ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME

Methodist Parsonage

LOCATION

248 South First Avenue

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma

COUNTY

OWNER

First Church Christ Scientist

OWNER'S ADDRESS

P.O. Box 510 Yuma, AZ 85364

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Yuma County Historical Society

ADDRESS

240 Madison Avenue YUma, AZ 85634

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VIEW

Front elevation from east

PRESENT USE

ACREAGE

Christian Science Reading Room

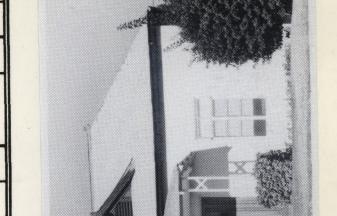
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STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD

Late 19th Century Adobe Cottage

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Constructed 1893, Remodeled 1938



CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH

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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