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AND/OR COMMON					
LOCATION					
STREET & NUMBER					
	d 12th Streets		NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		
Florence		VICINITY OF	COUNTY CODE		
state Arizona		CODE 04	county Pinal	021	
CLASSIFIC	ATION				
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE		
DISTRICT	X.PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM	
XBUILDING(S)	PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK	
STRUCTURE	вотн	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDEN	
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS	
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X_YES: RESTRICTED	<b>X</b> GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC	
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATIO	
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X\_EXCELLENT \_\_GOOD

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\_\_RUINS
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\_\_UNALTERED X\_ALTERED

XORIGINAL SITE
\_\_MOVED DATE\_\_\_\_\_

### 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					
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER		
<u>X</u> 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

James M. Creighton

### 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.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of Pinal County Board of Supervisors

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Marjorie H. Wilson Hist ORGANIZATION Arizona State Parks Board			DATE					
STREET & NUMBER			TELEPHONE					
1688 West Adams Street CITY OR TOWN			602 <b>-</b> 271 - STATE	4174				
Phoenix				35007				
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION  THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:								
NATIONAL		re <u>X</u>	LOCAL					
As the designated State Historic Preservation Of hereby nominate this property for inclusion in t criteria and procedures set forth by the National	he National I Park Service.	Register and certify	that it has been evalu					
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