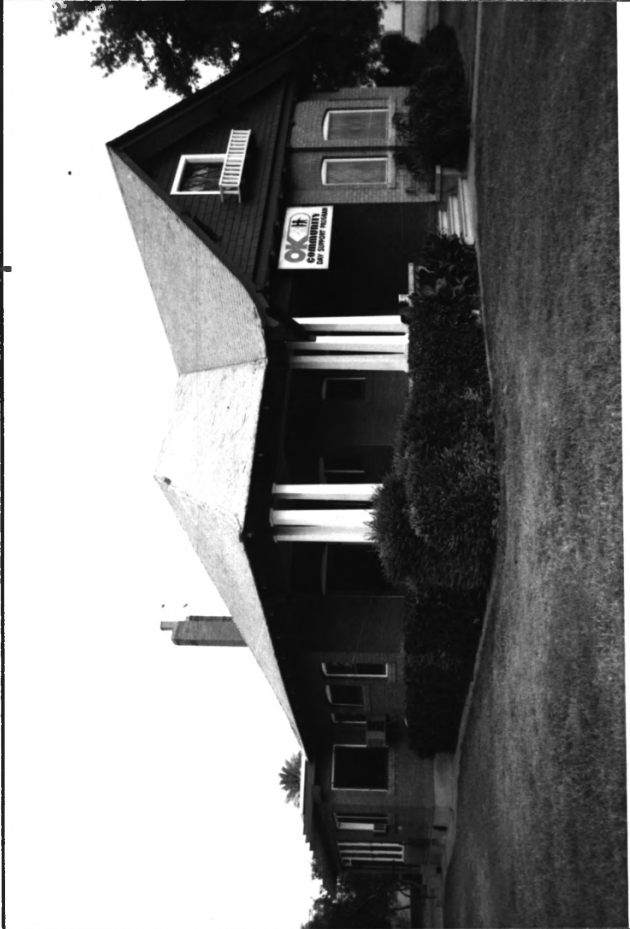


# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Elizabeth Seargeant/Emery Oldaker House ✓		COUNTY ✓ Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. BP-127 (S)
COMMON PROPERTY NAME OK Community Building		QUAD/COUNTY MAP Phoenix Quad	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. ✓ 649 North 3rd Avenue			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Phoenix ✓		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 111-40-46A	
OWNER OF PROPERTY James Gordon Dowsett		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 1036 College Avenue			
CITY, TOWN Menlo Park		STATE California	ZIP 94025
FORM PREPARED BY Gerald A. Doyle & Associates		DATE August 1982	
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CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85014
PHOTO BY Sue Tilger		DATE August 1982	
VIEW Toward SE			
HISTORIC USE Single family residence			
PRESENT USE Community Services Building		ACREAGE Less/Acre	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Constructed 1909			



## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This brick bungalow exhibits prominent Craftsman style details; the wood-shingled main roof is gabled and has a finely detailed shingled gable on the street facade. This roof has bell-cast eaves. The gable eaves are supported on brackets that are notched into the fascia rafters. The gable contains a pair of casement sashes with diamond panes; there is a balconet in front of the windows. The gable fascia rafters have decorative ends. A hipped roof, with bell-cast eaves, intersects the main roof on the left-hand side of the house and, together with a portion of the main roof, covers a corner porch. The porch is supported by paired, slender, wood columns, which bear on a low, solid porch railing. At the bottom of the gable there are modillion blocks. The windows are contained in masonry openings with segmental arch heads. Some windows occur singly and some in pairs in the wall openings. Windows in the street facade are casement-type and have a prominent pattern of small diamond panes. Other windows are double-hung; some have simple one-over-one sashes, others have diamond-paned upper sashes over single-light lower sashes. The brickwork is exceptionally well detailed. The street facade wall at the right of the porch has a projecting ground-to-gable panel and corner pilasters. The segmental-arch window heads have radial brick voussoirs. Brick window sills occur through the building; those in the street facade form a band that integrates three windows. This bungalow is a particularly fine example of the Craftsman style. It is in very good condition and remains virtually unaltered.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Seargeant/Oldaker House is locally significant as an excellent example of a Craftsman Bungalow. The use of natural brick, wood shingles, bell-cast eaves, diamond-pane windows, a decorative balcony element, and decorative jigsaw-cut brackets and fascia all testify to a conscious effort to achieve the Craftsman ideal.

The house was built in 1909 by Mary Elizabeth Seargeant, wife of W.F. Seargeant. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Emery Edgar Oldaker in 1913, and the couple continued to live in the house. Elizabeth Seargeant Oldaker was a locally prominent woman, who founded the Arizona Museum and organized the First Families of Arizona. She was also one of the earliest members of the Phoenix Woman's Club and was active in the Maricopa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Oldaker was in charge of the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry in Arizona (1907-1916). In 1919, after briefly engaging in sheep raising, Oldaker established a real estate firm. The Oldaker family continued to live at 649 North 3rd Avenue until the late 1970s.

For its architectural qualities, and its association with Elizabeth Seargeant Oldaker, the Seargeant/Oldaker House appears eligible for the National Register.

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#### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BLOCK C, LOTS 21, 23, & 25, BENNETT PLACE.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY