

## ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Casa Grande Union High School and Gymnasium		COUNTY Pinal County	INVENTORY NO. 146	
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Casa Grande Union High School and Gymnasium		QUAD/COUNTY MAP		
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 420 East Florence Blvd.		CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH		
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Casa Grande	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 506-07-348			
OWNER OF PROPERTY Pinal Co. School District 82	PHONE			
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX				
CITY, TOWN Florence,	STATE Arizona			ZIP
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 north				
HISTORIC USE school				
PRESENT USE school	ACREAGE			
ARCHITECT/BUILDER J. J. Garfield Contractor Lyman & Place Architect/high school				
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES G. F. Fergus, Built 1921 Gym built 1936		contr. gym		
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION The large, two-story with basement school is rectangular in plan and Spanish Colonial Revival in design. Characteristic of this style, the building has a red clay tile roof, a decorative plastered and arched entry portal, arched window openings, and ironwork balconets. The walls are stuccoed, with a mansard roof and bracketed boxed eaves. Two symmetrical wings flank the main structure. The wings feature projecting entry walls topped by a scrolled coping that rises to form a decorative parapet hood. The wings each have large central arched entrys. A non-original circular fountain is located in front of the main entry. The first floor of the main structure has large windows with ironwork balconets, original ten-light, two-leaf casement windows with five-pane sidelights and six-light transoms. These windows have been modified with steel frame pivoting windows. A band of arched windows extends the width of the second floor and have also been modified, but retain their original eight-light radiating transoms. A band course separates the first and second floor at the sill height. A gymnasium, 116 ft. x 61 ft., built of large-sized adobes, was later added along the rear of the high school, together with miscellaneous out-buildings. The rectangular plan gym has a barrel-vaulted metal roof. Seven rectangular windows are placed in the rear gym wall. The main structure and gym are relatively unmodified and are well-maintained.				

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY**

Built in 1920-1921 at a cost of \$135,000, the Casa Grande Union High School main building is a good example of a Spanish Colonial Revival public building. The school, built in response to the growing student population of Casa Grande, was complete with indoor swimming pool and auditorium.

The construction of such a large high school building was a milestone for the small community of Casa Grande. The building, with its high visibility, rises above the city, making it a local landmark.

(as an addition to the high school)

The Casa Grande Union High School gymnasium, built in 1936, is the only known adobe gymnasium in Arizona. The gym cost over \$12,000, \$7200 of which was supplied by the WPA. Adobe manufacturing for the gym walls created much needed jobs in Casa Grande's deflated economy during the depression years. On-site earth was used to make the 30,000 adobe bricks used in the construction.

Lyman and Place were prominent Tucson architects, considered extremely skillful in the execution of Spanish Colonial Style in Public Buildings. Included among the work of Roy Place is the Pima County Courthouse and several Tucson schools.

**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**

The property is located in a portion of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and a portion of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, T6S, R6E. The actual parcel nominated is 2.755 acres

USGS QUAD - CASA GRANDE EAST  
UTM references on continuation sheet

This nomination pertains only to the 1920 High School building and the 1936 Gymnasium addition. Any other buildings on the High School property, as described, are not included in this nomination.

**GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY**

The boundary surrounding only the historic school building is indicated on the attached sketch map.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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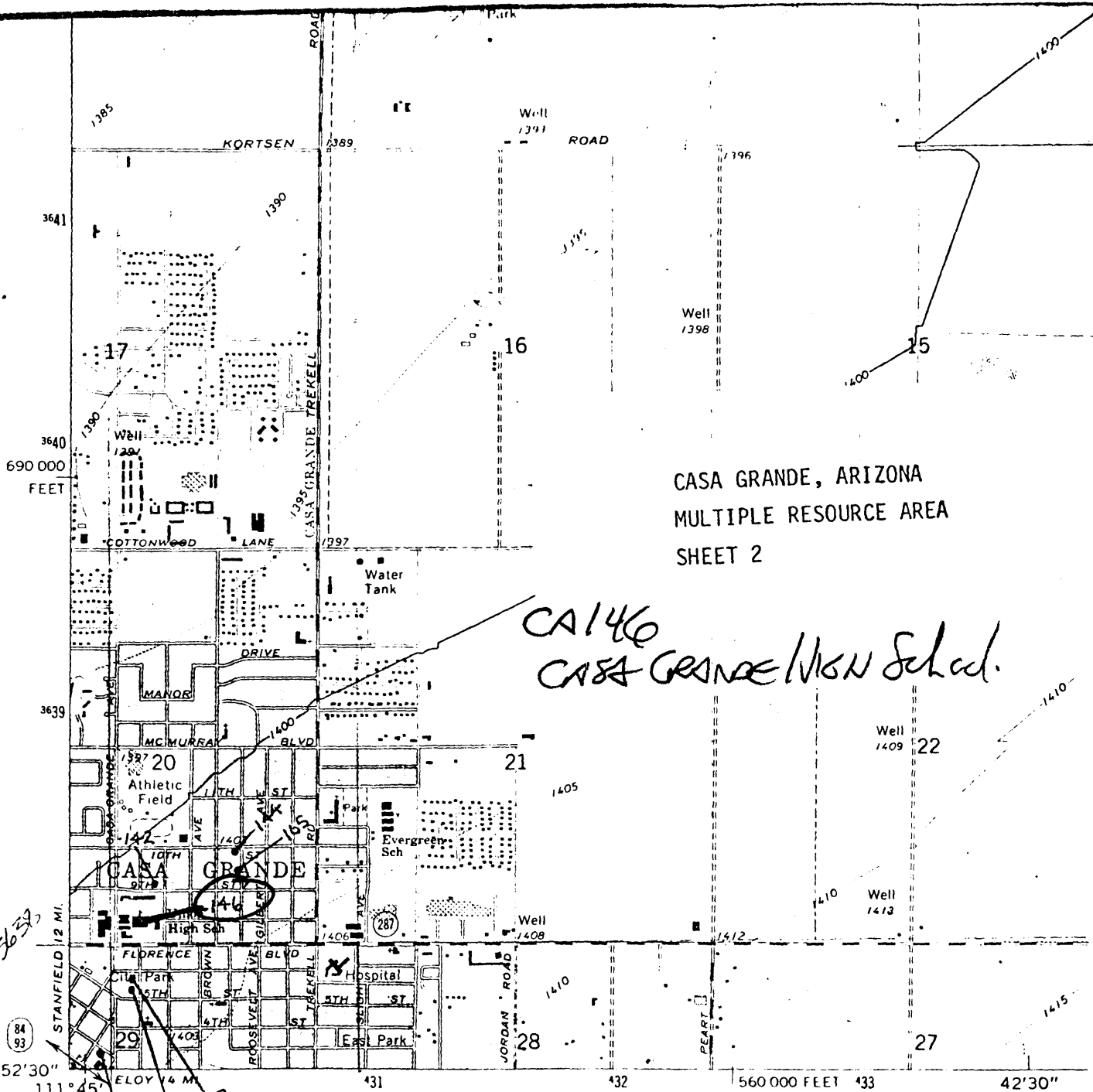
Continuation sheet

Item number 10

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INVENTORY NUMBER	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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147	12	429460	3637650
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*151	12	429070	3638020
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165	12	430500	3638300
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CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA  
 MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
 SHEET 2

*CA 146  
 CASA GRANDE HIGH Sch.*

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 3649 14 SE*

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1963 and planetable surveys 1965

Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Arizona coordinate system, central zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum  
 To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 3 meters south and 63 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

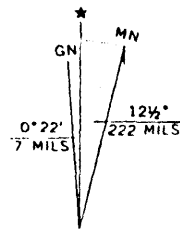
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines

A portion of the southeast quarter of this map lies within a subsidence area

Vertical control based on latest available adjustment

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

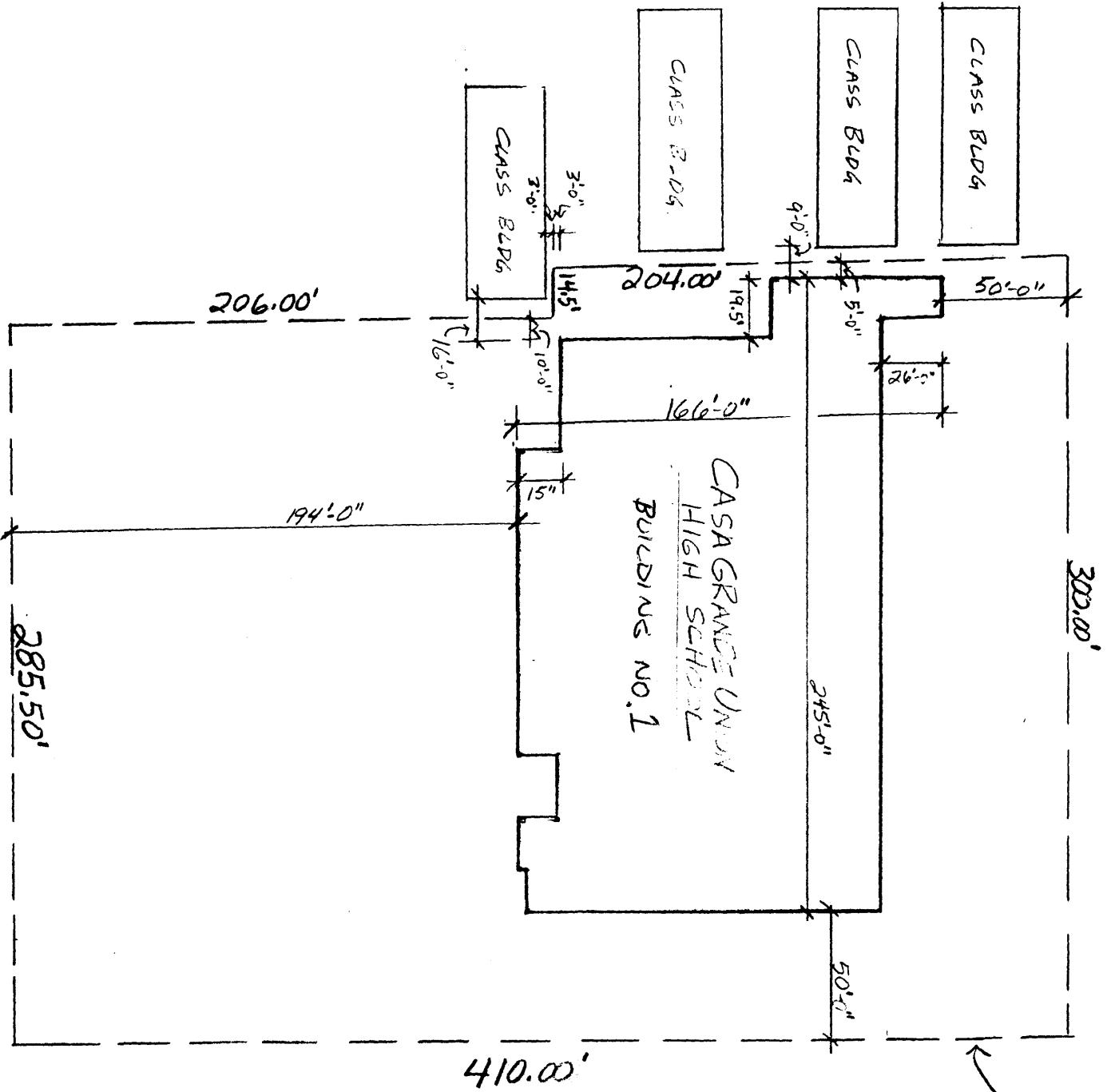


UTM GRID AND 1982 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from aerial photographs taken 1978 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1982

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NATIONAL REGISTER  
BOUNDARY LINE

TOTAL AREA 2.755 ACRES

SCALE 1"=60'-0"

