a hip roof which are generally more characteristic of early 20th century residential design, give the building a lower profile and quieter feeling than "true" Victorian prototypes. In 1931 the property was acquired by A. O. "Pop" Williamson, Yuma County Tax Assessor for more than two decades.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**  
Block 148; Lot 4; Yuma Townsite