

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Fisher Memorial Home		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-134
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Fisher Memorial Home		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 300 East 8th Street			
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 506-07-340	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Jim McClelland		PHONE 505-836-7587	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 1015 Glade Lane #80			
CITY,TOWN Farmington,		STATE New Mexico	ZIP 87401
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY,TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Casa Grande Survey Volunteer		DATE June 1982	
VIEW looking east			
HISTORIC USE commercial			
PRESENT USE commercial		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1927, modified 1929			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Fisher Memorial Home is a single-story U-shaped structure constructed of uncoursed field stone. A flat parapeted roof and lower tile-roofed portal infilling the U shape suggest a Pueblo Revival influence. A three-story tower addition of wood frame and shingles extends from the northeast corner. It has a low sloping pyramidal roof of wood shingles. Dual orientation is to the south and west bordering streets. The south facade, protected by the single stone pier portal, has relief plaque decorated doors defining symmetrical entries. Small tile-roofed porticos protect two symmetrical, two-leaf French doors on the west facade. Windows of the original structure are wood four-over-one light double-hung. The addition wood windows are double-hung fixed glass, and symmetrically placed. An additional feature is a low entry wall of stone sloping up to an opening flanked by two square pillars, each a base for a lamp post.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Fisher Memorial Home is an outstanding example of a period revival residential/commercial building executed in local materials. Its unique uncoursed field stone construction and Pueblo Revival influenced design once brought it to public acclaim as one of the finest and most beautiful houses in the Casa Grande Valley. The house is well-maintained and has a high degree of integrity.

The combination house/funeral home was built in Casa Grande in 1927. Harry L. Fisher and his wife Mary established a mortuary business in Casa Grande after their arrival in 1919. Fisher was killed in 1925. Mrs. Fisher trained as an undertaker, married William Plenz and opened the Fisher Memorial Home in its new location. Mrs. Plenz was a respected businesswoman for many years in Casa Grande.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index files
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society history files

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 7-12, Block 6, E. P. Drew Subdivision

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST

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GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY