

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Safford, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Buena Vista Hotel
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 322 Main
 CITY/TOWN: Safford
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 102-22-256 / <1 ACRE(S)
 OWNER: Avanti Mortgage Corporation
 OWNER ADDRESS: 2180 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
 HISTORIC USE: Hotel
 PRESENT USE: Vacant
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: Mission Revival
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1928
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: H.O. Jaastad/McGinty Const.
 INTEGRITY: Minor alterations
 CONDITION: Fair

COUNTY: Graham SURVEY SITE: A0015
 USGS QUAD: Safford, AZ
 T 7s R 26e S 8 / SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4
 UTM 12/620700E/3633350N

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Flat
 ROOF SHEATHING: Unknown, spanish tile on awnings
 EAVES TREATMENT: Corbeled brick stringer parapet with finials at corners
 WINDOWS: Boarded shut with plywood
 ENTRY: Arched entry with decorative tile jambs; main arched entry has baroque..
 PORCHES: Two arched arcade
 STOREFRONTS: See above

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 80' (w) 100'
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Steel frame
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
 WALL SHEATHING: Stucco
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Three curved mission style parapets with stucco coping, spanish tile..

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Some original detailing still exists
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: Windows and doors boarded shut, metal replacement awnings

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: Jan, 1987 VIEW: NE, FF
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:CC F:16

SKETCH MAP: See Final MRA Map



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Appl ornam contd: shed roof awnings, quatrefoils, arched arcade, arched tile entries, baroque facade arched entry. Entry contd: style plaster bas-relief facade with engaged pilasters, parapet and keystone arch. Rel to dev contd: was important to Safford after the major USHWY was opened.

SIGNIFICANCE: Relates to National Register Criteria: A,C

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE XXX COMMUNITY PLANNING _____ ECONOMICS _____
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT _____ GOVERNMENTAL _____ MILITARY _____ RELIGION _____ SCIENCE _____
THEATRE _____ TRANSPORTATION _____ TOURISM _____ OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) This commercial building was built by Jaastad, a prominent Tucson architect. It was gutted by fire in 1979*

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to tourist development on Main. Tourism..

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS None

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT Major local example of Mission Revival style commercial building

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Prominent corner location on edge of commercial area

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: Major local example of a H O Jaastad designed Mission Revival Style hotel. The hotel was important to the tourism in Safford after the US Highway was built.

* The 1979 fire actually damaged only a small portion of the building's interior.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL _____ RESIDENTIAL STREET _____ COMMERCIAL _____ CENTRAL SQUARE _____
CBD: XXX OTHER: _____

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: 1985 Historic Resources Survey, conducted by Linda Laird & Assoc.

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED _____ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE _____ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE _____ NOT EVALUATED _____

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE 5/87 DATE FORM COMPLETED 9/19/87