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# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> Dressing Apartments	
<b>LOCATION</b> 146 First Avenue	
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma
<b>OWNER</b> Carl and Mary Lou Ellis	
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> 336 First Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364	
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY</b> Yuma County Historical Society	
<b>ADDRESS</b> 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364	
<b>PHOTO BY</b> P. Callahan	<b>DATE</b> 4/78
<b>VIEW</b> East facades	
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Residential/multiple family	<b>ACREAGE</b> less/acre
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Bungaloid influence	
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1915-1917	

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**CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH**



**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**  
The Dressing Apartments consist of six separate one story buildings, each of rectangular plan with the average dimensions of 40 feet by 15 feet. Their massing is symmetrical. They are constructed of frame and stucco. Gabled roofs are covered with either wood or asphalt shingles. Triangular roof ventilators at the gable heads and exposed rafters at the overhangs give these structures a bungaloid quality. The entry to each building is offset in the recessed wall plane of the front facade. Each doorway is flanked by a window; the porch created by the recessed wall is further defined by a line of three columns under the gable end. Flat trim borders the doors and windows.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
As an early example in Yuma of a multiple structure residential complex, the Dressing Apartments deserve to be preserved and protected. The apartments clearly illustrate the extension of prevailing residential siting principles to a building cluster: each house is treated as a discrete unit---each is setback equally from both property lines and other structures in its own implied "lot." This pattern is enhanced by the decision to orient the gable ends of the houses toward the street and by the elevated nature of the site. E. H. Dressing, developer of the property, was the manager of the notion department in the Sanguinetti General Merchantile. The buildings are sound and well maintained.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**  
Block 95; Lot 3; Yuma Townsite