

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Safford, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Olney, George A. House
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1104 Central
 CITY/TOWN: Safford
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 101-07-121 / <1 ACRE(S)
 OWNER: Johnson, Robbie N.
 OWNER ADDRESS: 1104 Central
Safford, Arizona 85546
 HISTORIC USE: Residence
 PRESENT USE: Residence
 BUILDING TYPE: House
 STYLE: Western Colonial Revival
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1890
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Built by Tom Rynning
 INTEGRITY: Minor alterations
 CONDITION: Poor

COUNTY: Graham SURVEY SITE: C0008
 USGS QUAD: Safford, AZ
 T 7s R 26e S 17 / SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4
 UTM 12/620640E/3632735N

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat hip roof with cross..
 ROOF SHEATHING: Asphalt shingle
 EAVES TREATMENT: Plain boxed cornice
 WINDOWS: 1/1 double hung wood sash win-
dows, focal window on second story is a..
 ENTRY: Central entry, single light double
wide door with sidelights and transom
 PORCHES: Full length porch and veranda,
porch supported by two engaged..
 STOREFRONTS: Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 50' (w) 40'
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Rough cut asphalt stone,
regular course, beaded mortar joint
 WALL SHEATHING: None
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Oval vent at pediment

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Original details remain
intact
 OUTBUILDINGS: One story gabled hip roof
brick carriage house converted to apts.
 ALTERATIONS: Roof sheathing replaced over
original wood shingles

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: Jan, 1987 VIEW: W, FF
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:I F:2

SKETCH MAP: See Final MRA Map



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Roof type contd: gable; corbeled brick chimney center right. Windows contd: bay window; bay window on side facade second story. Porches contd: corinthian columns and 10 corinthian columns, same on veranda, open balustrade railing. Distrt str contd: residential street. The original iron railing is at the property line.

SIGNIFICANCE: Relates to National Register Criteria: B,C

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) George Olney, banker and cattleman, served as Sheriff from 1890-94, and was on the 20th Territorial Legislature in 1898

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early residential development in Safford

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT Excellent example of two story Western Classical Revival Style

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Intact, scattered site on corner lot on major..

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: This is an excellent example of a large two story Western Colonial Revival Style residence with original exterior details completely intact. Modifications are minute, with the roof sheathing the only alteration. The original wood shingle remains under the current roof sheathing and the original cresting is currently stored in the house's attic. The residence is the largest intact early home in Safford, of mansion proportions, and is one of the few imposing residences left intact in Safford. The home is associated with George Olney, prominent banker and cattleman, who served as sheriff from 1890-94, and was part of the twentieth Territorial Legislature in 1898.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL ___ RESIDENTIAL STREET XXX COMMERCIAL ___ CENTRAL SQUARE ___
CBD: ___ OTHER: ___

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: 1985 Historic Resources Survey, conducted by Linda Laird & Assoc.

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED ___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE ___ NOT EVALUATED ___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE 5/87 DATE FORM COMPLETED 9/19/87