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The C. H. Cook Memorial Church is a large (6,000 square feet) Mission Revival building of adobe and cement. The unusual height (for an adobe building) can be explained by the fact that the walls to a height of 7 or 8 feet are of 2 ft. thick concrete, rather than of adobe. The pilasters, moreover, are concrete except for the top 3 feet. The load of the roof rests on the pilasters and not on the walls. The concrete capping is both decorative and protective. In addition, there is lime between the adobe bricks. The concrete foundation may have steel reinforcement. The arches over the windows are not adobe but red brick. The original roof was shingle, but the present one is asbestos tile. The interior of the building is also sturdily built. The main floor is supported by 60 bridge timbers 60' x 8" x 16". The sanctuary can accommodate about 400 people and is often filled to overflowing for funerals and weddings.

The chancel has been altered considerably. Originally there was a small high choir loft and raised pulpit, both well placed to take advantage of the acoustics. However, in the 1940s, the choir expanded so that the loft was remodeled to accommodate the additional numbers, and it was thus necessary to lower the pulpit to its present level about two feet above the floor. The small room to the right of the chancel was originally the pastor's study.

When the church was constructed there was no artificial lighting. Night meetings were not held, and the numerous large windows made lighting unnecessary. Electricity was added under the Rural Electrification program. A furnace has been added plus two gas heaters which hang from the ceiling in the sanctuary.

The full basement was originally two long rooms but is now divided into several rooms and is used for Sunday School classes and social affairs. There is also a chapel in the basement, which contains the original pulpit and altar from the chancel. There is a kitchen in the basement which now has a gas stove. The original wood stove is still in use at the Sacaton Flat Church.

Most of the original pews are in use upstairs, but some are in the basement chapel and some are at the Lower San Tan Church.

The church is rectangular with a projection for the choir loft in the back and a covered porch in the front. There is no spire or bell tower.

The building is tan plastered concrete and adobe with a medium gable roof edged with decorative concrete cappings. The windows are arched,

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but the radiating brick voussoirs are plastered over.

The front entrance is reached by cement stairs with solid railings leading to an enclosed porch with open window and entry arches.

The building is subject to some petty vandalism, particularly the breaking of windows.

There is a small cemetery in the churchyard which includes the graves of the son and first wife of Dr. Cook, who died in 1884 and 1889 respectively.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two-story adobe C. H. Cook Memorial Church was constructed in 1918 to serve the large congregation of Pima converted by missionary Charles H. Cook.

Charles H. Cook arrived in Sacaton in December 1870 with the intention of acting as a missionary to the Pima while maintaining himself by teaching for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He learned the Pima language and compiled a dictionary.

Cook preached in the Sacaton area for 12 years before he gained his first Pima convert, and it was 19 years before he had sufficient adherents to organize a church. This first church was at Sacaton, and it began in April of 1889. Later, other congregations were established in various communities on the Reservation.

As the Sacaton congregation expanded it became necessary to build a new church, and this was accomplished in 1918 with the construction of the present church dedicated to Missionary Cook. The old church was torn down at that time. It had been a one-story adobe with a bell tower.

Until the 1950s when the practice was challenged in the courts, the children from the Indian boarding school across the street were required to attend church services each Sunday. The center row of pews was reserved for them.

The church stands on patent land which may be used by the church as long as it continues to be a church.

There are plans at present to build a new, smaller, one-story church where the original church stood in the front of the churchyard. Presbyterian Regulations require the old building to be destroyed if a new one is built, but it is possible that an exception might be made in the case of a building which still has extremely strong sentimental ties for many Pima people.

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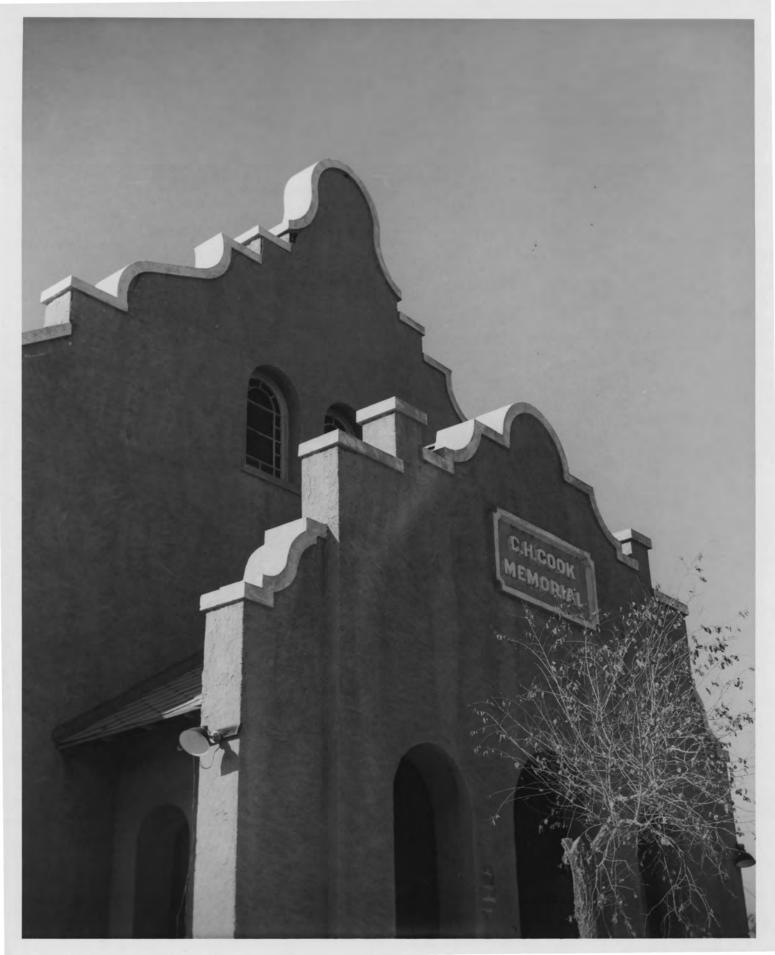
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Significance 8. C. H. Cook Memorial Church

The C. H. Cook Memorial Church is one of the few two-story adobe buildings in the state. Its durability and present good condition make it a rarity among such structures. The building is named for the first Presbyterian missionary to the Pima, C. H. Cook, and was the mother church for the Presbyterian chapels on the reservation.





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Mr. Bill Lebovitch
The National Register of
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Dear Mr. Lebovitch:

Here are the additions to the National Register forms on the Bonelli House and the C.H. Cook Memorial Church which you requested. I am making arrangements for new photos of the Bonelli House and the Prescott Public Library.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy H. Hall, Historic Sites Preservation Officer

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Section I, No. 7 (cont): converted into a museum at a later date. Required project application information is attached.

The Heritage Conservation Section of Arizona State Parks has reviewed the C.H. Cook Memorial Church Stabilization, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Project and finds it is in conformance with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects" and complies with the Memorandum of Agreement executed February 10, 1978 between HCRS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the State of Arizona.

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TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

March 28, 2019

Roger G. Reed, Historian National Register and National Historic Landmarks Programs 1849 C Street NW Mail Stop 7228 Washington, D.C. 20240



RE: Burning of the C.H. Cook Memorial Church, Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), Sacaton, Pinal County, Arizona

Dear Mr. Reed,

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) is submitting this report for your review and files. On Monday, March 25, 2019 at approximately 0850 hours (MST), reports began to filter in to the GRIC-THPO regarding a fire at the C.H. Cook Memorial Church. The Presbyterian church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 28, 1975 (PH0221384). The National Register Nomination Form was completed by the Arizona State Parks Department. The church was constructed in 1918 but at the time of the fire, the church was not in use. The church has been completely destroyed by the fire. Only the adobe walls remain standing and it is apparent that at some point they will collapse.

At approximately 1015 hours (MST) on March 25, 2019 Reylynne Williams, GRIC-THPO Cultural Resource Specialist, Dwight Honyouti, GRIC-THPO Cultural Resource Specialist, and Larry Benallie GRIC-THPO Archaeological Compliance Specialist visited the burned church. It was obvious that the church was a total loss. A ladder truck was observed pouring water into the church through the ruined roof. While we watched the activity, the front roof vault collapsed with a loud thump and the vibration from the ground impact could be felt. GRIC Police Officer Mariano Conley advised that three individuals (1 adult and 2 juveniles) had been seen leaving the church area and had been apprehended in another area away from the church. The individuals are currently still in custody charged with arson. The individuals are members of the GRIC. For visual reference of the church before, during and after the fire please see the attached photographs. Figure 1 is of the C.H. Cook Memorial Church taken in 2014. Figure 2 shows the east side of the church engulfed in flames March 25, 2018. Figure 3 shows the church after the front roof vault has collapsed March 25, 2019. Figure 4 is a drone photograph showing inside the church on March 27, 2019. Figure 5 is an oblique drone photograph of the church taken this morning, March 28, 2019. Figure 6 is an overhead view of the church showing the ruined wreckage of the interior taken this morning March 28, 2019.



Figure 1. C.H. Cook Memorial Church July 16, 2014.



Figure 2. C.H. Cook Memorial Church East Side of Church March 25, 2019.



Figure 3. C.H. Cook Memorial Church after the front roof vault has collapsed March 25, 2019.



Figure 4. C.H. Cook Memorial Church Drone Photograph March 28, 2019.



Figure 5. Oblique View of C.H. Cook Memorial Church Drone Photo March 28, 2019,



Figure 6. Overhead View of C.H. Cook Memorial Church Drone Photo March 28, 2019.

The GRIC-THPO is open to further discussion regarding final disposition of the destroyed historic property. Specifically, is there additional documentation required? The C.H. Cook Memorial Church is located within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'Odham Nation).

Please feel free to contact us if you should have any additional questions, suggestions, or comments. I may be contacted at 520-562-7152 or you can contact Archaeological Compliance Specialist Larry Benallie, Jr. at 520-562-7163.

Respectfully,

Barnaby V. Lewis

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Gila River Indian Community

xc: Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor