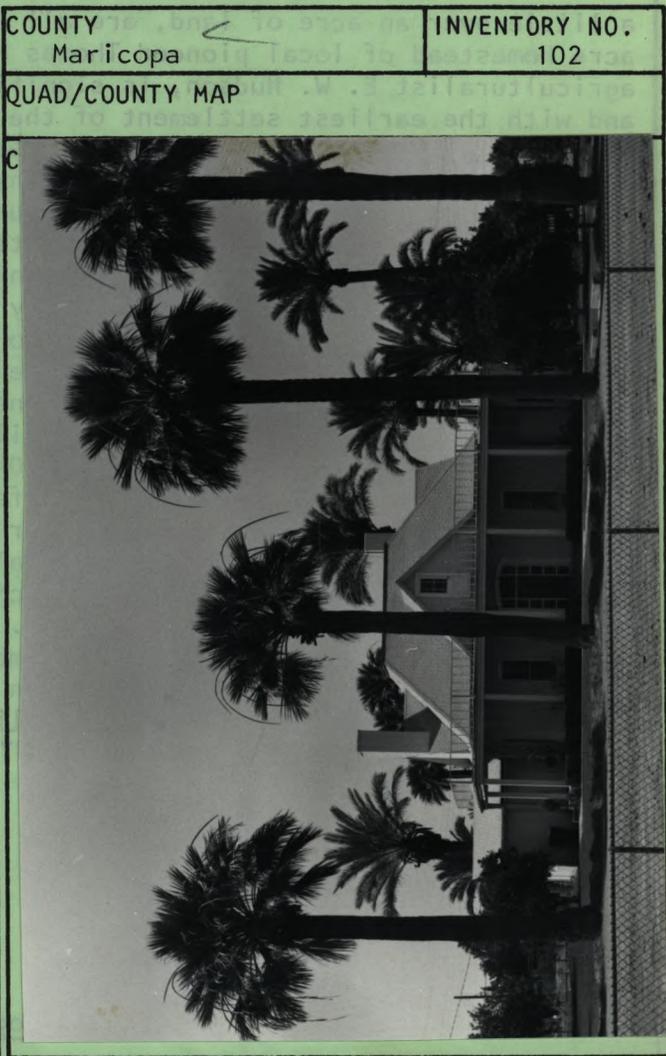


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Thomas Morrow/E. W. Hudson House		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. 102
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Hudson House		QUAD/COUNTY MAP C	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 1203 East Alameda Drive			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 133-32-1K		
OWNER OF PROPERTY Lula Mae Hudson	PHONE		
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 1157 East Alameda Drive			
CITY, TOWN Tempe	STATE Arizona	ZIP 85281	
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates		DATE 12/82	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 2121 South Priest Suite 127		PHONE 967-7117	
CITY, TOWN Tempe	STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282	
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society		DATE 1982	
VIEW looking south			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE 1.30 acres	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1904			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Hudson House is a 1½ story brick building, distinguished by a steeply-pitched, truncated pyramidal roof with center gables on each slope. Chimneys pierce the east and west gables. The north gable has a single leaf door, which leads to a balcony with railing encircling the east, north, and west sides of the house. The balcony forms the roof of the verandah and is supported by square posts which rest on the low concrete porch floor. The main entry to the house is a single leaf door with sidelights and a transom set in a segmental arch. Windows are individually-located, double-hung in slightly arched openings.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY — This large brick house at 1203 E. Alameda, and a little over an acre of land, are all that remain as evidence of the original 160-acre homestead of local pioneer Thomas Morrow. The house, later occupied by noted agriculturalist E. W. Hudson, is significant for its association with these two men, and with the earliest settlement of the Tempe area and its development as an agricultural center. As one of the first homesteaders south of the Salt River near Tempe, Thomas Morrow became instrumental in the development and expansion of the local canal system and the opening up of large amounts of desert acreage to agricultural use. During his 35 years as a farmer and cattle rancher he had served as a director of the Tempe Irrigating Canal Company, waszanjero of the Tempe Canal, supervised its widening as well as the construction of many of the laterals which extended water to the lands served by the Canal System. Also active in local educational interests, he served several terms as trustee for the school district (#13), and in 1883 donated a corner portion of his ranch for the construction of Rural School (demolished) which was the first school building to be built in the Tempe area. Morrow, with a family of 11 children, built this house in 1904 to replace his earlier home. He died two years later but the house remained in family ownership until 1920 when it was sold to E. W. Hudson. Hudson is most noted for his significant contributions to the development of cotton as an industry in the Salt River Valley. During his years of research from 1907 to 1917 at the Pima Indian School Sacaton Farm, Hudson developed the "Pima" variety of Egyptian Long Staple Cotton. Because of its fiber qualities and its climatic adaptability, this strain became the most dominant cotton grown in the Salt River Valley between 1918 and 1938. In addition to this development, Hudson, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, published several bulletins about the planting,

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY growing and harvesting of the Pima variety, which played a significant role in acceptance of the plant by valley growers.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning 17' S of N line of Center Section thence E 70.19' thence S 80.33' W 260.60' thence N 860.53' W 209.44' thence N 0D 4' W 246.09' to a point on S line of N 17' of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ thence N 890.56' E 178.07' to point of beginning, 1.30 acres, Sec 26, T 1N, R 4E

Tempe Quad

Z-12, E-414720, N-3695800

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY