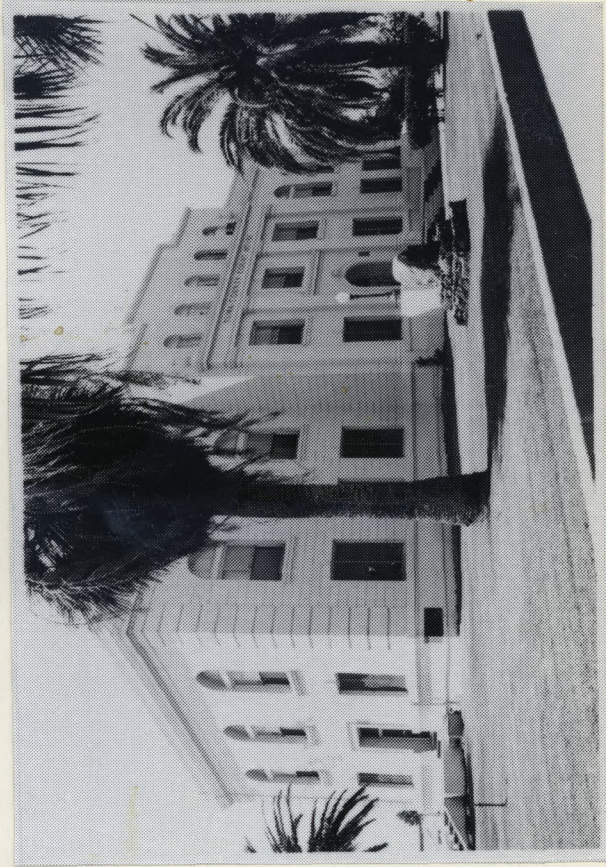


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## ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> Yuma County Courthouse (3rd)		<b>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH</b>			
<b>LOCATION</b> 168 South Second Avenue					
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY:</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma				
<b>OWNER</b> Yuma County					
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> 168 South Second 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> Front and side facades from southeast					
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Courthouse	<b>ACREAGE</b> 2.0				
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Second Renaissance Revival					
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1928					
<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
<p>The third Yuma County Courthouse is a two-and-a-half story eclectic structure set in a landscape of palm trees and lush lawns. In plan the building is "T" shaped and measures 116 feet wide by 102 feet deep. Its front facade is divided into three elements: a taller, slightly projecting frontispiece and two lower side wings. The central mass is divided into three bays by pilasters of the colossal order. They support an entablature which is surmounted by five semicircular topped windows. Other windows in the frontispiece are rectangular but the entry is arched. Similar forms occur elsewhere in the building. Exterior walls are of terazzo with articulated joints and quoins.</p>					
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>					
<p>Built during 1928 according to the design of San Diego architects Ralph Swearingen and G.A. Hanssen, the third Yuma County Courthouse is a good local example of the Second Renaissance Revival in architectural style. The building was erected at a cost of more than \$100,000 to replace a similar facility on the same site which was destroyed by fire on August 18, 1927. As the seat of Yuma County for the past five decades the Courthouse has acquired additional significance as a symbol of government and as a distinctive landmark within the community. The structure is sound and its exterior is relatively unchanged.</p>					
<b>VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION</b>					
Block 94 lots 4, 5, 6; Yuma Townsite					