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## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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## RESUBMISSION

Oddfellows Home (Safford MRA) Graham County ARIZONA

The Oddfellows Home was returned for substantive reasons relating to applicable criteria and areas of significance. The National Register reviewer noted that this building appears to be eligible under criterion "c." The Oddfellows home was nominated under criteria "a" and "c." The main reason this property was returned was because the incorrect significance area was indicated on the form. The property was nominated for its associational significance (under criterion "a") with the area of "exploration and settlement." Since this property is more importantly associated with the role social groups played in Safford, it should have been nominated under the significance area of "social history."

The Oddfellows Home is clearly eligible under criterion "c" based on its architectural significance, but the case for criterion "a" significance under exploration/settlement is not clearly conveyed. In order to nominate this property under criterion "a," its association with the social history of Safford should be made apparent. While it is evident that a clear and concise argument could be made for the associational significance of the Oddfellows Home in relation to Safford social history, this argument would require facts not presently in evidence in the Safford Multiple Resource Area nomination nor in the files of the State Historic Preservation Office. Therefore, it is the decision of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer to delete criterion "a" significance and nominate this resource only under criterion "c" on the basis of its architectural merits. Preparing a justification of significance under criterion "a" for social history would require additional research beyond what is presently available in the office.

I concur with the statements as presented in this resubmission.

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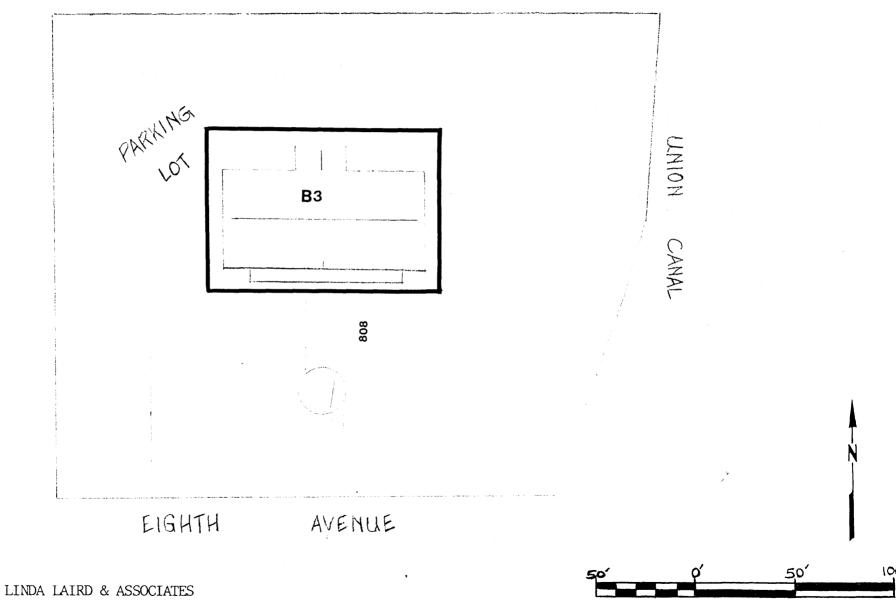
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MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

Oddfellows Home

Boundary of Nominated Property



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