


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Otis House		YHF 105
LOCATION 113 North Pleasant		CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH 
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai	
OWNER John & Jane Waters		
OWNER'S ADDRESS 113 North Pleasant 4631 E Pima Prescott, AZ 86301 Tucson Arizona 85712		
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation		
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302		
PHOTO BY Ken Kimsey	DATE 1975	
VIEW Front Facade from SW		
PRESENT USE Residential	ACREAGE	
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Frame with Gothic Revival Influence		
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built 1877.		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Otis House is a two-story frame structure designed in the manner of the Gothic Revival. Originally the floor plan was L-shaped, with the long axis of the house running perpendicular to the street. This orientation heightened the vertical proportions of the structure and presented the gable as the major feature. A pointed Gothic window occupies this plane both in the front gable and in the side gables. The main facade also contains a bay window and a simple entry porch. Curved brackets under the eaves accentuate the steeply pitched roof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

T.W. Otis was a Prescott merchant and businessman from the 1860s through the turn of the century. Between 1875 and 1884 he served as the local postmaster. In 1877 Otis contracted with John W. Curtis, a local builder, to design and construct a home. Rendered in the Gothic Revival style, the house has retained most of its distinguishing features. The only known residence of its style to have survived in Prescott, it is also one of the rare examples of building construction from the pre-railroad era. Historically the house has been mentioned as the meeting place wherein the First Congregational Church was organized.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 18; Block 2
East Prescott Addition.