

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Shonessy House		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-106
COMMON PROPERTY NAME			
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 115 West Main Avenue			
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-242	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Blanche Kennedy		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 1100 East Nevada			
CITY,TOWN El Paso,		STATE Texas	ZIP
FORM PREPARED BY Jānus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY,TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Jānus Associates Inc.		DATE Feb. 1982	
VIEW looking southwest			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES pre-1890			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Shonessy House is a single-story, rectangular adobe building with a gable roof. The building is stuccoed and the roof is corrugated metal. A shed-roofed addition along the rear (south) of the house is integral with the main structure, and has a single door and two small double-hung windows. A veranda extending the full length of the main facade has a corrugated metal shed roof supported by slender posts and attaches to the house below the eave line. The facade features a center single-leaf door and flanking rectangular double-hung windows.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The William Shonessy House, built before 1890, is an outstanding and well-maintained example of an early adobe house in Casa Grande. The house retains its original configuration. Although the original shingle roof has been replaced and a rear screened porch has been enclosed, the building preserves most of its original integrity. The house is associated with William Shonessy, a businessman who arrived in Casa Grande around 1900 at the age of sixty-five. In 1913, he built one of the town's first reinforced cast-in-place concrete commercial buildings, which he leased to various businesses and doctors, next to his house. Shonessy left Casa Grande for California for health reasons in 1919 and died there in 1922.

The house is also associated with the family of Don Chun Wo, who occupied the house between 1933 and 1943. Don Chun Wo operated the commercial building next door as a grocery store from 1927 to 1943, and was a highly respected businessman.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society photo files

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

89' x 177' on West end of Lot A, Casa Grande Townsite
USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST
UTM references on continuation sheet

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY