# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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**PROPERTY NAME**
Sam Hill Hardware

**LOCATION**
154 South Montezuma

**CITY/TOWN/VICINITY**
Prescott

**COUNTY**
Yavapai

**OWNER**
Emmalou Norris

**OWNER'S ADDRESS**
154 South Montezuma
Prescott, AZ

**FORM COMPLETED BY**
Yavapai Heritage Foundation

**ADDRESS**
P.O. Box 61
Prescott, AZ 86302

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**DATE**
1977

**VIEW**
Front facade from east

**PRESENT USE**
Commercial: Store

**ACREAGE**

**STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD**
Late territorial brick commercial building

**SIGNIFICANT DATES**
Main construction completed 1901.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION** The building at 154 South Montezuma is a composite structure covering all of three lots on Block 13, Original Townsite. In actual area the building measures 75 feet in width and 150 feet in depth; the height of the front facade is approximately 18 feet. The structure is itself a product of several construction periods although the front portion was apparently built at the same time. Masonry pilasters on the front facade clearly demarcate three bays into which the original building was divided. Large plate glass windows fill the majority of the area between the pilasters. The upper portion of the facade(approximately 2/5) is decorated by brick string courses and panels.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** The Sam Hill Hardware was one of many buildings built after the fire of July 14, 1900, destroyed 4½ blocks of downtown Prescott. Stylistically, however, the structure stands apart from most of its comtemporaries. A large expanse of glass on the front, strong horizontal proportions, and simple lines are shared characteristics with early twentieth century design trends. On the other hand, the tall scale of the building and the patterned brickwork of the upper face are more reminiscent of commercial design in Arizona during the 1880's. The Sam Hill Hardware Co. is itself dated back to 1887 when it was founded as a tin shop by C.E. Frederick and Samuel Hill. Hill dies in 1901 but the prosperous business he had developed has continued to be owned and managed by his descendants.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lots 32, 33, 34; Block 13;
Orignal Townsite.