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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Redfield/Romine House
other names/site number Redfield House
Romine House

2. Location

street & number 146 E. 6th Street N/A not for publication
city, town Benson N/A vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Cochise code 003 zip code 85602

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Architectural Properties in the
Benson, Arizona Survey Area

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.
James [Signature] AZSHPD 1/6/94
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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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] 3/11/94

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic - single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic - single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation wood

walls wood

roof composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary: The Redfield/Romine house is a local example of the Colonial Revival Style popular during the railroad era in Benson from 1893 (when the style became popular nationwide) until 1910. Local residents believe the house was built in the mid to late 1890s. It was owned by Benson postmaster Leonard D. Redfield, who came to Benson in 1896. The house has been preserved by its current owners.

Location & Setting: Located at 146 E. 6th Street, the Redfield/Romine house occupies its original lots 24 and 25 of Block 30 in the Town of Benson. The front yard is symmetrical with a central walk between a wood fence and two large, deciduous trees.

Construction: The structure is redwood framing on a foundation of redwood posts. The floor is raised above a crawl space and there is an attic above the ceiling. The walls are clad in wood, tongue and groove siding. The roof is sheathed with composition shingles.

Original Appearance: The square house featured a pyramidal roof with ventilated front gablet, a central panel door with leaded glass, paired one-over-one-light double hung windows and a front veranda with Queen Anne Revival Style detailing, including turned posts, brackets and spindles. The interior included a kitchen plus pantry, living room, dining room and bedroom. There was no bathroom. The interior had wooden floors with heavy baseboards, redwood wainscoting in the kitchen, carved wood casings around doors, redwood crown molding at the ceilings and five-panel interior doors.

Current Appearance: The exterior and much of the interior of this house are original and carefully preserved. In 1932, a porch, bathroom and bedroom addition was built to the rear. Currently, the pantry is being converted into a closet for the master bedroom. Kitchen cabinetry is original but the ceiling, flooring and counter tops have been replaced. Carpeting now covers the original pine flooring. The house has been repainted.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1880-1942

Significant Dates

1895+

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Significance: The Redfield/Romine house is locally significant under National Register Criterion C as an excellent example of a wood frame, Colonial Revival Style house. It is significant for its contribution to architectural development in Benson from 1880 to 1942. The Colonial Revival Style was very popular in Benson and most of the houses constructed from 1898 to 1910, while Benson was still a major railroad junction point, were of this style. With minor modifications and a discreet addition to the rear, which was built before 1942, the house reflects a high degree of architectural integrity and is in good condition.

Early Resident: Leonard D. Redfield had an illustrious and well-publicized career as Benson's first postmaster, having served forty- four years in that position. A pioneer Arizonan, Redfield was born in 1867 in Olean, New York. The family moved west and eventually settled in Redington, Arizona (named for his father). At one point, his father handled a 218-mile pony express service from Tres Alamos (near Benson) to Riverside (near present-day Winkelman). At the age of 12, Leonard rode the 24-hour trip twice each week. In 1896, when Benson had grown large enough to need a postmaster, Leonard Redfield was appointed by president Grover Cleveland. It is not known when Leonard Redfield purchased the property at 146 E. 6th Street and whether he was the original occupant. In 1940 he was noted for being the "oldest postmaster in the United States in age as well as continuous service." Leonard D. Redfield made an important contribution to the history of postal transport and postal service in Arizona. He also served as mayor of Benson at the time it became incorporated in 1925.

Integrity: Other than the sensitive addition to the rear, there have been no substantive changes to the Redfield/Romine house which remains an excellent example of the Colonial Revival Style, significant in Benson's history.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Arizona Daily Star, September 26, 1937, March 26, 1940, April 24, 1940, July 16, 1944 and others

Blumenson, J.G. *Identifying American Architecture*, Nashville: American Association for State and Local History, 1977.

Garrison, James. The Arizona State Historic Preservation Office. "The Architecture of Benson, Arizona," a survey report, 1991.

Prospector, January 17, 1922.

See continuation sheet

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
- Specify repository: S. Pedro Arts & Hist. Soc. Museum, Benson & Az. Hist. Soc. Library, Tucson

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .172 acres

UTM References

A	<u>12</u>	<u>566420</u>	<u>3536740</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries are the same as those of tax parcel number 123-23-281, further described as lots 24 & 25 of Blk. 30, Benson. See accompanying Historic Resource Map.

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Boundary Justification

See accompanying Historic Resource Map.

See continuation sheet

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Section number Photos Page 1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS THE SAME FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHS
ACCOMPANYING THIS NOMINATION:

- 1). Redfield/Romine house
- 2). Benson, Arizona
- 3). Janet Gibson
- 5). Johns & Strittmatter

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 4). February 11, 1992
- 6). Front view, facing south, of main facade
- 7). #1

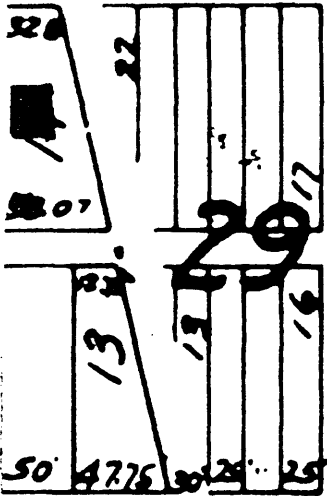
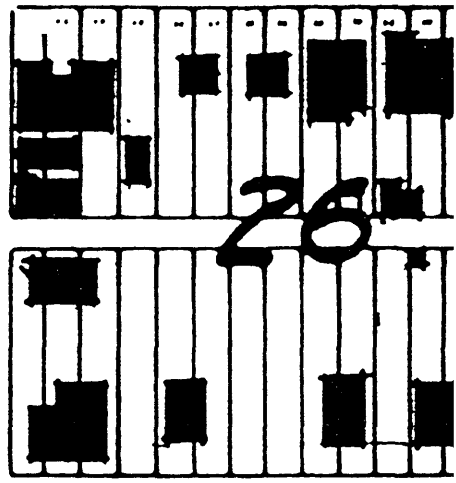
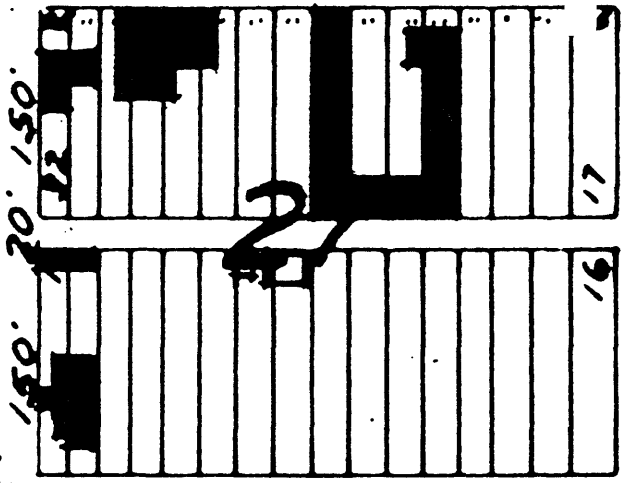
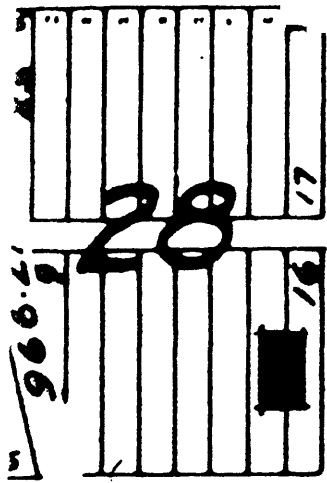
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- 6). 3/4 view, facing southeast
- 7). #2

- 4). February 11, 1992
- 6). 3/4 view, facing southwest
- 7). #3

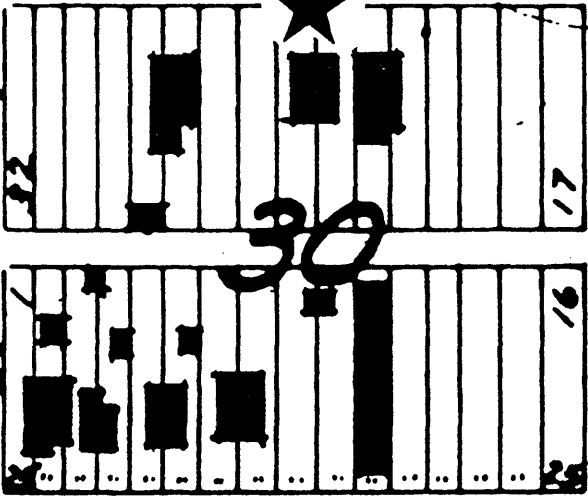
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- 6). View facing west, of porch
- 7). #4

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- 6). View facing south, of front door
- 7). #5

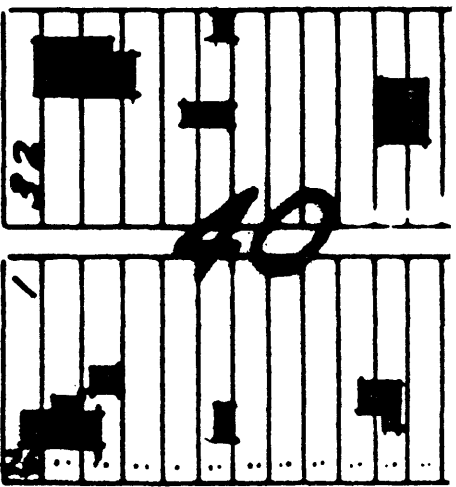
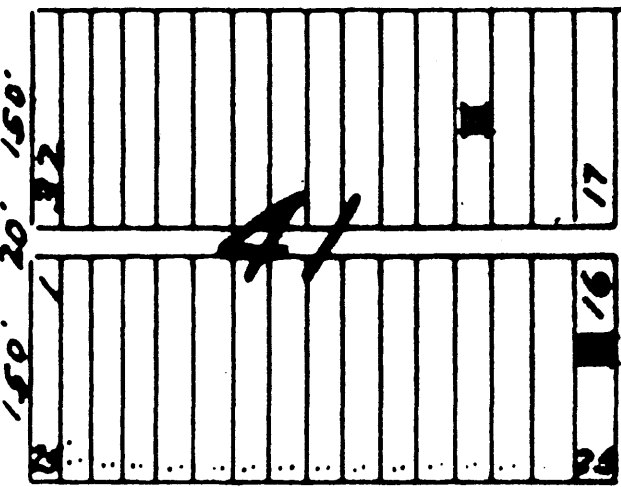
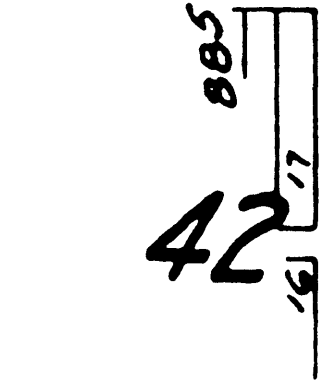
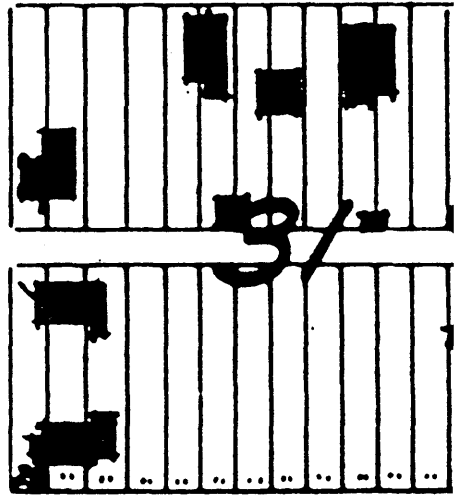
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- 6). View facing southeast, of paired double hung windows
- 7). #6



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HUACHUCA ST.
66'

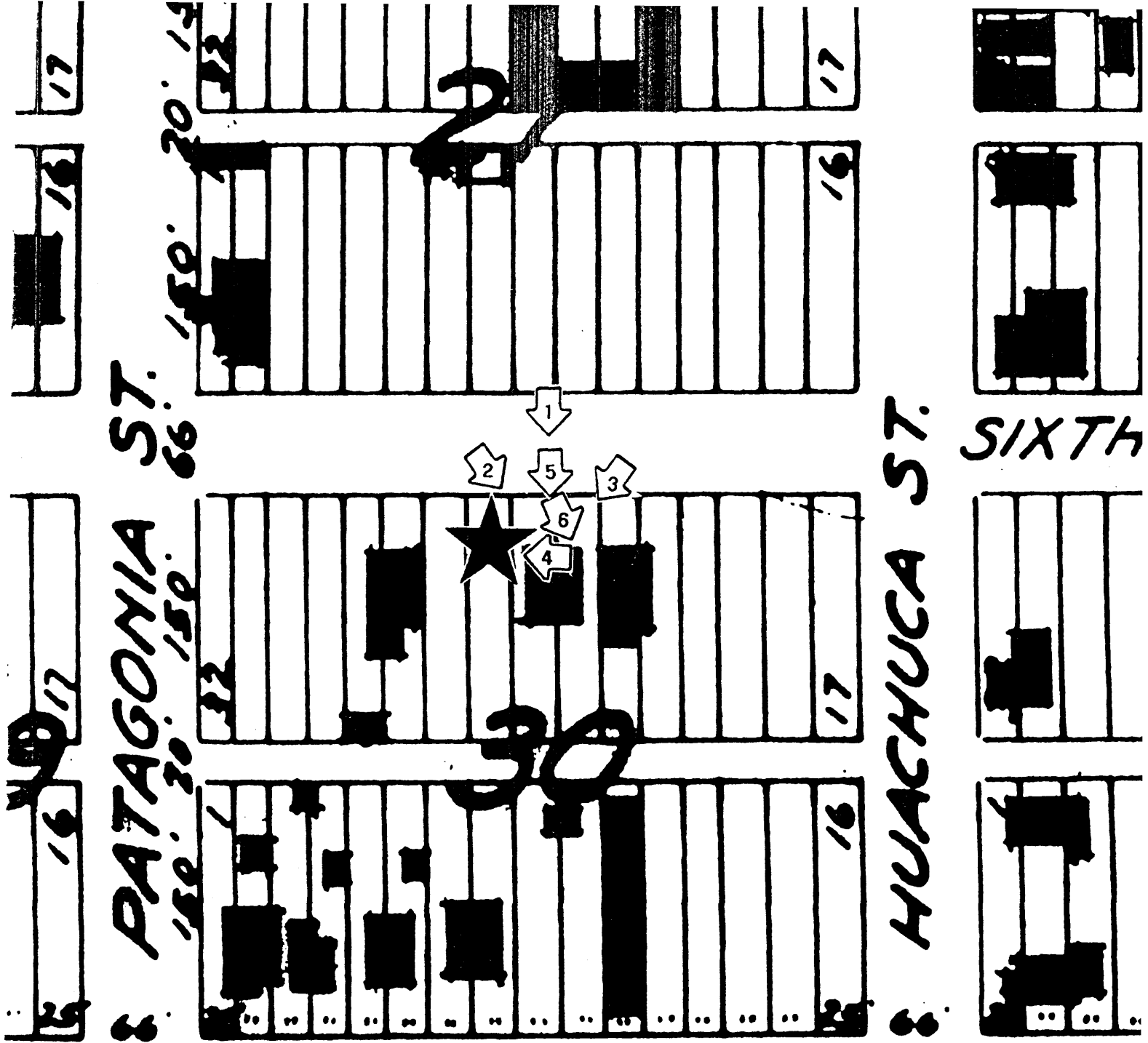


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SIXTH ST.
SEVENTH ST.
EIGHTH ST.

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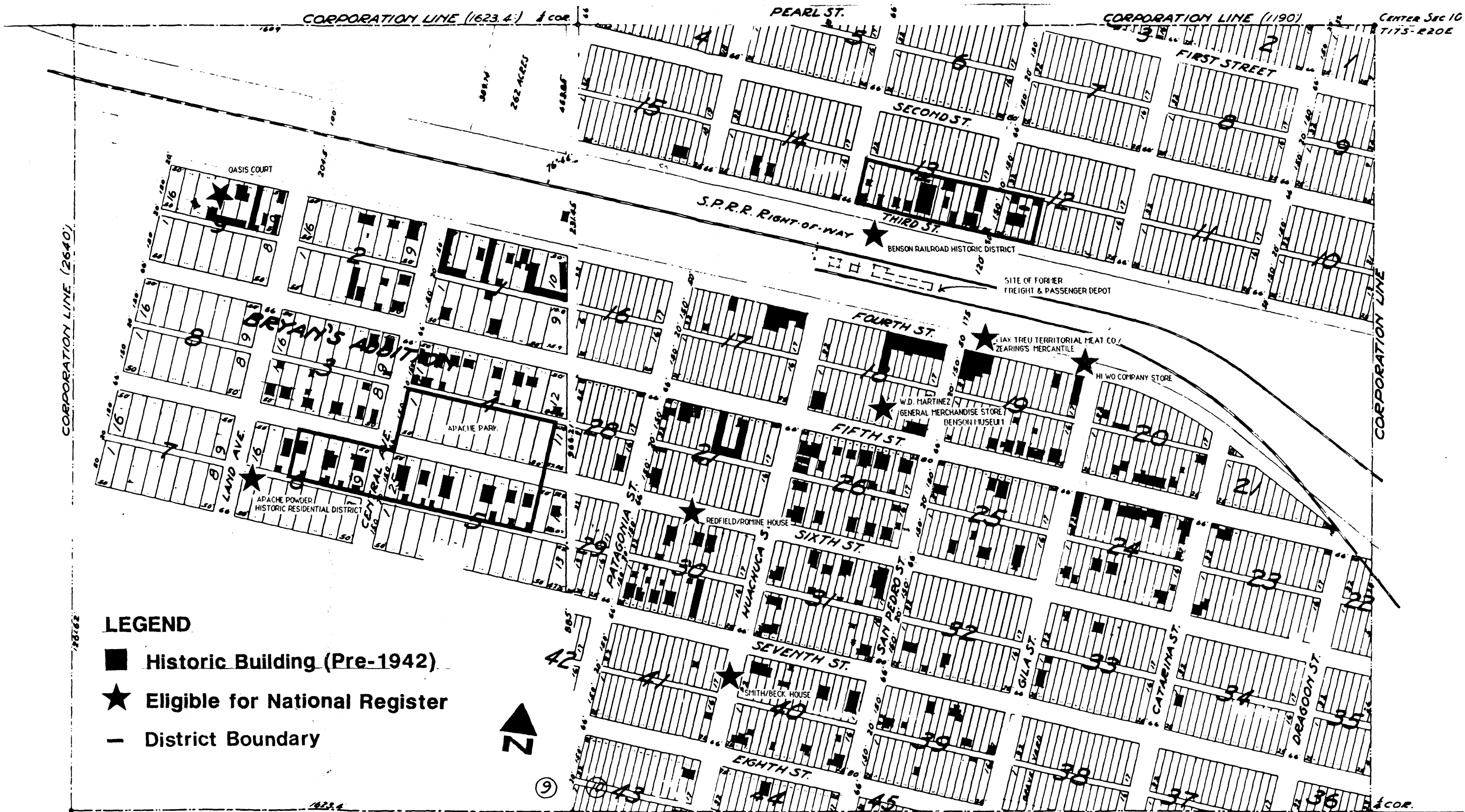




Redfield/Romine House
 146 East 6th Street
 Benson, Arizona



Photographic Views



CENTER SEC 10
T17S-R20E

LEGEND

- Historic Building (Pre-1942)
- ★ Eligible for National Register
- District Boundary



BENSON HISTORIC RESOURCE MAP
BENSON, ARIZONA

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