

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Wickenburg Historic Resource Survey

HISTORIC NAME: Vernetta Hotel

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1 Apache Street

CITY/TOWN: Wickenburg, Arizona

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 505-50-86 (less one acre)

OWNER: James L. and Carolyn O. Corbet

OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 146
Wickenburg, AZ 85358

HISTORIC USE: hotel

PRESENT USE: offices

BUILDING TYPE: hotel

STYLE: Neo-Colonial

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1905

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: William Kelley, contractor
James Creighton

INTEGRITY: altered minor/original site

CONDITION: good

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 3-12

USGS QUAD: Wickenburg

T 7N R 5W S 12 / NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4

UTM 12-340160-3759840

Description (contd.) semi-conical projection over 2nd story oriel window

ROOF TYPE: hip with bellcast eaves

ROOF SHEATHING: asphalt shingles over wood

EAVES TREATMENT: boxed cornice

WINDOWS: 1/1 wood double hung, 2/2 wood fixed

ENTRY: central on front, central on side

PORCHES: two non-original covered porches with balustrades on roof

STOREFRONTS:

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 85 (w) 35

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: unknown

WALL SHEATHING: brick

APPLIED ORNAMENT:

NOTABLE INTERIOR: original paint has been removed from wood and it has been varnished

OUTBUILDINGS: none

ALTERATIONS: porches, some windows, interior

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Woodward

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Verbal boundary description: Lot 1 Block 7 Wickenburg

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING _____ ECONOMICS _____
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT _____ GOVERNMENTAL _____ MILITARY _____ RELIGION _____ SCIENCE _____
THEATRE _____ TRANSPORTATION _____ TOURISM _____ OTHER(specify) Railroad/Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, a black woman from Illinois to serve the community and railroad related trade.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT _____

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Best and most elaborate local example of Neo-Colonial style work of James Creighton, Arizona's most prolific Territorial architect.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL _____

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL _____

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION _____

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

See MRA text, Item 8, p. 2 and Item 8, p. 26.

The Vernetta Hotel is an important historic association with the origins of tourism in Wickenburg, which became a major factor in Wickenburg's development in the first decades of the twentieth century.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL _____ RESIDENTIAL STREET _____ COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE _____

CBD: _____ OTHER: _____

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James Garrison, personal collection

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Woodward SURVEY DATE January 1985 DATE FORM COMPLETED June 1985