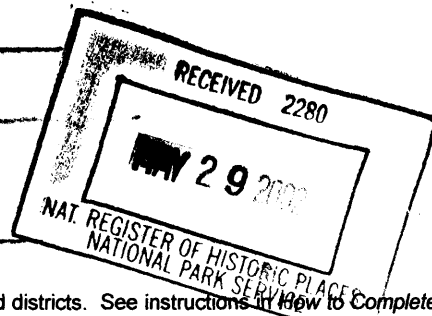


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in how to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Casa Grande Dispatch

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 109 East Second Street N/A not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

James W. Canavan AZSHPD 23 MAY 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Sarah D. Bipe 11/20/02

Casa Grande Dispatch
Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing).

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRADE/ professional

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/ business

7. Description

Architectural Classification

COMMERCIAL STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other TERRA COTTA

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1929-1951

Significant Dates

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository:

Casa Grande Dispatch

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429570	3637680	3	---	---
2	---	---	---	4	---	---

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **Black and White photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Casa Grande Dispatch Building is located in central part of downtown Casa Grande. Within the original town site from 1879, the building is on one of the Casa Grande's oldest streets and today, which remains one of busier streets in the downtown district. The building is one designed for professional use as a newspaper office and printing plant. The building housed Casa Grande's only newspaper *The Casa Grande Dispatch* until at least 1951, and is executed in the Commercial style with some Mission Revival references and is of brick construction with storefront on the front façade. The original building appears to be sited on a 50 x 100 lot with no setbacks, giving the building roughly these same dimensions. An addition sometime after 1940 doubles the size of the building as it wraps the original with a narrow addition to the side and a deep addition in concrete block to the rear. The significant features of the original building are the large brick arch on the front facade, exposed brick pilasters, and brick coping on a Mission-style parapet treatment. The current condition of the property is very good, as it is both occupied and well maintained; it also has historic integrity in terms of location, design, setting and materials. A new decorative application of stucco not completely in character with the original character of the building has been applied to part of the front façade. Despite this, the association and feeling of the original building remains. The character is conveyed through the main street setting, the proportions, and the integral decorative elements that remain relatively intact such as the brickwork arch, the decorative brickwork on the façade, and the large storefront area.

This commercial building is a simple rectangle in plan and one story in height. The original building itself is one bay, with another bay created by the addition to the side. The building is constructed of brick in Commercial style. The roof is flat with parapets, with a pediment-shaped parapet. Load-bearing brick walls support a wood joist roof structure. Specific features of the building include an arched brick opening with a display window. Aluminum muntins have been added where the original storefront entry was removed; the entry is a single wood door that is no longer located directly on the front façade, but was moved onto the side façade to face onto a small covered porch created with the later addition. Important decorative elements are the pediment-shaped parapet with ornamental brick coping, the brick arched opening on the facade, the corner brick pilasters, and large display window area. The building has a sizable L-shaped addition that wraps the original to the side and rear. Built sometime after 1940, the addition utilizes concrete block with a stucco finish to emphasize the Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival imagery inherent in the arch on the façade of the original building. Mission/ Spanish Colonial Revival imagery is also evoked in the stepped parapet of the flat roofed addition, as well as the way the massing of the addition breaks the regular massing of the original building. A red, clay-tile shed roofed porch is another element that is utilized in the addition to conjure up the Mission/ Spanish Colonial Revival imagery popular during the era of the addition. The building itself constitutes the only contributing element to the nomination; there are no outbuildings associated with this property and thus, no noncontributing elements.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Casa Grande Dispatch building is eligible under Criterion A as an intact example of the Central Business District Commercial Building property type, related to the context of Planning and Development of Casa Grande, 1879-1951. It is also eligible under Criterion C as an intact example of the Commercial Style related to the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The period of the building's significance begins with its date of construction in 1929, and ends with the date of 1951, which coincides with the fifty-year cutoff date for eligibility. Its construction date coincides with the period during which trucks were replacing the railroad as the principal means of moving goods into and out of Casa Grande. Casa Grande continued in growth during this pre-Depression era, as evidenced by commercial buildings such as this. The building is typical of the Commercial style, with added stylistic details borrowed from Hispanic precedents. The property also has good integrity, as it has only minor alterations to the façade that do not detract from the historic character. It is in its original location. The primary façade has had the storefront replaced with a compatibly-designed modern storefront, and a Spanish-character addition to the side is well-differentiated from the original building; the original building, thus, still conveys its integrity of design. The building possesses the characteristics of the Central Business District Commercial Building property type, with the façade resting on the front property line in a streetscape of similarly sited buildings. There are five buildings of brick construction of the Central Business District Commercial Building property type in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998); this is one of them. There are only thirteen buildings of brick construction included within the Casa Grande survey area. The utilitarian appearance of the building is typical of the property type. The building was used for the delivery of goods and services to local residents, and contributes to the general understanding of development patterns in downtown Casa Grande in the early part of the 20th Century.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

This building, which has been enlarged over the years, was built by the Casa Grande Dispatch as its office and printing plant in 1929. It was in use by the Dispatch at least as late as 1981.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Casa Grande Dispatch property is lot 4-5 of Block 22 in the Casa Grande Townsite Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Photo # 1 View: Southeast

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Photo # 2 View: Northeast

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