


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Morrison House		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH		YHF 166
LOCATION 300 South Marina				
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai			
OWNER Margaret O'Dell & John D. Fitzgerald				
OWNER'S ADDRESS 306 South Marina Prescott, AZ 86301				
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 east				
PRESENT USE Residential - single	ACREAGE			
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Queen Anne derivation				
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1902				

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Morrison House is a frame structure, two stories in height and approximately 45 feet square. Massing is asymmetrical and hinges about the round corner turret. Roofs are both gabled and hipped in shape. Shingles are present in both the upper level of the turret and in the gable at the front of the house. The building appears to have been well maintained. Electrical heating was included in the original construction program. Windows are grouped in sets of two or three to form horizontal bands.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The house is a well preserved example of early twentieth century housing for Prescott's more prosperous citizenry. The building was erected in the spring of 1902 for Robert E. Morrison, one of the Territory's best known attorneys. He served as judge of Apache County during both the Pleasant Valley War and the conflict between the Hash Knife outfit and the Mormons. In 1891 he moved to Prescott where he subsequently served as District Attorney and U.S. Attorney. Architecturally, the building retains some characteristics of the Queen Anne (i.e. plan, roof forms, exterior material use) yet the overall impression of the design is more in keeping with the formality of the Classical Revival. The gable in the front facade, for example, is very nearly a pediment;

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 1 & 3; Block 27
Original Townsite.

and the broad turret is far removed from its medieval prototype.