

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Ward's Variety Store		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. CG-169
COMMON PROPERTY NAME			
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 112 North Sacaton			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 507-07-059	
OWNER OF PROPERTY John Boulware		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX Box NN			
CITY, TOWN Casa Grande,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85222
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates Inc.		DATE 9/82	
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CITY, TOWN Tempe,		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Casa Grande Survey Volunteer		DATE June 1982	
VIEW looking east			
HISTORIC USE commercial			
PRESENT USE unknown		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER __			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES c. 1914			



## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This single-story stuccoed adobe commercial building has a false front with a curvilinear parapet. It is rectangular in plan with a later porch roofed with corrugated metal extending across the front and supported by three slender columns. A large fixed-glass window with wood panels below is located on the narrow main facade along with a single-leaf door with transom. A cap defines the curvilinear shape of the parapet. Historic photos show that an identical structure was once adjacent to the south.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

This building, built around 1914, represents a unique example of early 20th century Mission style adobe commercial architecture in Casa Grande. The original business in the north bay was Ward's Variety Store. In 1925, in the same location, Ward opened a cleaning shop, and the building housed this business until 1974. Except for the later porch, the building's exterior is unmodified and its integrity remains intact. As part of a commercial block containing similar Mission Revival designs, it makes a positive contribution to Casa Grande's commercial streetscape.

## SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

Casa Grande Valley Historical Society newspaper index files  
Casa Grande Valley Historical Society history and photo files

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Block 12, Casa Grande Townsite  
USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE WEST  
UTM references on continuation sheet

## GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY