

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Drake House		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH 	
LOCATION 137 North Mt. Vernon			
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott		COUNTY Yavapai	
OWNER Robert & Vaughn Delp			
OWNER'S ADDRESS 4501 South Forest Avenue Tempe, AZ 85282			
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation			
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302			
PHOTO BY Paul C. Rosenberger		DATE 1975	
VIEW Front elevation from west			
PRESENT USE Residential - single		ACREAGE	
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Classical Revival influence			
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1901-1902			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The building is a two-and-one-half-story wood frame structure of symmetrical massing on a roughly rectangular plan. Detailing is eclectic: diamond-patterned mullions, garlands above the bay window, paired and single columns with capitals of unknown derivation. The broad front porch was topped with an ornamental railing, although the deck had no direct access from within the house. Maintenance has been good; many features both interior and exterior are original.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE W.A. Drake was a civil engineer who helped survey the route of the Santa Fe Railway across northern Arizona. Later he was instrumental in organizing and building the Santa Fe, Prescott, and Phoenix Railroad. He remained chief engineer on that line until his retirement. The Drake House is clearly derived from the Classical Revival which gained popularity toward the end of the nineteenth century. Grouped columns on the porch may be attributed specifically to the influence of the Ecole des Beaux-arts in Paris. Ornamental garland swags and the symmetry of the roof are also part of the classical influence. On the other hand, the building is not consistently classical in design. The L-shaped porch, bay window, and treatment of the deck railing are all vestiges of the

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 6; Block 6
East Prescott Addition

Victorian era. Like many other territorial buildings in Prescott the Drake House is the result of a mixing of stylistic elements.