

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> Methodist Parsonage	
<b>LOCATION</b> 248 South First Avenue	
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma
<b>OWNER</b> First Church Christ Scientist	
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> P.O. Box 510 Yuma, AZ 85364	
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY</b> Yuma County Historical Society	
<b>ADDRESS</b> 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85634	
<b>PHOTO BY</b> P. Callahan	<b>DATE</b> 8/79
<b>VIEW</b> Front elevation from east	
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Christian Science Reading Room	<b>ACREAGE</b> less/acre
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Late 19th Century Adobe Cottage	
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1893, Remodeled 1938	

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**CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH**



**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**  
The Methodist Parsonage is a one story structure of adobe construction. The main body of the building is 26 feet wide and 30 feet deep. A frame addition is situated on the back of the building; it measures about 10 feet in width and is 30 feet wide. The exterior walls are plastered. The roof is a truncated hip with dormers: a gabled one on the east face and a shed on the south face. The front facade is symmetrical about the main entry which is flanked by a casement window on either side. All the openings in the facade are discrete. Major changes include replacement of the porch and roofing material.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
The Methodist Parsonage derives most of its significance from its association with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Yuma. An adobe structure, the parsonage was built in 1898 for the congregation's founding minister, Rev. J.A. Crouch, and his family. In recognition of the financial limits of the church much of the labor and material for the parsonage was donated. Doors and windows were given by F. L. Ewing; carpentry was donated by Mr. Woodman; masonry was done by Rathburn and Sons; and all hauling was provided by Fred Fedley, Sr. The building was rehabilitated and modified in 1938 but its original integrity is recoverable.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**  
Block 96; Lot 4; Yuma Townsite