

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Safford, Arizona
 HISTORIC NAME: Woman's Club
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 215 Main
 CITY/TOWN: Safford
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 102-22-299 / <1 ACRE(S)
 OWNER: Womans Club c/o Mrs. Eunice Mickelson
 OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 412
Safford, Arizona 85548
 HISTORIC USE: Public
 PRESENT USE: Public
 BUILDING TYPE: Public
 STYLE: Bungalow/Period Revival
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1930
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: M.H. Starkweather
 INTEGRITY: Unaltered
 CONDITION: Good

COUNTY: Graham SURVEY SITE: A0041
 USGS QUAD: Safford, AZ
 T 7s R 26e S 8 / SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4
 UTM 12/620820E/3633340N

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: Hip
 ROOF SHEATHING: Wood shingle
 EAVES TREATMENT: Plain boxed cornice
 WINDOWS: 4/4 metal sash casement windows
 ENTRY: Double wide carved wood doors with wood screen doors
 PORCHES: None
 STOREFRONTS: Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 DIMENSIONS: (1) 40' (w) 30'
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: Rough cut ashlar stone, regular course
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
 WALL SHEATHING: None
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: None

NOTABLE INTERIOR: Unknown
 OUTBUILDINGS: None
 ALTERATIONS: None

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Linda Laird & Associates
 DATE: Jan, 1987 VIEW: S, FF
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: R:DD F:9a

SKETCH MAP: See Final MRA Map



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form): Rel to dev contd: Safford.

SIGNIFICANCE: Relates to National Register Criteria: A, C

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE___ COMMUNITY PLANNING___ ECONOMICS___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT___ GOVERNMENTAL___ MILITARY___ RELIGION___ SCIENCE___
THEATRE___ TRANSPORTATION___ TOURISM___ OTHER(specify) Architecture
Social History

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built in 1930 by the Woman's Club for use as a social hall. It is still being used for that purpose today

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Relates to social and cultural development in..

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Woman's Club

ARCHITECTURAL MERIT: Example of Vernacular Bungalow Style building in Safford

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Ashlar cut stone

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL None

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Corner lot, intact, scattered site on Main Street

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED: The Safford Woman's Club is a modest example of a Bungalow Period Revival style and is the only public meeting hall to be nominated with the MRA. The Safford Improvement Club was founded in 1896 to improve cultural awareness and community spirit. The womens activities focused on street improvements and beautification projects. By 1901, the name was changed to the Sahuara [sic] Club and the focus shifted to literary activities. A community library was built. In 1913, the club was again reorganized with a new name; The Woman's Club of Safford. Organizational activities included child welfare, home economics, civics and literature. The Woman's Club building was constructed in 1930 to house these various activities and to provide meeting and social activity space.

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