

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Judge William T. Day House		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-122
COMMON PROPERTY NAME			
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 310 West 1st Street			
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-03	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Clifford & Rosalie Chamberlain		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 306 West 1st Street			
CITY,TOWN Casa Grande		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY,TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE Feb. 1982	
VIEW looking north			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER unknown			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built c. 1886, Modified 1918-22			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This one-story house probably originated as an adobe Sonoran-style structure. It was later modified into a bungalow-style building by the addition of a veranda on three sides and a large low sloping hipped roof with a dual-vented shed dormer centered on the front hip. Presently, board and batten clad additions infill the veranda leaving only a small front porch. Further stuccoed additions extend from the northeast corner to a stuccoed outstructure with a gabled roof of corrugated metal. The wood-shingled roof of the main structure has been replaced by asphalt shingles. The front door is off-center. Two three-light aluminum windows appear on each end of the veranda additions. Other wood casement windows are irregular in size and placement.

According to ~~current~~ owners, the existing veranda and modification of the house to its present Bungalow-style character occurred circa 1918. This is documented by the 1919 and 1920 dates of the accompanying historic photographs. The only subsequent alteration to the house was the enclosure of the end bays of the veranda circa 1940. The remainder of the house retains its original elements.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

This house is significant as the residence of Judge William T. Day, who built the original home around 1886. Day had been a school teacher in Virginia and Illinois before coming to Arizona in 1882. He was superintendent and general manager of the Vekol Mine in 1888, and also prospected for copper, iron and gold. He was elected to the territorial legislature in 1891 and served during the seventeenth session. After leaving the Vekol, he established a trading post among the Papago Indians, and served as Justice of the Peace. After retiring in 1918, Judge Day, with his son Darby, built the San Carlos Hotel adjacent to his home.

The Day House is also significant as one of Casa Grande's earliest houses.

The original house dates to 1886 and represents the earliest adobe residences associated with the initial settlement of Casa Grande. The addition of the porch, circa 1918, gives it a striking Bungalow-inspired design illustrative of early twentieth century architectural styles.

See MRA text, Item 7, p. 5 and Item 8, p. 12 for contextual references to the Judge Day House.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index file
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society history files

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 15, 16, 17, Block 5, Casa Grande Townsite

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY



Judge William J. Day House

Circa 1920

Judge William J. Day House

Casa Grande, Arizona

Historic photo, ca. 1919

Original at Casa Grande Valley

Historical Society

View: looking north



Judge William T. Day House

ca. 1919

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View: front porch, showing existing door,
window, and porch details, ca. 1919