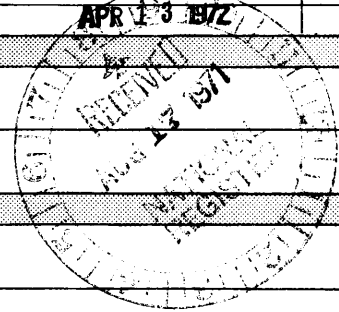


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Arizona	
COUNTY: Cochise	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Tombstone Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Cochise County Courthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
219 East Toughnut

CITY OR TOWN:
Tombstone

STATE: **Arizona** CODE: **04** COUNTY: **Cochise** CODE: **003** Zip **85638**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Arizona, Arizona State Parks Board

STREET AND NUMBER:
1688 West Adams

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Arizona State Land Department

STREET AND NUMBER:
1688 West Adams

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1937** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **08**

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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

The main portion of the Tombstone Courthouse was built in 1882 at a cost of \$50,000. An addition to the rear was built in 1904. The building served as Cochise County courthouse until 1929 when the county seat was moved to Bisbee.

The building measures 76 feet in total width; the "shaft" of the cruciform structure measures 40 feet wide; the east and west wings project nineteen feet from the main structure and are 30 feet long. The first segment to be built is 88 feet long overall. The addition to the jail and courtroom brought the total to 116 feet in length.

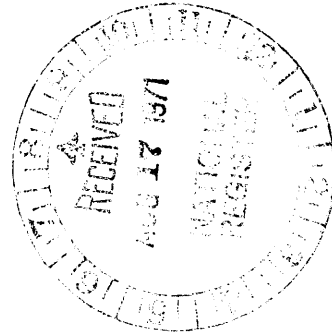
The building is a two-story red brick structure built with five courses of runners and one of headers. Exterior angles are quoined with white stone and white stone "dripstone course" separates the lower and upper half of the building. A one story cupola or observation tower with a mansard roof wears a lacy gingerbread cresting that creates a kind of "widow's walk" atop all.

Fenestration is symmetrical. The double-hung eight-pane windows are set in heavy frames topped by a bracketed, heavy "territorial" cornice that echoes the strongly accented pediments atop each end wall of the building. The eave-line is deeply recessed and strongly accented with simple dentils as are the pediments of the gable ends. This theme is repeated on a smaller scale on the cupola pediments. Elegantly slim chimneys once served every room but are now reduced to two.

An iron spiral stair ascends the southeast corner to the courtroom. Formerly another arose from the jail below the courtroom directly to the prisoner's table. It replaced an elevator which proved unsatisfactory.

The front entrance porch is carried by four square pillars, two free and two attached, all have a large groove on each face. It is topped by a balustrade. The porch cornice is dentated.

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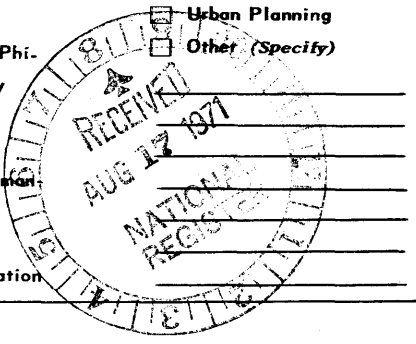
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1882

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural --

The courthouse in Tombstone is an elegant example of Territorial Victorian. The building is a well-integrated, stylish, yet sober and restrained culmination of that tradition. When Maricopa County built its courthouse a few years later, they cribbed liberally from Tombstone's example.

The Tombstone courthouse is the oldest courthouse still standing in Arizona. At the time it was built it was one of the largest buildings in Arizona Territory.

Ed Schieffelin's silver strike in 1877 precipitated a general rush to the area in 1878. The town of Tombstone was incorporated in 1879. By 1881 the town had grown to more than 7,000 population; stage robberies were no longer novel events. But more important than the lawlessness, Tombstone miners and merchants had to travel 150 dusty roundtrip miles to Tucson to record mining claims, deeds, contracts, etc. at the Pima County Courthouse.

As a result of these incentives, and aided by a shrewd agreement with the Prescott delegation to the Territorial Legislature, Cochise county was formed in 1881 from the eastern part of Pima County, and Tombstone became its seat. (The Territorial Capital stayed at Prescott rather than moving to Tucson.)

The Sheriff of Cochise County had his office on the ground floor, first door to the right, when the new courthouse was built in 1882. Sheriff John Behan and his successors gradually instilled the idea that the proper arena for conflict was the courtroom upstairs rather than the street. Except for the Earp - Clanton feud, which gave Tombstone an extremely bad press from which it has no interest in recovering, citizens gladly accepted the proffered alternative.

The Tombstone courthouse represents a practical solution to the problem of securing lives and property in unorganized or poorly governed territory. It was put into effect quickly, without fumbling, by men practiced in the process through

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Wallace Vegors,

ORGANIZATION
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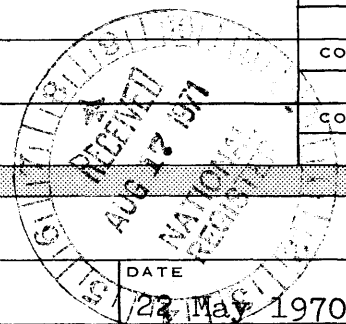
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STATE
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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
 Dennis McCarthy

Title Director, ASPB

Date 8/12/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/13/72

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 13 1972

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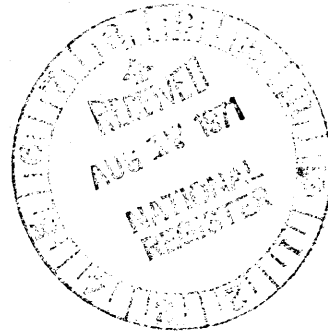
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8. Significance

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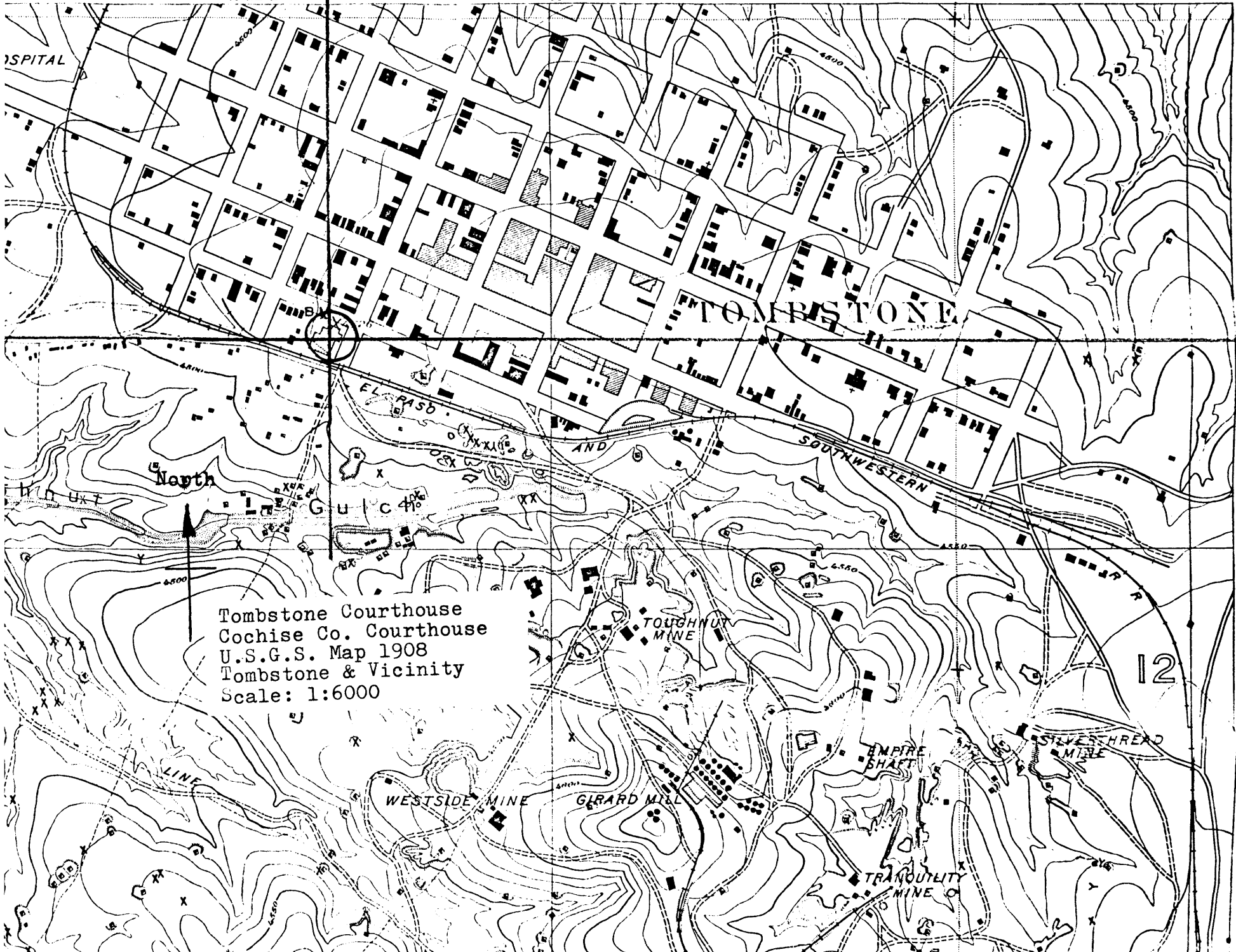
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HOSPITAL



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Tombstone Courthouse
Cochise Co. Courthouse
U.S.G.S. Map 1908
Tombstone & Vicinity
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TOMBSTONE

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