

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Safford, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Welker, James R. House
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1127 Central
 CITY/TOWN: Safford
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 101-07-147 / <1 ACRE(S)
 OWNER: Gilliland, Aubrey & Virginia
 OWNER ADDRESS: 1127 Central
Safford, Arizona 85546
 HISTORIC USE: Residence
 PRESENT USE: Residence
 BUILDING TYPE: House
 STYLE: Queen Anne Transitional
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1915
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 INTEGRITY: Minor alterations
 CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Graham SURVEY SITE: C0013
 USGS QUAD: Safford, AZ
 T 7s R 26e S 17 / SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4
 UTM 12/620720E/3632625N

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Hip roof with hip dormers,..
 ROOF SHEATHING: Asphalt shingles on hip
 EAVES TREATMENT: Plain boxed cornice with band of round and plain wood shingles
 WINDOWS: Eclectic, 1/1 bay window on right side, leaded glass focal window..
 ENTRY: Single light wood door, entry off-set left
 PORCHES: Full front hip roof porch supported by three wood posts
 STOREFRONTS: Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) 45'(w) 30'
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Rusticated cast stone
 WALL SHEATHING: None
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: Rusticated cast stone quoins and belt course

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Unknown
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: Small addition rear, roof sheathing, wrought iron rail at porch

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: Jan, 1987 VIEW: E, 3/4
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R-AA F-23

SKETCH MAP: See Final MRA Map



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Roof type contd: brick chimney.
Windows contd: on front facade. Distrt str contd: residential area.

SIGNIFICANCE: Relates to National Register Criteria: C

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING ECONOMICS
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT GOVERNMENTAL MILITARY RELIGION SCIENCE
THEATRE TRANSPORTATION TOURISM OTHER(specify) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) James Welker was owner of the "Boston Cash Store," served as member of the city council, and as postmaster in Safford, in 1939

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to early 1900 residential development

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Mormon

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT Good example of Queen Anne Transitional Style residence in Safford

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL None

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Scattered, intact site on corner lot in.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: The Welker home is unique as it displays transitional design features which reflect Queen Anne and Western Colonial Revival tendencies. The rectangular, brick home has such Queen Anne decorative detailing as wood shingles below the cornice, a leaded glass facade window, bay window and turned wood posts. Western Colonial Revival detailing includes building shape, hip roof full width porch, high hipped main roof with hipped dormers on front and side elevations. The home is associated with James Welker, a prominent Safford merchant involved in the "Boston Cash Store," who served on the city council and as Safford's post master in 1939.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL RESIDENTIAL STREET xxx COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE

CBD: OTHER:

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LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: 1985 Historic Resources Survey, conducted by Linda Laird & Assoc.

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED DETERMINED ELIGIBLE DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE NOT EVALUATED

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

None

SURVEYOR Linda Laird & Assoc. SURVEY DATE 5/87 DATE FORM COMPLETED 9/19/87