

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Day House	
LOCATION 212 East Gurley	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai
OWNER Susie Wallace	
OWNER'S ADDRESS 212 East Gurley Prescott, Arizona 86301	
FORM COMPLETED BY Y.H.F.	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, Arizona 86302	
PHOTO BY Ken Kimsey	DATE 1977
VIEW Front & Side from SE	
PRESENT USE Residence	ACREAGE
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Octagonal Mode	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1887	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The original portion of the Day House is a one-story masonry structure with symmetrical massing. The house is octagonal in plan with a square entry extending from the south facade. An octagonal chimney protrudes from the center of the roof, which is hipped except for a pitched segment covering the entry. Two types of details are employed as ornament: Gothic, which appears in the gable tie beam, eave brackets, and tracery; and Italianate, which is restricted to heavy segmental arches over windows and doors. The frame structure at the rear is a later addition.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Octagon Mode was one of the imaginative architectural concepts developed during the nineteenth century. Its chief proponent was Orson Fowler, a phrenologist and author of many works about health and marital happiness. Dr. Warren E. Day was evidently sympathetic with some of Fowler's ideas when he built his home in 1877. However, the Day residence is shorter than most octagon houses and its prominent Gothic facade is highly irregular. In addition to his singular edifice, Day is himself noteworthy for a lengthy medical practice in Prescott and a six month prison term for bigamy.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 22 & 24; Block 10;
Original Townsite.