

Historic / Retained

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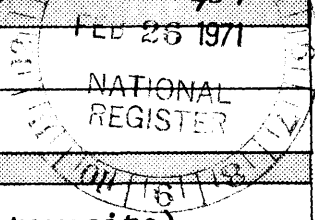
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arizona
COUNTY: Maricopa
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ENTRY NUMBER 716.04.0002 DATE 9/3/71



1. NAME

COMMON: *Ronald Lee*
(Dr. Ronald) Rosson Home *Home* *see letter*

AND/OR HISTORIC: *4-16-76*
Dr. Ronald Rosson Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
139 North Sixth Street (block 14 of original townsite)

CITY OR TOWN:
Phoenix **Zip 85004**

STATE Arizona	CODE 04	COUNTY: Maricopa	CODE 013
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	apartments
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Demmler

STREET AND NUMBER:
701 East Monroe

CITY OR TOWN:
Phoenix

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
04

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Tax Assessor's Office, Maricopa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
111 South Third Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Phoenix

STATE:
Arizona

CODE:
04

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1940** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington,

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington,

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

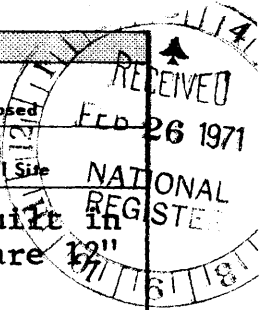
CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered
 Unaltered
 Moved
 Original Site



DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large residence of the "Victorian" period was built in 1892 (HABS states 1893). The walls are of masonry and are 12" thick at ground floor. The bricks were made locally.

Using style description set forth by Wiffen's American Architecture Since 1780, the house resembles the Eastlake mode. Specifically, the veranda possesses a lattice-like ornamentation of lathe worked posts and smaller spindles. On the west (front) side, these turnings of wood decorate the porch on three sides of the house. Between larger posts or columns are railings with smaller spindles. Above the railings below the porch roof, are knobby spindles which serve as a range supported by curved wooden brackets.

Originally, the roof over the veranda was shingled, with a wrought iron fencing of curved elements. This "fencing" ran along the three sides of the west end of the house; the curvature of the vertical iron elements being somewhat reminiscent of the solid, heavier Italian Renaissance balustrade. Visually, the horizontality of this metalwork was interrupted by the pediment which is stepped out from the plane of the veranda facade. The pediment, with its recessed shingled panel, is supported by two spindle posts on each side.

The second story is likewise brick masonry with brick quoins at the corners where these turn at right angles. Windows, like those on the first story, appear in pairs. The rounded arch of the windows is emphasized with low relief brick trim.

At some date prior to the HABS survey, the second floor area was extended over the roof of the west veranda. The HABS photo (1940) shows this as a screened in area. Today, the enclosure is completely done in frame and wood siding. The windows of this addition are in pairs and are of the casement type. Of course, the wrought iron has been done away with and much of the masonry is obscured.

Third story is largely under the main roof; a composite of dormers and "A" roofs. Perhaps the most notable feature of this level is the hexagonal turret with its shingled roof and elaborate topping of lightning (?) rod and spool-like ornamentation. The rest of the roof is covered with copper sheeting joined with lap work at the seams. The four chimneys are relatively short and bear little ornamentation with the exception of some fluting.

In plan, the house has a main hall running west/east. The rear porch is skewed with this axis and is to one side of the hall corridor.

Notable interior features include imported Italian metal ceiling work, an elaborate curved staircase, and parquet floors.

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*3rd story
enclosure
segment
noted*

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1893 or 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

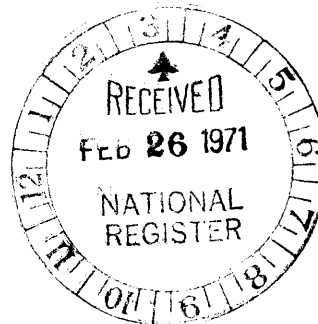
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the house has notable history of owners and residents, its chief significance to the Phoenix area lies with the fact that it represents an extremely scarce item: a Victorian style structure from Phoenix's past. At one period in Phoenix's development, the well-to-do built their homes in the style used throughout the East, both as a reminder of their past associations and as a status symbol for the passerby to admire. As Phoenix grows rapidly, Phoenix changes rapidly; and today the examples of Victorian period architecture are scarce. In some areas of the metropolitan area, structures have been built, torn down and rebuilt (according to the style trend in vogue) as many as four times.

Dr. Ronald Rosson, owner and builder of the house, was an Army physician on duty at Fort McDowell. It is said that Mrs. Rosson was socially ambitious and desired to entertain guests within a residence like they had known, or seen, "back East." Hence, an eclectic residence with imported interior furnishings and such features as a spiral three story staircase, different floors in each of the main rooms, and inlay borders of walnut, oak, and mahogany.

Notable among the residence's guests was Whitelaw Reid, a diplomat and journalist who served as U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Desert Architecture, by R. E. Paracheck
 HABS, Library of Congress
Arizona Republic, 8-20-67 Sec. M
Arizona Republic, 9-10-67

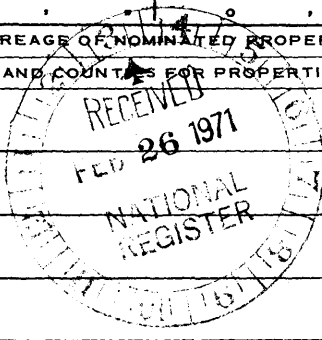
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one**

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 AND TITLE:
Robert Fink, Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION: **Arizona State Parks Board** DATE: **9-15-70**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1688 West Adams

CITY OR TOWN: **Phoenix** STATE: **Arizona** CODE: **04**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: **Dennis McCarthy**
 Title: **State Parks Director**

Date: **2/18/71**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

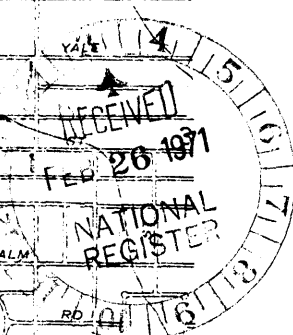
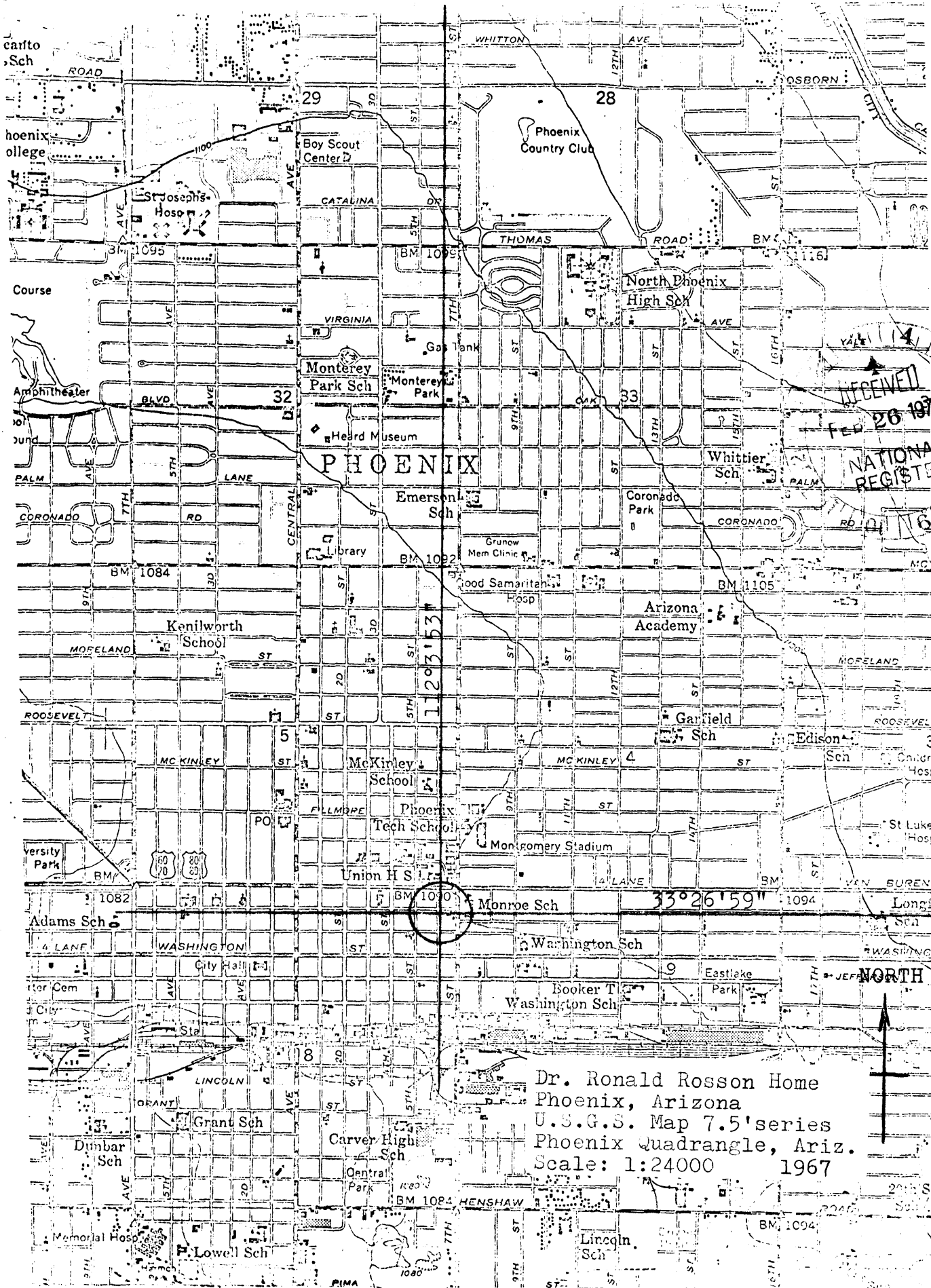
Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **JUN 3 1971**

ATTEST:
William H. Neale
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **APR 19 1971**

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Dr. Ronald Rosson Home
 Phoenix, Arizona
 U.S.G.S. Map 7.5' series
 Phoenix Quadrangle, Ariz.
 Scale: 1:24000 1967



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National Park Service

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Rosson, Dr. Roland Lee, House
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Maricopa County, ARIZONA

ACCEPTED

Keeper

Quinn McCallan
10/17/88

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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Correction to Dr. Roland Rosson House, listed June 3, 1971.

Previously listed as being constructed in 1892, the date has been correctly established as 1895.

This change is the result of archival research and documentation. (copies are enclosed.)

Signed Shereen Lerner
Shereen Lerner, Ph.D.
Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer