

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: FLORENCE MRA
 HISTORIC NAME: Dr. George Huffman House
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 507 East Butte
 CITY/TOWN: Florence, Arizona
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 202-03-267C-8 - less acre
 OWNER: Dr. Oscar Moreno
 OWNER ADDRESS: P. O. Box 669
Florence, Arizona 85232
 HISTORIC USE: residence and clinic
 PRESENT USE: residence
 BUILDING TYPE: house
 STYLE: Craftsman Bungalow
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: c. 1919
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
 INTEGRITY: altered minor
 CONDITION: _____

COUNTY: Pinal SURVEY SITE: 23
 USGS QUAD: Florence
 T5S R9E S1 / 1/4 OF THE 1/4
 UTM 12-464320-3654580

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: gable
 ROOF SHEATHING: asbestos shingles
 EAVES TREATMENT: exposed rafters
 WINDOWS: wood casements
 ENTRY: central, wood with glazing
 PORCHES: veranda with cobblestone base
and four cobblestone piers
 STOREFRONTS: n/a

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 1/2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 30 (w) 40
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: adobe
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: stone
 WALL SHEATHING: stucco
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: use of cobblestone on
veranda and wall

NOTABLE INTERIOR: wide stairs to second
floor; intact surgery room
 OUTBUILDINGS: contributing garage -
similar to main house
 ALTERATIONS: sm wrought-iron balconies
added on east and west upstairs 1970s
 PHOTOGRAPH recent
 PHOTOGRAPHER: Reba N. Wells
 DATE: 10-01-85 VIEW: looking south

SKETCH MAP:

See attached map:
 Florence MRA base map



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

The stone wall around the house was built in 1920 by a high school student, Martin Baldwin while he was rooming with the Huffman family and going to Florence High School. The wall matches the stonework on the porch.

See also attached photograph from Sobin, Florence Townsite, A.T., p. 171.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE___ TRANSPORTATION___ TOURISM___ OTHER(specify) X ARCHITECTURAL EVOLUTION

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Dr. Huffman, long-time Florence physician, was also a specialist in tuberculosis treatment.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT X

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT X

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL _____

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL _____

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION _____

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

Significant as an excellent example of the sophisticated bungalow in Florence, this structure makes use of two local building materials, adobe and cobblestone. This building is the largest of two Florence bungalows built of adobe, (see #21) and the largest of two Florence bungalows making extensive use of cobblestone (see #24). The Huffman House is one of the best-preserved historic buildings in Florence.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL___ RESIDENTIAL STREET X COMMERCIAL X CENTRAL SQUARE___
CBD:___ OTHER:_____

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Harris Sobin & Assoc. Florence Townsite, A.T. Florence Industrial Development Authority, May 1977.
National Register Nomination. Florence Townsite Historic District, 1982.
Oral interviews with Florence residents (July-October 1985).
Tax records for Pinal County, Arizona. Florence, Arizona.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: Florence Townsite Survey, 1981.

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE___ NOT EVALUATED X

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR A. Urbas/R. Wells SURVEY DATE 9-30-85 DATE FORM COMPLETED 10-7-85



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