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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC John A. Freeman House  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Northwest Corner Main and Freeman Streets  
CITY, TOWN Snowflake VICINITY OF 04  
STATE Arizona COUNTY Navajo CODE 017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Adams, Fred W., Viola L., William A., Merle E.  
STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 510  
CITY, TOWN Snowflake VICINITY OF STATE Arizona 85937

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Navajo County Recorder's Office  
STREET & NUMBER 300 Navajo Blvd.  
CITY, TOWN Holbrook STATE Arizona 86025

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Silver Creek Survey  
DATE 1979  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Heritage Conservation Section, Arizona State Parks Board  
CITY, TOWN 1688 West Adams, Phoenix STATE Arizona 85007

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John A. Freeman house is a brick structure, one and a half stories in height. The house has a roughly symmetrical massing over a "T" shaped plan. Its overall dimensions measure approximately 33 feet wide by 54 feet deep. A steeply pitched, cross gable roof covers the structure with corbelled chimneys straddling the ridge at each gable. The roof is shingled and is detailed with enclosed eaves and moulded cornice and a plain board frieze.

The front of the house, with its roof ridge running parallel with the street, is distinguished by two evenly located, gabled flush wall dormers. Each contains a single pointed arched doorway with a three light transom. The original french doors at these openings have been replaced by a single leaf four panel door. A similar dormer exists on the south wall of the rear wing of the "T".

The central front entry is approached through a two level porch which extends the length of the front facade. The porch is supported by four turned wooden posts and two engaged posts, all resting on the original wood porch deck. The posts are joined by a range of wood spindle work and feature jig-cut brackets. A porch railing and a turned wooden ballustrade occur at each level.

The front door, which is transomed, is flanked on each side by a two-over-two double hung sash window. All openings have exposed timber lintels.

The north and south gable walls each contain four evenly located double hung sash windows, two on the first level and two on the second level. A contemporary cross shaped steel tie rod plate occurs centrally at the second floor level of each gable wall.

A two story side porch extends from the south wall of the rear wing. It is supported by four boxed columns resting on a wooden porch deck. Solid wood infill occurs below the porch railing between each column. A turned wooden ballustrade extends between four unarticulated wood newell posts at the balcony.

Extending from the west gable wall of the main house is a single story brick addition. It is covered with a shingled hip roof and is penetrated by a single doorway on the south and a double hung sash window on the west and north walls.

The interior of the house contains most of its original detailing and consists of five bedrooms, a bathroom, a dining room, a parlor and a kitchen.

The house is in need of some stabilization work to protect and conserve the existing original details.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed c. 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John A. Freeman house is noteworthy for its architectural significance and for its historic association with prominent business and civic leader John Freeman.

The house was constructed about 1893 by Freeman, who was among the early groups of Mormon immigrants to enter the Silver Creek Valley in 1879 and settle the townsite of Snowflake.

The house is the best example of Gothic Revival influenced residential construction extant in the community. Its stylistic treatment, evidenced through the tall vertical proportions, steeply pitched roofs, and the use of pointed arches as the dormer openings, is rare for Snowflake.

The house is exemplified by its overall design, and high degree of craftsmanship and detailing. Although the structure has deteriorated somewhat through the lack of maintenance, the original architectural integrity of the house remains almost completely intact. Situated on a large lot facing east onto Main Street, the integrity of the original site is also relatively undisturbed.

John A. Freeman lived in the house for 60 years before his death at the age of 92 in 1952. During his lifetime he was actively involved in both the civic and business development of the community and the state.

In 1923 he served in the House of Representatives of the Arizona legislature. He served on the Navajo County Board of Supervisors, was a member of its highway commission, and also served as a justice of the peace.

For almost 30 years he was associated with the Arizona Co-operative Mercantile Institute (ACMI), as an official and stockholder. The ACMI was a business established by the Mormon community in northeastern Arizona to support the settlement of the area. John A. Freeman was the primary administrator of the Cooperative during its final years until it closed in 1933.

The John A. Freeman house stands as a significant example of local architectural style and construction method and is noteworthy for its historical association with one of the early pioneers and businessmen of the region. The house could serve well to interpret the history and development of the community.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Levine, Albert J., From Indian Trails to Jet Trails, Snowflake Historical Society, Snowflake, Arizona, 1977

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .378 Quadrangle Name Snowflake

UTM REFERENCES

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

A 

1,2	5,8,4	5,8,0	3,8	1,8	9,8,5
ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

B 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

C 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

D 

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beg SE cor Lot 4, Block 7, then W 151', then N 128', then E 52', then S 29', then E 99', then S 99', to point of Beg., Snowflake Townsite

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James Woodward, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Janus Design

DATE

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Tempe

STATE

Arizona 85281

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE X

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*James E. Ayres*

30 Jan 1980

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Carl O. Steel*

DATE

11-25-80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Patricia Andrews*

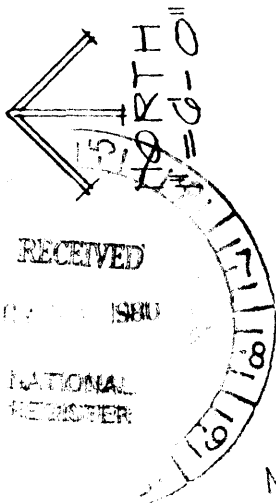
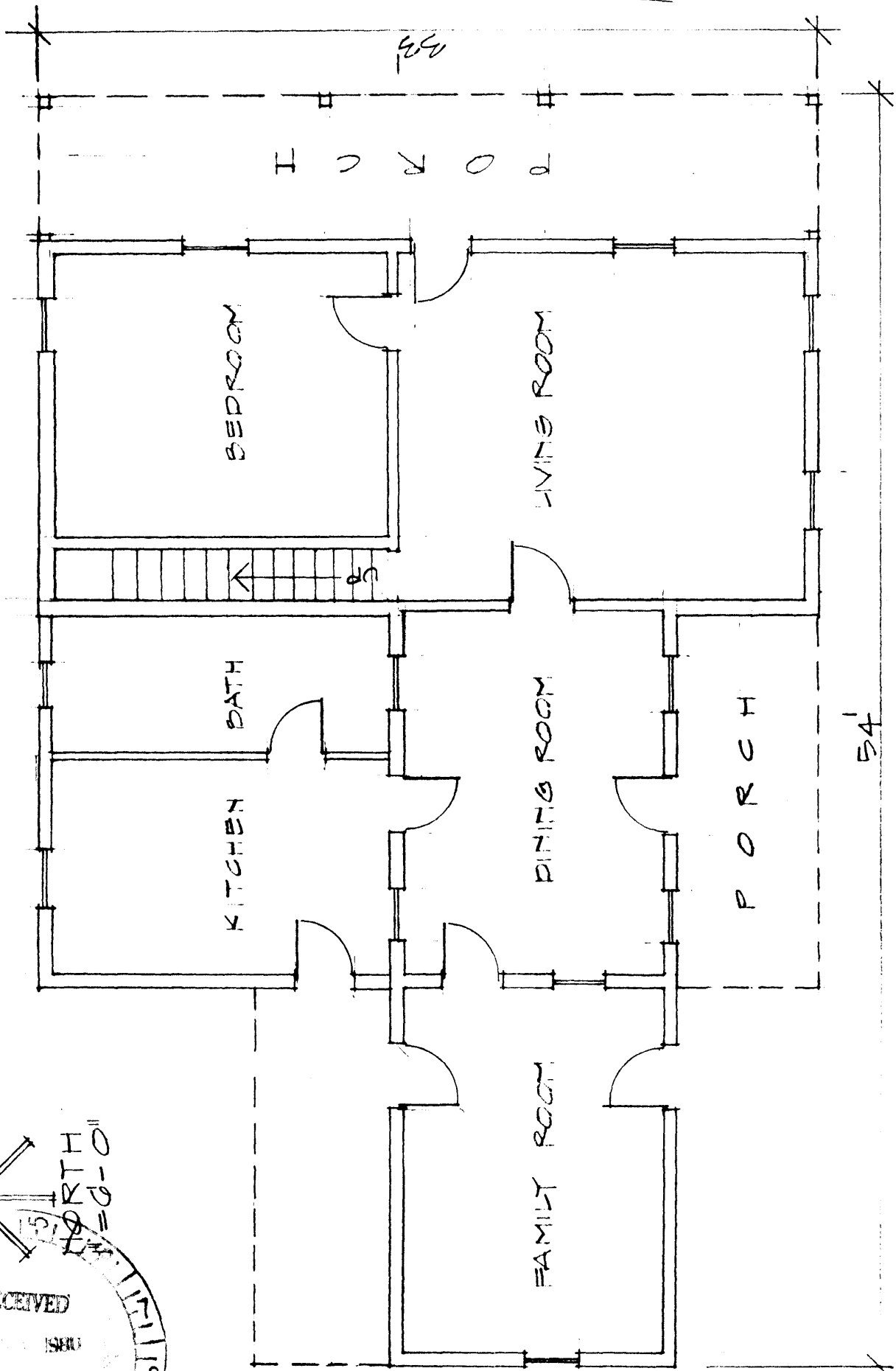
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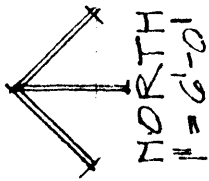
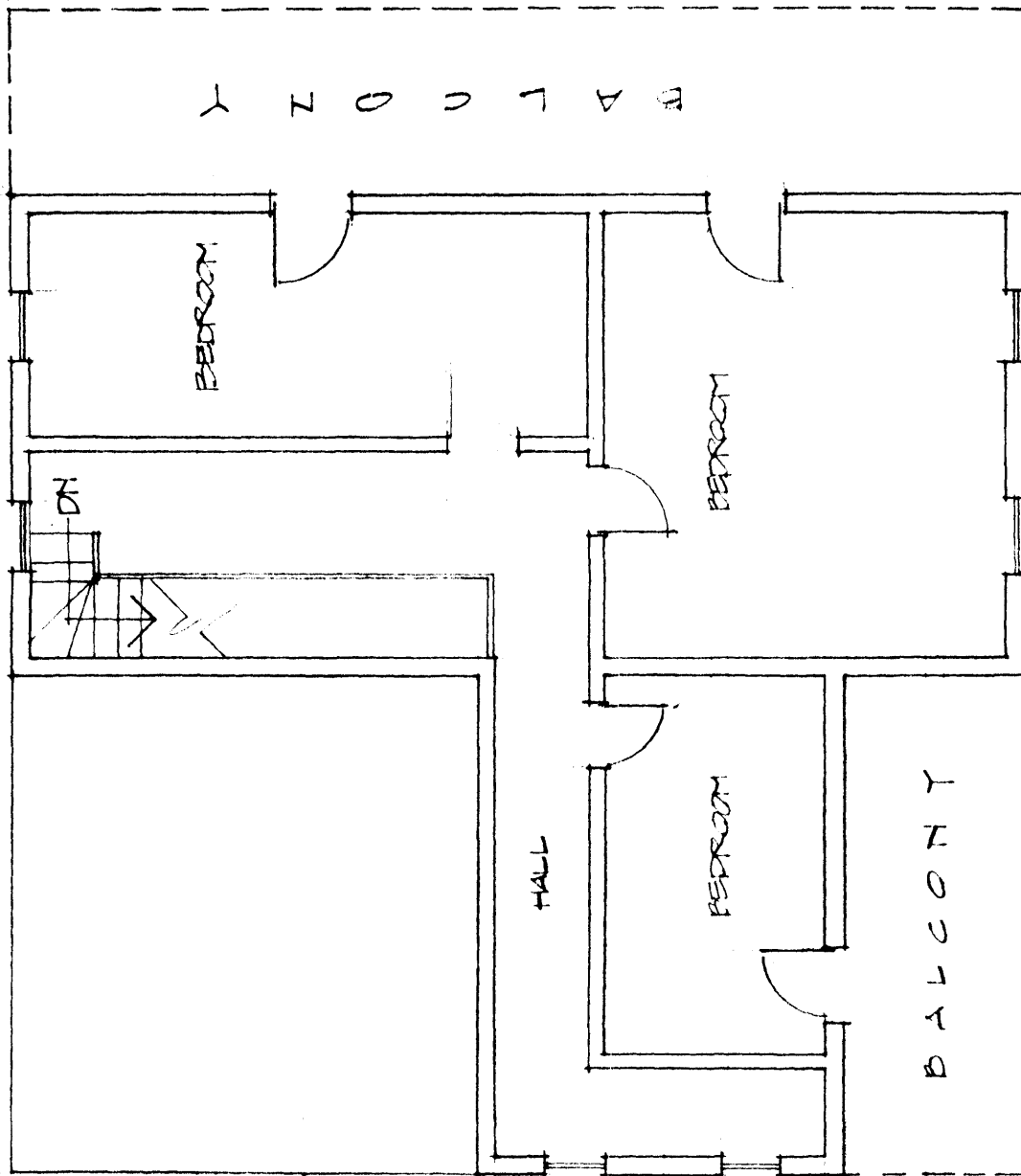
# JOHN FREEMAN HOUSE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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JOHN FREEMAN HOUSE  
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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