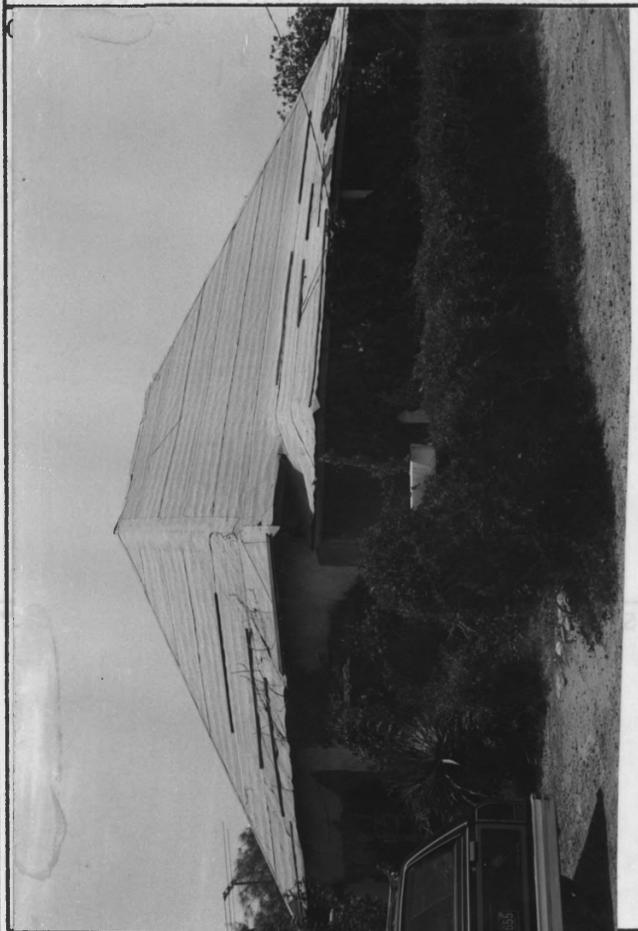


ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Vincent Elias/Ray Rodriguez House		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. 205
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Irene Rodriguez Residence		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. 927 E. 8th St.			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 132-73-007	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Ray B. Rodriguez		PHONE	
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 927 E. 8th			
CITY, TOWN Tempe		STATE Arizona	ZIP
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates		DATE 2/83	
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CITY, TOWN Tempe		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society		DATE 1982	
VIEW looking southwest			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE residence		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Vincent Elias			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES Built 1890			



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Elias/Rodriguez House is a single-story adobe building with a steeply-pitched hipped roof which was added over the original flat dirt over vigas roof in 1912. The hipped-roof front porch was added at the same time. Later modifications include replacement of all windows with large, multi-paned steel casement windows and a bay window in the east facade. The house is covered with stucco and patched with concrete. The roof is covered with rolled roofing; portions of the original porch roof, now rotting, are exposed. The east and west facades each now have two large windows. The front entry is offset to the east. Original interior wood floors have been replaced with concrete. Interior walls are of adobe and are in good condition. An addition is at the rear of the house. Heavy vegetation surrounds the building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Elias/Rodriguez House, built c1882, is noteworthy as one of the earliest remaining houses to be built in the area along East 8th Street, later platted as the Sotelo Addition in 1890. Although Vincent Elias is not recorded in the assessor's rolls until 1891, the family asserts the house was built in 1882 or 1883. Elias, a farm laborer from Tucson, built the house one room at a time for his family. In 1927, his daughter, Irene, married Ray B. Rodriguez and they moved into the house. Mrs. Rodriguez still occupies the house.

The original flat roof of dirt over vigas was covered with the present steeply pitched hipped roof in 1912. Other modifications to the house include replacement of windows, the addition of a front porch, and replacement of wood floors with concrete. Despite these changes, the integrity of the house is high and the house is worthy of preservation as one of the oldest remaining adobe houses in Tempe.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 4, Block 1, Sotelo Addition

Tempe Quad

Z-12, E-414140, N-3698070

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY