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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Valley National Bank

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 221 North Florence Street N/A not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

James W. Sander Arizona 4 October 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper (for)	Date of Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	<u>Anah D. Pope</u>	<u>11/20/08</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain): _____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing).

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/ financial institution

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification

COMMERCIAL STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other METAL : Aluminum

STONE : Slate

CONCRETE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions of property significance.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A, B, C, D, E, F, G with checkboxes and descriptions of property characteristics.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

1950 - 1951

Significant Dates

1950

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, National Register listing, National Historic Landmark, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record.

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- Location checkboxes: State historic preservation office, Other state agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre _____

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429530	3637000	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative Black and White photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/A

street & number N/A telephone N/A

city or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instruction, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Valley National Bank
Pinal County, AZ

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Valley National Bank Building is located on a corner lot with a northeast southwest orientation. As a commercial building for a financial institution, this building is executed in the Commercial style. Constructed of steel frame with brick sheathing, this building is approximately 5000 square feet in size. This commercial type building is located on a main downtown intersection. The property is located in the center of the original town site of Casa Grande. The building is T-shaped in plan, with an exterior entry canopy serving to make the overall form more rectangular in nature. One story in height, there are four vertical bays on the east-facing side, and three vertical bays on the north-facing side. The building is constructed of steel framed curtain walls sheathed in variegated-color brick, and features concrete and cast stone accents. The roof is a flat, asphalt-covered roof with parapets, and is supported by flat metal trusses that span to steel framed load-bearing walls on a concrete foundation.

Specific features of the building are its exterior canopy, windows, and doors. The exterior canopy is concrete with a brick column support. Windows are aluminum framed with tinted plate glass arranged in long horizontal groupings, a fixed transom window above the entry doors, and large fixed display-type windows also arranged continuously in groupings. The entry doors are double glass panes framed in aluminum. Important decorative elements include the asymmetrical massing of the building and its horizontal emphasis. This horizontality is achieved through the arrangement of windows in banks and a linear extension of the canopy as a soffit across the façade. Other important decorative elements entail the use of various permanent materials with integral ornament and a concrete coping. There are no outbuildings associated with this building. The interior was remodeled in September 1960. At this same time, the doors and windows were replaced with new aluminum windows and doors in a manner similar to the originals. A new coping was added to the top of the brick parapets. The flat canopy roof over the entry and wrapping around the east façade above the windows had a cast stone fascia with a thunderbird motif added to it.

This building constitutes one contributing element of the nomination; there are no non-contributing nominations.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Valley National Bank building is significant under Criterion A as a Central Business District Commercial Building under the context of Planning and Development in Casa Grande, 1879 -1951. The date of significance is 1950, which is the date of initial construction. The Valley National Bank is located within the original town site of Casa Grande. The building is on two of the most important streets within the original town site during the time of its construction in 1950. There were two major shifts in the development of the original town site from the original rail-based development. In the initial phase of railroad-based development, most stores were located on Main Street facing the railroad. The first shift away from development centered on the railroad happened in the 1920s in response to the widespread ownership of the automobile. Main Street continued to be the primary thoroughfare in Casa Grande, but highways were also built connecting Casa Grande with the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas. With the development of highways in the 1920's, travelers coming from Phoenix entered town on Pinal Avenue, turned southeast on 2nd street at Five Points, continued south on Sacaton Street, and then turned onto Main Street, which became the highway to Tucson as it left town. As transportation routes through the town site changed, development within the town site changed, too. However, despite this change in route, the north section of the downtown area remained somewhat cutoff from the rest of the Main Street-centered business district by 2nd Street up until the 1940's as at that time Second Street was composed of vacant lots, scattered residences and a handful of gas stations. But Second Street, as the pivot point in this circuitous transportation route was positioned to become the major thoroughfare through downtown. In the 1940's, the town experienced economic prosperity and the population, business community, and physical area began to grow consistently. Casa Grande also experienced large seasonal fluxes in growth. In the late 1930's and up until the late 1950's, the community developed a growing dependence on a large migrant population to help with the harvesting of cotton. The business created by the migrant population created a thriving downtown district, and as Casa Grande became the commercial center of Pinal County, the original town site became more built up. The second shift in development happened in the early 1950's as Second Street began to fill in with development such as this building. This building, a Central Business District Building designed for use as a bank, was built in response to both the new economic prosperity and the growth of the downtown district during this period. The bank had previously been located from 1934 in the northern area of development of the original town site.

By 1952, Second Street was designated as the highway through town rather than Main Street, setting the stage for future development within the town site. The property remains within the context of this development, and is therefore retains its integrity for listing as a property of its type. Although Second Street is no longer the major highway in the route from Phoenix to Tucson, it remains the busiest street within the original town site of Casa Grande, and much of the development from the era of this building's construction remains.

Of the three hundred five buildings included in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998), only forty of those are commercial buildings, of which this is one.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Valley National bank was the first bank to locate in smaller cities in Arizona. They first opened in Casa Grande in 1934 at 59 N. Florence Street near the Pioneer Market. This property was constructed specifically for the bank and remained the local headquarters until 1991.

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INTEGRITY

Certain features of the bank were altered in 1960. The alterations, including windows, doors, coping on the parapets, and the addition of a decorative fascia, did little to alter the overall appearance of the building. The building is in its original location, and the design of the building is mostly intact. Most original materials (except doors and windows) are in place. Therefore, the building maintains adequate integrity to convey its historic significance.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Valley National Bank property is lot 7-9 of Block 14 in the Casa Grande Townsite Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Valley National Bank
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Photo # 1 View : Southwest

Photographer:	Gabrielle Harlan
Date:	December 7, 2000
Location of Original Negatives:	Metropolis Design Group 2601 N. Third Street, Suite 308 Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Photo # 2 View : East

Photographer:	Bob Graham
Date:	September 4, 2001
Location of Original Negatives:	Metropolis Design Group 2601 N. Third Street, Suite 308 Phoenix, Arizona 85004