

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Harry Walker House		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. 105
COMMON PROPERTY NAME T. S. Montgomery Office		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 118 East 7th Street			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 132-27-86	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Leland B. Peters		PHONE	
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CITY, TOWN Tempe		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85281
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates, Inc.		DATE 12/23/82	
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CITY, TOWN Tempe		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society		DATE 1982	
VIEW looking north			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE commercial (office)		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1903			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Harry Walker House is a single-story brick structure measuring 40 feet wide by 40 feet in depth. It is built in a traditional turn-of-the-century residential format derived from Neo-Colonial and Georgian Revival design influences. Sometimes referred to as the "Classic Box", features of this style which are exemplified by the Walker House include symmetry, truncated hipped roof, central entry articulated by a pediment-like ventilator gable on the front roof slope, and modest detailing including boxed eaves and cornice moulding. The symmetry of the three-part front elevation is broken only by the offset recessed porch. Square columns supporting the porch are embellished with simple crown moulding and other details include paired double-hung windows and original panelled entry door with top light. The house has been used as an architectural office since 1954 and modifications to the interior have been limited to the removal of one wall separating two bedrooms and the replacement of screening on the rear porch with glass.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

Constructed in 1903, the Harry Walker House is noteworthy for its architectural value as a house type and its contribution to the interpretation of the architectural evolution of Tempe. Its construction dates from the period between the recession of the late Victorian design influences (c1890) and the overwhelming popularity of the Bungalow Style beginning about 1910. This residential design format often included influences from the Georgian Revival Mode of the Neo-Colonial Style. That tradition resulted in styles that included symmetrical plans and elevations, topped by singular roof forms, usually a hipped roof with flat top, and some type of articulation of facade and entrance symmetry; either a central gable or smaller gabled ventilator dormer. The Harry Walker House is an excellent local example of this house type built for a modest working class family. Walker was groundskeeper for the Tempe Normal School during the first decade of the twentieth century before becoming an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad in Northern Arizona. The house was used primarily as a rental throughout the historic period and in 1954, Thomas S. Montgomery, local architect, opened his offices in the building. It has functioned as offices since that time and its original architectural integrity has remained intact and enhanced through continued use and maintenance.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Tempe News, various issues, 1903-1930
- Arizona Republic, 1968
- Maricopa County Assessor's Records
- Maricopa County Recorder's Office

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 16, Block 11, West Tempe
 Tempe Quad
 Z-12, E-412940, N-3698420

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY