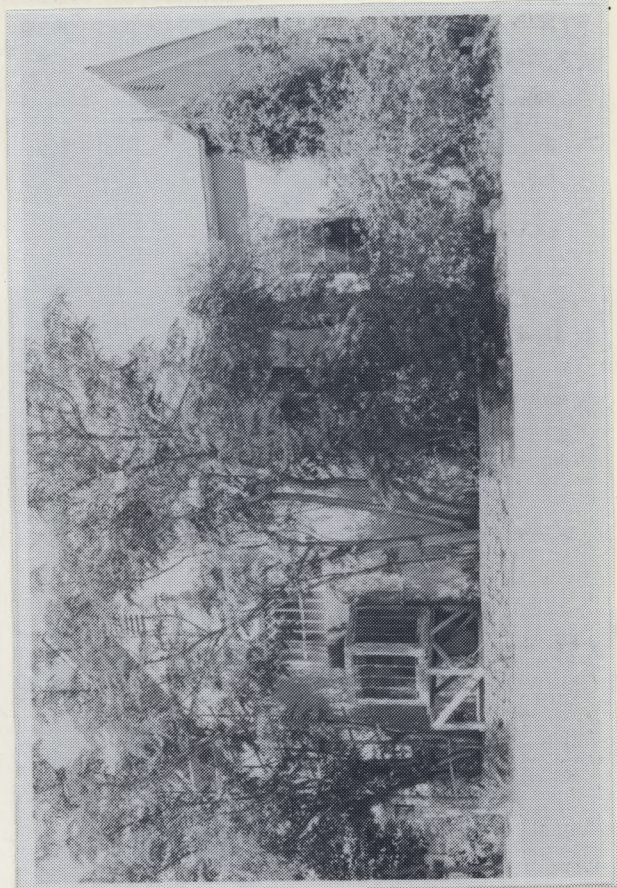


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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Carmelita Mayhew House		Yu132
LOCATION 660 First Avenue		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH 
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma	
OWNER Nisida McPhaul		
OWNER'S ADDRESS 660 First Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society		
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4/78	
VIEW Front facade from east		
PRESENT USE Residence/single family	ACREAGE less/acre	
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Early 20th Century Adobe Cottage		
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1909		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
The house at 660 First Avenue is a one story adobe building of asymmetrical massing. The plan, which measures about 35 feet by 40 feet, is irregular in configuration. A broad ridge roof covers the main body of the house; another smaller gable roof extends out over an extension on the front facade. Small rectangular ventilators are located in each gable. Double-hung windows are employed throughout the building. The main entry is situated in the recess beside the central, front room bay. This gable wall is distinguished by a window of multi-paned, diamond shaped glass. Heavy vegetation obscures this and other features of the front facade.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
The Carmelita Mayhew House is significant both for its original owner and its adobe construction. Built in 1909, the house is a well preserved example of middle class housing in Yuma during the first decade of the 20th century. It is unique amongst the remaining adobe houses of that period for a relatively complex roof form, asymmetrical massing, and a diamond paned front window. The building was erected two years after Carmelita bought the lot and shortly after she married Felix Mayhew, discoverer of the North Star Mine. Carmelita probably did not live in the house. Instead it would seem that she managed the property as a rental unit until she sold it in 1926, years after her husband had spent his

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Block 147; Lot 4; Yuma Townsite

own fortune.