

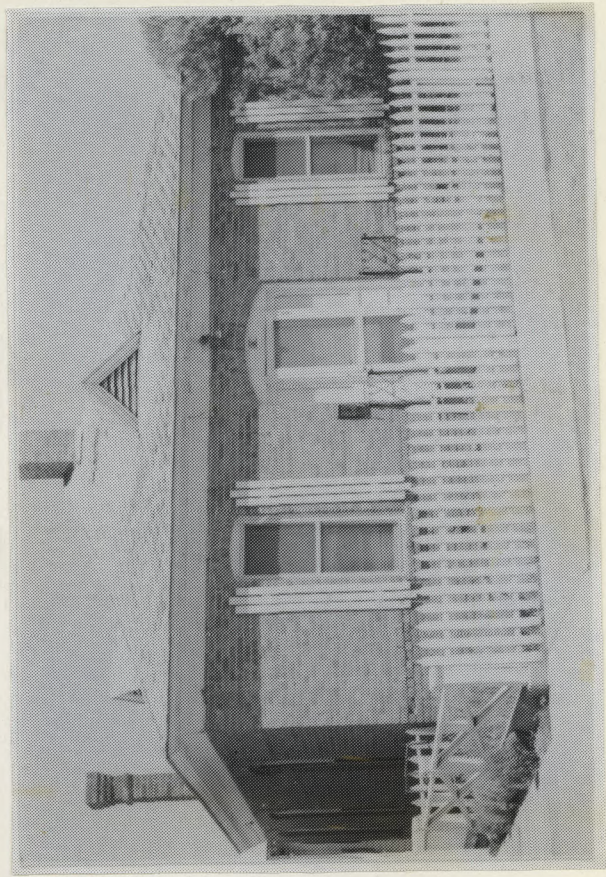
ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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PROPERTY NAME Alfred Griffin House	
LOCATION 641 First Avenue	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma
OWNER Carl and Mary Lou Ellis	
OWNER'S ADDRESS 336 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 elevation from west	
PRESENT USE Residence/single family	ACREAGE less/acre
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Early 20th Century Brick Cottage	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1908	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
The Alfred Griffin House is a one story structure with a masonry core 25 feet deep by 30 feet wide and frame additions to the south and east. The front facade of the house is symmetrical and consists of single, double-hung windows on either side of a paneled door with sidelights. All openings in the brick walls are topped with segmental arches. The roof is pyramidal in form with moderate pitch. A chimney protrudes from the apex of the roof. Triangular ventilator dormers are also featured on the roof. Except for removal of the front porch the building is substantially unchanged.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Built in 1908 by the Chinese Inspector, Alfred Griffin Jr., the house at 641 First Avenue is a well preserved example of the brick residences built in Yuma during the first and second decades of the 20th century. Simple in design, the builders employed well established masonry techniques to produce a substantially sound structure. The symmetry and low profile of the building may have been derived from Classical Revival styles. In 1921 the property was given to the Protestant Episcopal Church for use as a rectory.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Block 146; Lot 10; Yuma Townsite