

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: FLORENCE MRA
 HISTORIC NAME: Albert Colton/H.H. Freeman House
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1500 Willow Street
 CITY/TOWN: Florence, Arizona
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 202-07-065A-7 - less acre
 OWNER: Charles L. and Donna B. Roth
 OWNER ADDRESS: 302 Gunnison
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
 HISTORIC USE: residence
 PRESENT USE: residence
 BUILDING TYPE: house
 STYLE: Queen Anne
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: completed November 1889
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Chas. D or Wm. Henry
 INTEGRITY: altered minor
 CONDITION: good

COUNTY: Pinal SURVEY SITE: 19
 USGS QUAD: Florence
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 UTM 12-463680-3654600

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: gable
 ROOF SHEATHING: wood shingle
 EAVES TREATMENT: box cornice
 WINDOWS: 2/2 wood, double-hung
 ENTRY: corner at ell
 PORCHES: covered corner porch at ell;
veranda at rear of house
 STOREFRONTS: n/a

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: one DIMENSIONS: (1) (w)
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: fired brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: brick
 WALL SHEATHING: none
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: none

NOTABLE INTERIOR: unknown
 OUTBUILDINGS: garage and utilitarian
(noncontributing)
 ALTERATIONS: additions during historic
period, well-done.

PHOTOGRAPH recent (compare w/historic)
 PHOTOGRAPHER: Reba N. Wells
 DATE: 8-8-85 VIEW: looking southwest

SKETCH MAP:

See attached map:
 Florence MRA base map



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ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

See attached historical information and photographs from Sobin, Florence Townsite, A.T., pp. 150, 151.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING ECONOMICS
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT GOVERNMENTAL MILITARY RELIGION SCIENCE
THEATRE TRANSPORTATION TOURISM OTHER(specify) X ARCHITECTURAL EVOLUTION

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Albert Colton was chief engineer and designer for the 1887 Florence Canal; later he was the U.S. Deputy Mineral Surveyer. H.H. Freeman was a prominent Florence businessman; his wife, the former Bertna Schultz, was an early woman member of the Arizona State Legislature (1930's).

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT X

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT X

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

This building is significant as one of the two earliest fire-brick residences remaining in Florence outside of the Florence Historic Townsite District. The building is an excellent example of the late Territorial Period designs which reflected an effort to introduce building concepts of the eastern United States into Florence as a replacement for the Sonoran and Transitional designs.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL RESIDENTIAL STREET X COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE
CBD: OTHER:

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES: Devine, Lottie C. Es Verdad or it is True. Coolidge, Ariz.: 1964.
Harris Sobin & Assoc. Florence Townsite, A.T. Final Report prepared for Florence Industrial Development Authority, May 1977.
National Register Nomination. Florence Townsite Historic District, 1982.
Oral interviews with Florence residents (July-October 1985).
Tax records for Pinal County, Arizona. Florence, Arizona.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: Florence Townsite Survey, 1981.

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED DETERMINED ELIGIBLE DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE NOT EVALUATED X

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR A. Urbas/R. Wells SURVEY DATE 9-30-85 DATE FORM COMPLETED 10-7-85



Colton House
1500 Willow St.
Florence, Az
c. 1889. (Sobin)



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Site 19

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(looking SW)