

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME President's House		COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. 171
COMMON PROPERTY NAME University Archives		QUAD/COUNTY MAP	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. ASU campus			
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. NA	
OWNER OF PROPERTY Arizona Board of Regents		PHONE	
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CITY, TOWN Phoenix		STATE Arizona	ZIP
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CITY, TOWN Tempe		STATE Arizona	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society		DATE 1982	
VIEW looking north			
HISTORIC USE residence			
PRESENT USE archives		ACREAGE less/one	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architects: Creighton and Millard/Contractor: Clinton Campbell			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES 1907/1931/1937			



## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The President's House is a symmetrical two-story Western Colonial brick building with a copper shingle roof. Located on part of the original campus on the northwest corner of Normal Avenue and Tyler, the house faces south. The central entry was originally a projecting hipped porch with classical detailing. The porch was enclosed in 1937 with four-light casement windows and a 12-light entry door with 8-pane sidelights. The main house (35ft square) has a two-story bay window on the west and a two-story bay with fireplace on the east. The roof is hipped with projecting gables and features boxed eaves and a central hipped dormer. The double-hung windows have segmental arches. In 1931, two rooms and a bath were added to the northwest corner.

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY



**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY**

The President's House is significant as the most intact building over 50 years old on the ASU campus. Its integrity is high with the 1931 and 1937 changes sympathetic and reversible. As the home of the university president, it is significant for its association with presidents Matthews and Gammage, the two most important leaders of this institution of higher education. Arthur Matthews was principal from 1900 to 1930 and President Emeritus for 12 more years. Grady Gammage was president through the 1940s and 1950s, and was responsible for guiding the post-World War II growth which culminated in the Teachers College becoming Arizona State University. The house is also associated with territorial architect James Creighton, who designed the original Normal School (demolished). This house is the only remaining campus building associated with Creighton and is the last known design with which he was involved, having begun his career as an architect in 1885.

The building was used as the president's residence until 1959, after which it was the Alumni House and Alumni Executive Offices. The building is presently occupied by the University Archives.

**SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY**

ASU Archives, Building Plans, Construction Data Files

ASU Story, Ernest Hopkins and Alfred Thomas

Sanborn Maps, 1911, 1927

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 22, T1N, R4E

ASU Campus

Tempe Quad

Z-12, E-413340, N-3698080

*(see sketch maps)*

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