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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **\*\***  
Pinal County Courthouse (Second)  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Pinal and 12th Streets  
CITY, TOWN  
Florence  
STATE  
Arizona  
VICINITY OF  
4  
COUNTY  
Pinal  
CODE  
04  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
4  
CODE  
021

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Pinal County Board of Supervisors  
STREET & NUMBER  
Pinal County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Florence  
VICINITY OF  
STATE  
Arizona

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Pinal County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Florence  
STATE  
Arizona

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Historic American Buildings  
DATE  
1938  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
National Park Service  
CITY, TOWN  
Washington  
STATE  
D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Second Pinal County Courthouse is a two story red brick building of the Victorian tradition, topped by a distinctive cupola. The main entrance faces west. The entrance is framed by a decorative wood detailed porch topped by a small second story balcony. All of the facade openings are structures with decorative cast lintels, a single lintel spanning pairs of double hung windows. The mansard roof is made of metal and has dormers with circular windows. Above the entrance is a gable with a pair of attic windows. The facade is divided into bays accomplished by the recessing of brick wall surfaces behind an implied structural system of brick.

As constructed in 1890-1891, the building formed a cross in plan. On the first floor were the offices of the assessor, recorder, treasurer, and board of supervisors. In the rear portion or east wing was the jail. Directly above the jail on the second level was the courtroom. Also on the second story were juryrooms, the judge's chambers, the probate court, and the office of the county supervisor.

Since 1891 several additions have been added to the building. In 1917 the NW and SW corners of the building were filled in to change the T-shape. The roof line was left as originally built. Much later the license plate department was added to the south-east side of the building and the treasurer's office was expanded to the northeast. In 1975 an addition was made to the north which reflects the original character of the building but upsets its classical symmetry.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      1891                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      James M. Creighton

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The second Pinal County Courthouse is a Victorian brick constructed in 1891. The building was designed by prominent Arizona architect James M. Creighton. Creighton, whose formal training consisted of one course in drafting, was much in demand as a designer. His projects include Old Main at the University of Arizona, a building which is now on the National Register. He also designed the Old Dominion Hotel in Globe, the City Hall in Phoenix, the U.S. Customhouse in Nogales, and the Adams Hotel in Phoenix, as well as many other buildings throughout the territory.

Contractors for the courthouse were A.J. Doran and T.A. Adams. Doran was a successful contractor and prominent territorial politician. Doran and Adams were awarded the construction contract 1 March 1890 and completed the building on 1 March 1891 at a cost of \$29,000.

The town of Florence was part of the post-Civil War boom in Arizona. It was established in 1866 and soon became an important political center as well as a supply and shipping center for nearby mines and agriculture. The First Florence Courthouse, which is now on the National Register, was an adobe building which was soon unable to handle the rush of business. The construction of the grand new brick courthouse coincided, however, with the decline in production in most of the mines of the area.

The town has recently begun to attract some retirement residents but the main economic base is the state prison, built in 1909, and the town's position as county seat.

