

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

## IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial  
 HISTORIC NAME: Shell Oil Co.  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 425 S. 16th Avenue  
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112/10/71  
 OWNER: Robert and Janet Kec  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 450 S. 15th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
 HISTORIC USE: warehouse/offices  
 PRESENT USE: warehouse/offices  
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial/Warehouse  
 STYLE: Period Revival/Spanish Mission  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1925  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Robert Irvine, Architect, Shell Oil  
L.O. Beam, Const. Superintendent  
 INTEGRITY: original site/unaltered  
 CONDITION: good/maintained

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 60-3  
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix  
 T 1N R 3E S 7N1/2 1/4 OF THE 1/4  
 UTM Zone 12 Easting 398500 Northing 3700730

## Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: gable  
 ROOF SHEATHING: red mission tile  
 EAVES TREATMENT: open  
 WINDOWS: 1 over 1 wood double-hung  
 ENTRY: eave extended into awning  
 PORCHES: no  
 STOREFRONTS: no

## DESCRIPTION

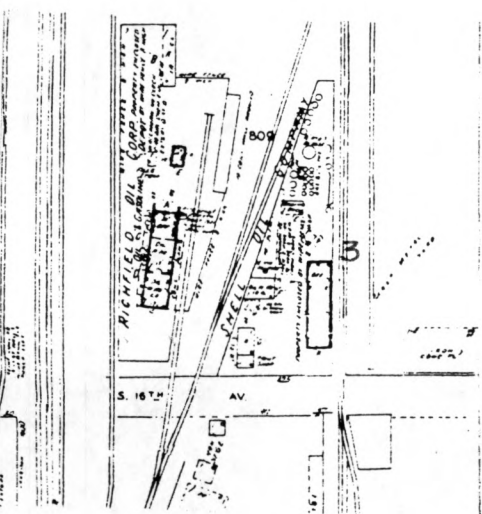
STORIES: 1 DIMENSIONS: (1) 120 (w) 30  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete  
 WALL SHEATHING: glazed buff brick  
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: red mission tile roof,  
open eaves

NOTABLE INTERIOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OUTBUILDINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTERATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: S. Francissen  
 DATE: August 1983 VIEW: NE  
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll 20, Frame 16

## SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built as office building and distribution center for Shell Oil products, including gasoline, for Arizona and New Mexico.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT One of 3 oil distribution plants in the immediate( cont. below

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION One of 3 plants originally in this area. This building complex is the best and most intact of the three.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

area in the 1920s. This plant reflects growing dependence of Phoenix and Arizona on gasoline and petroleum products. These plants reflect a national trend based on increased technological development and the increased importance of the automobile.

See MRA text, Item 8, pages 37,60.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL \_\_\_\_\_ RESIDENTIAL STREET \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  CENTRAL SQUARE \_\_\_\_\_  
CBD: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: Warehouse

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Phoenix Directories  
Arizona Republic 8/16/25 2, 1:6-7

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ NOT EVALUATED \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison etal SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984