

# CITY OF PHOENIX

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-001 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Ah Gim Yaun Grocery and Apartments

Address: 1002 South 4th Avenue

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 112-17-118

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 8 Quarter Section: SW Acreage: <1

Block: 40 Lot(s): 23-24 Plat (Addition): Montgomery Addition Year of Plat: 1887

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 399713 Northing: 3700165 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1920/1925  estimated  known source: City directories

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: Serious structural deterioration, including fire damage, broken windows, and masonry.

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Historically, the property was a grocery, with adjacent apartments added later.

Currently, only one of the apartments is in use.

Sources: City Directory, 1923-1960

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

Janus Commercial Survey, 1984

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/20/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southwest

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

- A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS *(On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated either with a significant historic event or with a trend or pattern of events important to the history of the nation, the state, or the local community.)*
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Outbuildings: *(Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)*  
A small structure that requires additional information to determine historic significance.

**INTEGRITY**

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2. DESIGN *(Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)*  
The grocery has a front gable roof with parapet and corner entry window on east façade. The apartment addition is a burnt shell (originally a sloped roof) and a parapet that steps down towards the rear. The roof of the apartments is also sloped, with a step-down parapet. Almost all door and windows are boarded up on both the commercial and residential buildings. Additions were built onto the rear of the newer structures.
3. SETTING *(Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)*  
Corner lot in a residential neighborhood.  
  
 Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Many surrounding buildings are deteriorating or in poor repair; general decline of the neighborhood
4. MATERIALS *(Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)*  
 Walls (structure): brick/block Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
 Windows: fixed wood sash  
 If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? some are missing  
 Wall Sheathing: painted brick, some stucco  
 If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? brick
5. WORKMANSHIP *(Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)*  
On the grocery there are brick segmental arched lintels over doors and windows and a brick cornice on the parapet.

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** *(if listed, check the appropriate box)*

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
 Date Listed: 7/8/1986  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** *(opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)*

Property  is  is not eligible individually.  
 Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.  
 More information needed to evaluate  
 If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

Name and affiliation: Scott Solliday and Vince Murray, Arizona Historical Research Date: 8/13/2007  
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Ah Gim Yaun Grocery and Apartments

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Ah Gim Yaun Grocery and Apartments are eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for their association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare, Chinese-owned, commercial, and multi-unit residential complex. Ah Gim Yaun opened the grocery store around 1920 and a residential duplex was added to the south side of the store five years later. A residential fourplex was built at the same time to the west of the grocery. The largest apartment, located in the fourplex, was used as the residence for Yaun, while the five smaller apartments were rented out. Additions were built later onto the rear of the residential structures. By 1960, Quan Shee Yaun and his wife were operating the store and living in the large apartment. Quan Shee Yaun's daughter, Ann Quan, sold the store to the current owners in 1997. A fire burned the roof of the south side addition around 2005 or 2006.

The integrity of the fourplex is fair, but the large apartment is currently the only portion of the property in use. The integrity of the store is poor and its south side residential addition is a burnt shell. The grocery is boarded up and glass is missing from many of the covered windows. The masonry on all buildings is in need of maintenance and repair. Another structure is located on the property, but was inaccessible. It may have been a small garage.

This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 under the cover of the Historic Commercial Properties in Central Phoenix. The multiple property nomination documented the evolution of commercial activity in Phoenix from 1880 to 1947. Under this context, the apartments were not included. This inventory form is to update the property's statement of significance by adding its association with Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960, which includes the apartments as contributing buildings.



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- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
Ranch Style house with side gable roof and a broad porch supported by wood posts
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Neighborhood with large lots.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Many of the lots have been converted to office buildings.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: asphalt shingle, tile  
Windows: steel casement ridgecap  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
Wall Sheathing: none  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
wood shutters, exposed rafters

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D. H. Toy Residence

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its association with D. H. Toy, a prominent Chinese American businessman, under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. Dea Hong Toy worked on railroads in California and ran a restaurant in Casa Grande for a while before he moved to Phoenix in 1923. He worked as a vegetable peddler, hauling produce by wagon to people who lived far north of Phoenix and to the tuberculosis sanitariums north of the Arizona Canal. He also operated a grocery at 9th Street and Monroe. According to family stories, on his trips north, D. H. Toy often stopped for lunch under a stand of cottonwood trees at 16th Street and Camelback Road, and he always wanted to buy the land there.

In 1927, Toy bought five acres on the southwest corner of 16th Street and Camelback Road and built a store that was several miles from town but much closer to his regular customers. He also raised chickens, geese, and turkeys in large pens and ran a butcher shop. Around the same time, several new resorts were opening in the area, and Toy began making deliveries to the Camelback Inn, Jokake Inn, Arizona Biltmore, Wrigley Mansion, and Biltmore Estates in a Model-T Ford. Toy later bought a three-ton truck, which he used for deliveries -- his "store at your door."

In the late 1930s, Toy became one of the founders of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which was created to protect and promote their Chinese American businesses. One of the first tasks taken on by the new association was a sanitation bill being debated in the Arizona Legislature that would make it unlawful to reside in the back of a business that serves food to the public. This legislation would effectively close almost all Chinese groceries, which had always been commercial-residential properties. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce lobbied legislators and were able to defeat the bill. By effectively dealing with the new issues that confronted the Chinese community, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce quickly became their most important organization.

In 1950, Toy opened a new family business -- Toy's Shangri-La Restaurant -- on his property at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Camelback Road. The ten thousand-square foot restaurant was one of the biggest in Phoenix, and the first to build a high volume of business serving Chinese food to a largely non-Chinese clientele. The restaurant had seating for 450 people, a banquet room, and a curio shop. Toy's Shangri-La was also the most popular place for traditional Chinese family banquets and New Years dinners.

The Toy family lived in a house at 16th Street and Camelback Road, near the grocery and restaurant, until 1952, when they moved into the house at 2222 East Pasadena Avenue, which had been built for another owner a year before. At the time, since there were deed restrictions prohibiting sale of the property to Asians, Toy reportedly had to ask permission of all the neighbors in the small subdivision before he could close the sale. All of the neighbors were customers and had no objections. The house continues to be owned by the Toy family and Toy's daughter, Violet, still resides in the house.

Dea Hong Toy was one of the most successful Chinese businessmen in the history of Phoenix and this property is the best example of a property associated with him that still exists and has retained its integrity.

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### PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-003 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): First Chinese Baptist Church (Temple Beth Israel, Iglesia Bautista Central)

*(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)*

Address: 122 East Culver Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 111-35-060C

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 5 Quarter Section: Northeast Acreage: <1

Block: 16 Lot(s): 2-4 Plat (Addition): Central Place Year of Plat: 1924

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 400505 Northing: 3702930 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: Lescher & Mahoney  not determined  known source: original plans

Builder:   not determined  known source:

Construction Date: 1921-22  estimated  known source: AZ Jewish Historical Society

### STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good *(Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)*

Fair *(Some problems apparent)* Describe:

Poor *(Major problems; imminent threat)* Describe:

Ruin/Uninhabitable

### USES/FUNCTIONS

*Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:*

The building was a Jewish community hall from 1922 to 1949. It was then converted to a Baptist church. Its current use is as a Jewish heritage center.

Sources: City Directory, 1940-1960

Arizona Jewish Historical Society records

### PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/26/2006

View Direction *(looking towards):*

Northwest

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Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)  
Parsonages and classrooms.

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- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
Romanesque Revival style church; gable roof with parapet; arched portal entry; 1936 annex wing to west; 1950s concrete block addition to rear.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
The area is largely commercial with some residential. Adjacent to Burton Barr Library and Hance Park.  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
The area was residential with some commercial. A new freeway and library replaced many of these properties.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete Roof: asphalt shingle  
Windows: wood dbl-hung, arched transom  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
Wall Sheathing: Stucco  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
metal grills on windows, decorative gable coping

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First Chinese Baptist Church

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The building was constructed originally as a community hall for the Phoenix Hebrew Center Association in 1922. Commonly referred to as Temple Beth Israel, the building was the first structure built by the Jewish community in Phoenix. It served in this capacity until 1949, when the congregation moved to a new location at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Flower Street. (This structure still exists and is now part of the Phoenix College campus in the Campus Vista Historic District.) The property at 122 East Culver Street was sold to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950. The former temple became home to the First Chinese Baptist Church, which laid a new cornerstone for the building in 1957. Services were provided in English by Lawrence Stanley and translated into Chinese. For the next twenty-five years, the First Chinese Baptist Church served the Chinese community as a religious and social gathering place. The building represents one of the few remaining historic religious properties associated with the Asian American community in Phoenix.

By the mid-1980s, the property had changed hands again and was occupied by Iglesia Bautista Central. This congregation provided services in both English and Spanish for a largely Hispanic congregation. In 2002, the Arizona Jewish Historical Society purchased the building with the hope of converting it to a Jewish Heritage Center and giving it historic recognition. The current location of the First Chinese Baptist Church is 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Earll Drive.

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-004 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Henry Company Building

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1346 West Roosevelt Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 111-20-036/111-20-036

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 6 Quarter Section: NE Acreage: <1

Block: 18 Lot(s): 13-14 Plat (Addition): F.Q. Story Add. Plat C West Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 398654 Northing: 3702491 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1928  estimated  known source: city directory

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

General deterioration

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Construction company, a neon light manufacturer, bakery, and a grocery store and residence. Currently it houses a boxing gym and small grocery store.

Sources: Phoenix City Directory, 1930-60

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

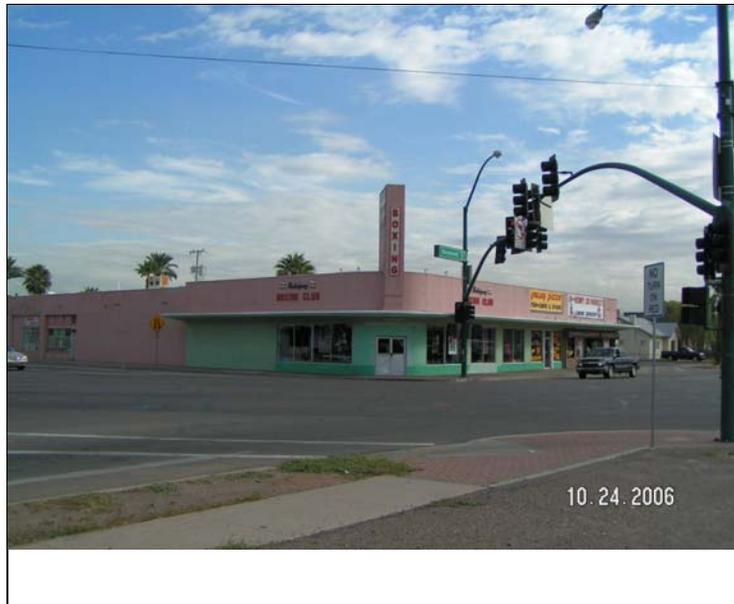
## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/24/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Northeast

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- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made) Originally two separate structures joined together, it is a Moderne style building with parapet and pitched truss roof.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property) Mixed use on a three-way intersection.

Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:

- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)
 

Walls (structure): Brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: pitched truss, built up

Windows: aluminum frame

If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? Unknown

Wall Sheathing: Stucco

If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? natural brick
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction) Ceramic tile band at base of façade

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

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Henry Company

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Henry Company Building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. It is a rare example of a Chinese grocery and commercial complex. Originally two structures, A. F. Wasielewski Construction occupied the west building in 1929. By 1932, it had been converted to a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. The Flexiname Southwest Neon Sign Corporation moved into the east building in 1930; by 1934 it was occupied by the Fox Bakery. Around 1938, a Chinese immigrant, Henry Akee, opened a grocery in the west building. He was joined by the Sun Valley Distribution Company in the east building in 1940. Akee was listed as owner of the property in 1945 and joined the two structures as the Henry Company, or Henry & Company. Joe Hom Hong lived on the property in 1950 and was living across the street at 1315 West Roosevelt Street by 1960 (Akee was also living at this address when he died in 1954. The house was later demolished). Hong's family continued to own the building until 1997. The Henry Company Market and Liquor Store is still in operation in the east end of the structure. The Rodriguez Boxing Ring occupies the western portion of the building.

The building was probably designed in the 20th Century Commercial Style and then joined and remodeled by Henry Akee to the current Moderne Style. The roof is a pitched truss, with two bays hidden behind a raised parapet. Stucco covers the façade, though original brick shows through in places. A ceramic tile band was placed along the façade near the corner, while later slump block decorates the storefront at the end of the east section.

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Site No: ASAMHPS-005 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Jim Ong's Market

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1110 East Washington Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 116-43-066

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 9 Quarter Section: NW Acreage: <1

Block: 26 Lot(s): 2 Plat (Addition): Porter & Baxter's Subdivision Year of Plat: 1886

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 401686 Northing: 3701316 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1928  estimated  known source: City directories

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

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Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

grocery store, dance studio

Sources: City Directory, 1929-1975

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/23/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

North

Negative No.: asam077a.jpg



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- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Commercial style building with an offset, pitched truss roof with Chinese motif parapet.  
Roof has a skylight and a contemporary addition was built on the back of the building.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Commercial area  
 Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
 Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
 Windows: fixed  
 If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
 Wall Sheathing: none  
 If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

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Jim Ong's Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Jim Ong's Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. It is a rare example of a Chinese grocery store and residence. Jim Ong built this structure about 1928, and with his family operated a grocery there for over five decades. A residential apartment is located in the rear section of the building.

The property is also eligible under Criterion C for its architecture. It is a rare, 20th Century Commercial style building with an offset, pitched truss roof with Chinese motif parapet. The roof has a skylight for natural lighting of the store. The residence was originally in the east portion of the building, until a later addition was constructed at the rear.

This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 under the cover of the Historic Commercial Properties in Phoenix MRA. The multiple property nomination documented the evolution of commercial activity in Phoenix from 1880 to 1947. Jim Ong's Market was also listed on the Phoenix Historic Property Register in 1990. This inventory form is to update the property's statement of significance by adding its association with Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960 and recognizing its significant architecture.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-006 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): K. L. Tang Grocery (Wong's Chinese Dining)

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1141 East Buckeye Road

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 115-43-001

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 16 Quarter Section: NW Acreage: <1

Block: 1 Lot(s): 1 Plat (Addition): Las Casitas Place Year of Plat: 1937

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 401780 Northing: 3700025 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1942  estimated  known source: City directories

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration; poor repair methods on both store and residence.

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

grocery and residence  
restaurant

Sources: Janus Commercial Survey 1984

Phoenix City Directory, 1942-1960

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 3/10/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southeast

Negative No.: asam037a.jpg



**SIGNIFICANCE**

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- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

**INTEGRITY**

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1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
The grocery (a.) is a 20th Century Commercial Style building, gable roof with parapet.  
The house (b.) is vernacular style house with side gable roof and extended eave porch supported by two brick columns.
3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Corner lot in a mixed residential and commercial area.  
 Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Buckeye Road is now a major through street; new commercial infill nearby.
4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
 Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: a. built up; b. asphalt roll  
 Windows: a. wood fixed; b. steel casement  
 If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wall Sheathing: a. stucco; b. none  
 If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? \_\_\_\_\_
5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

Property  is  is not eligible individually.  
Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.  
 More information needed to evaluate  
If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

Name and affiliation: Scott Solliday and Vince Murray, Arizona Historical Research Date: July 3, 2007  
Mailing Address: 5025 North Central Avenue, Suite 575, Phoenix, Arizona 85012 Phone no.: (480) 829-0267

**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

K. L. Tang Grocery

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The K. L. Tang Grocery/New Daily Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places as a rare example of a Chinese grocery and separate residence under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The commercial building, originally known as the K. L. Tang Grocery, and the associated residence were built about 1942. The grocery was operated by Kew Lung Tang, who moved to Phoenix in 1927 from Canton, China.

The business was renamed in 1955 and for a short period it was known as the New Daily Market. After World War II, Chinese grocers faced increasing competition from new supermarkets and by 1964, the business was changed to Tang's Chop Stick Restaurant. The business remained in the Tang family for more than four decades, until sold to Chung Lan and Mee Ling Wong in 1985, who continue to operate Wong's Chinese Dining at the site.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-007 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): K. S. Tang Grocery/Superior Market (Durand Market)

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 901 Northwest Grand Avenue

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 111-28-151

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 6 Quarter Section: SE Acreage: <1

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): University Addition Year of Plat: 1887

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 399207 Northing: 3701890 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1914  estimated  known source: Sanborn Maps/city directories

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Grocery, residence, restaurant,

Sources: City directories, 1923-1960

Sanborn maps

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/23/06

View Direction (looking towards): \_\_\_\_\_

Negative No.: asam079a.jpg



## SIGNIFICANCE

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- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

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1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
The grocery has a front gable roof with parapet and corner entry window on east façade. Originally designed with a residence in the rear.
3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Corner lot in a mixed-use neighborhood.

Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:

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4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): Brick Foundation: Concrete Roof: Built up  
Windows: Wood fixed  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: \_\_\_\_\_  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? \_\_\_\_\_
5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Decorative trim on parapet

## NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS

 (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: Oakland Historic District  
Date Listed: 10/1/1985; 7/10/1992  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

 (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.  
Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.  
 More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM COMPLETED BY

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

K. S. Tang Grocery / Superior Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The K. S. Tang Grocery/Superior Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare, Chinese-owned grocery and former residence. The building was built around 1914 and occupied by Edward Durand in 1915. Over the next several years, the store had a variety of operators and names: Yee Shin/Yung Yee Chee grocery (1916-1917); Sunlight (1918); Yuen Yee (1919-1920); Bela Berger (1921); Modern Grocery #2 (1923); Miller & Oglesby grocery (1925); and Thomas Stack grocery (1926). From 1928 through 1937, it was known as the K. S. Tang grocery after operator Kooi S. Tang. From 1938 through 1958, the grocery was named the Superior Market. During this time, the owner stopped using the rear of the store as a residence and moved to 918 West Polk Street, a few lots west of the store. In 1952, Wing Lee "David" Daer purchased the store. He died in 1956, but his wife, Hom "May" Fong Daer continued to own the property until 1984, though it stopped being a grocery store around 1958.

This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 under the cover of the Historic Commercial Properties in Central Phoenix. The multiple property nomination documented the evolution of commercial activity in Phoenix from 1880 to 1947. The store was also listed as a contributor to the Oakland Historic District on both the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This inventory form is to update the property's statement of significance on both registers by adding its association with Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-008 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Kunz-Carbajal Residence (Montgomery House)

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1721 South 7th Avenue

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 112-37-030

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 17 Quarter Section: NW Acreage: <1

Block: 90 Lot(s): 10-15 Plat (Addition): Montgomery Amended Year of Plat: 1894

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 399453 Northing: 3699430 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1904  estimated  known source: County Assessor's records

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: The roof leaks; the stucco is in poor condition; there is evidence of erosion of the adobe on the east side.

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Residence. Commercial. Residential

Rental. Currently unoccupied.

Sources: Felix Carbajal; Sam Carbajal

Phoenix City Directory, 1940-1955

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/26/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Northeast

Negative No.: asam045a.jpg



## SIGNIFICANCE

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Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

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1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
Vernacular style house with hipped roof; veranda runs along three sides of the structure; addition has been removed from the east side of the structure
3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
mixed residential and commercial area
- Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
General deterioration of nearby buildings
4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): adobe Foundation: river cobble Roof: wood shingle  
Windows: wood double hung  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
Wall Sheathing: stucco  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)
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## NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.  
Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.  
 More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM COMPLETED BY

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Kunz-Carbajal Residence

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Kunz-Carbajal Residence is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association as a Filipino residence under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. Also known as the Montgomery House, the home has a long history of association with various families.

The house was built in 1904 and occupied by Louis Kunz and family. Kunz sold the house around 1920 to Nick Coroneos, who built an addition on the east side of the house and operated the State Fish Company. Felix Carbajal, a Filipino immigrant who came to the United States in 1918 after serving in the U.S. military, bought the house about 1940 and his family continued to own and occupy the property until 1997. During this time, many other Filipinos also lived on various parts of the property.

This house is one of at least twelve properties in the vicinity of 7th Avenue and Mohave Street that have comprised a Filipino-American neighborhood since the 1940s, and that are still largely occupied by descendants of Filipino immigrants. Of the twelve, the Kunz-Carbajal Residence has the best integrity and longest association with the early Filipino-American immigrants in Phoenix.

This property is also eligible under Criterion C for its architecture. It is a vernacular house, constructed of adobe and sheathed in stucco. It has a hipped roof with a veranda running along three sides of the structure. It also has double hung windows and a river cobble foundation. Territorial-era adobe buildings are now very rare in Phoenix.

The structure is in poor condition. Its stucco is coming off in places, exposing the adobe to erosion. The roof leaks, causing damage to the interior. Currently vacant, the Arizona Preservation Foundation owns the building and is working to restore it.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

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### PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-009 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Lee's Oriental Rock Garden

*(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)*

Address: 4015 East McDonald Drive

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 171-07-005

Township: 2N Range: 4E Section: 18 Quarter Section: NW Acreage: <1

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): 4 Plat (Addition): Short Hills Year of Plat: 1957

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 407706 Northing: 3709585 USGS 7.5' quad : Paradise Valley

Architect: n/a  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: Louis Lee  not determined  known source: Errol Lee

Construction Date: 1958-2006  estimated  known source: Errol Lee

### STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good *(Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)*

Fair *(Some problems apparent)* Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor *(Major problems; imminent threat)* Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

### USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Residence and folk art site  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sources: Errol Lee

Phoenix Magazine, August 2006

### PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 5/7/2007

View Direction *(looking towards):*

Northwest

Negative No.: asamx001.jpg



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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
The property originally consisted of a ranch house on a suburban lot. Over the period 1958-2006, the property owner created the rock garden in the front yard.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Desert foothills upscale suburban neighborhood.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Little change, if any.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): concrete Foundation: flagstone, concrete pavers Roof: \_\_\_\_\_  
Windows: \_\_\_\_\_  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? \_\_\_\_\_  
Wall Sheathing: \_\_\_\_\_  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Rocks and various oriental and pop cultural items cemented into a framework of concrete edgers.

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.
- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Lee's Oriental Rock Garden

Continuation Sheet No. 1

Lee's Oriental Rock Garden is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a rare folk art site. Beginning in 1958, Louis Lee initiated the beginnings of his perception of an Oriental rock garden. Lee was born in Canton, China and immigrated to the United States as a young man. After serving in the military in World War II, Lee moved to Phoenix and opened a Chinese restaurant. Shortly after his home was built in the shadow of Camelback Mountain, Lee started work on his garden. Over the next few decades, the garden grew into an intricate maze of concrete edgers, encrusted with rocks, as well as dishes from his restaurant, pop culture items, and Christmas lights. The result is a maze of narrow paths interweaving between outdoor spaces delineated by low arches. The garden includes many Asian elements in its design, such as tableware from the restaurant and a multitude of porcelain Buddhas.

Although the garden is less than fifty years old, it is considered exceptionally significant as one of only two folk art sites in Phoenix (the other site is in Sunnyslope at 10023 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Place). Louis Lee passed away in 2006. His son, Errol, currently maintains the garden.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-010 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Modern Food Market

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1737 East Washington Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 115-05-003

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 10 Quarter Section: NW Acreage: <1

Block: 43 Lot(s): 3 Plat (Addition): Collins Addition Year of Plat: 1887

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 403077 Northing: 3701619 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1948  estimated  known source: Sanborn map

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Grocery, residence, laundromat

Architectural studio

Sources: City directories 1948-1977

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/5/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southwest

Negative No.: asam002.jpg



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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Commercial style building; large storefront windows; flat roof with shaped parapet. Addition built on rear and west side. "Modern Food Market" sign painted on upper side wall.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Mixed use commercial street  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Largely unchanged
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete Roof: built up  
Windows: fixed aluminum  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: natural brick  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Chinese motif shaped parapet

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

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- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Modern Food Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Modern Food Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare Chinese grocery store and residence.

Built around 1948 for Owen Moy, the Modern Food Market operated until about 1974. Moy lived with his wife, Susie, behind the store until the 1960s, when they moved to Scottsdale. Around 1963, he added the Modern Launderette to the operation, with an addition to the west side of the building. Moy opened a second market and launderette at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cocopah Street.

The Modern Food Market is also eligible under Criterion C for its architecture. It is a rare, 20th Century Commercial style building with a pitched truss roof and Chinese motif parapet.

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# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-011 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Nakagawa Residence

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 3955 East Baseline Road

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 301-20-013F

Township: 1S Range: 3E Section: 1 Quarter Section: NE Acreage: 3.6

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 407438 Northing: 3693433 USGS 7.5' quad map: Tempe

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1930  estimated  known source: County Assessor

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Residence -- farm house

Sources: George Kishiyama

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/19/1996

View Direction (looking towards):

South

Negative No.: asam072a.jpg



**SIGNIFICANCE**

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- A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated either with a significant historic event or with a trend or pattern of events important to the history of the nation, the state, or the local community.)
- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

Garage

**INTEGRITY**

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1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)
 

Spanish Colonial Revival style house with irregular plan; flat roof with parapet; small porch with shed roof  
sheathed with clay tile.
3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)
 

Located on former agricultural area in vicinity of South Mountain Park, desert vegetation, canal

Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Agricultural land in the area has been cleared for development, but house remains isolated on large lot
4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)
 

Walls (structure): unknown Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up

Windows: steel casement

If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a

Wall Sheathing: Stucco

If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District

Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

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- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Nakagawa Residence

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Nakagawa Residence is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association as a Japanese farm house under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. In 1939, Ben Nakagawa started a farm on the south side of Baseline Road. He and his family were sent to Poston Relocation Center in 1942, but they returned less than a year later. After the war, he bought several parcels of land south of Baseline Road, and was one of the first Japanese Americans to start growing flowers as a commercial crop. Nakagawa bought this house about the late 1940s. His son, Nick Nakagawa, continued operating the flower gardens until about 2000. The family sold the house to DP Development Holdings in 2005.

NOTE: This property was demolished in May 2007, as the Asian American Historic Property Survey was nearing completion.



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- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

**INTEGRITY**

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made) 20th Century Commercial style building; flat roof with parapet. Repair from fire damage evident. Some windows covered or filled.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property) Corner lot in residential neighborhood  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance: Relatively unchanged; street car terminus was once at this intersection
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
Windows: covered; filled; some fixed sash  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: painted brick  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? unknown
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: Coronado Neighborhood Historic District  
Date Listed: 2/13/1986  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.
- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

New Deal Market/ O. D. Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The New Deal Market/O. D. Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Survey and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a rare example of Chinese commercial and residence complex under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. This property, located in the Coronado Neighborhood Historic District was built around 1928 and owned by W. L. Woodard. It was at the terminus of the streetcar line and was a grocery. After 1930, a grocery and one other business were located in the structure: MacMarr Stores and Mrs. Thora Price's Beauty Shop in 1930; and Sheridan Market (Arthur Wetzler) and A. C. Anderson's barber shop, 1934-35. In 1936, the store was renamed the New Deal Grocery, which was operate first by Bing S. Kwan and then by Foo Y. Yee, c.1939-40. Dong Ong bought the property about 1942 and opened the O. D. Market; a furniture and upholstery shop occupied the western section of the structure through the 1940s. Ong operated the O. D. Market for thirty years before closing the store in 1972. There is a residential apartment in the rear portion of the structure. Dong Ong's two sons, Jason and Jeffrey Ong, still own the property and lease the two commercial sections.

The integrity of the building is fair. The building is a 20th Century Commercial style building. It has a flat roof with parapet. Repair from fire damage evident. Some windows have been covered or filled. There is general deterioration of the masonry at foundation and at the parapet.

The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Phoenix Historic Property Register in 1986, in both instances as a contributor to the Coronado Neighborhood Historic District. This inventory is to update its status as individually eligible under the historic context of Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960.

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# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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### PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-013 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Ong Farm

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 410 North 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 103-26-003C

Township: 1N Range: 2E Section: 6 Quarter Section: SE Acreage: 1.25

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 389744 Northing: 3701927 USGS 7.5' quad map: Fowler

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1930  estimated  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

### STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

### USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sources: Lilly Ong

### PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 11/26/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

West

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- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)  
Two Ranch style residences.

**INTEGRITY**

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
Front gabled with extended secondary roof on north side. Wood frame, with clapboard siding. Steel casement windows no north side, wood double hung on south. Composition roof with exposed rafters. Hipped covered, enclosed porch on west entry.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Agricultural with suburban infill.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Originally agricultural. Residential subdivisions now are encroaching the property.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): concrete block Foundation: unknown Roof: asbestos shingle  
Windows: wood double hung and steel casement  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? wood double hung  
Wall Sheathing: concrete block  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? unknown
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Hipped covered porch

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

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- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Ong Farm

Continuation Sheet No. 1

The Ong Family Farm is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. It is the only remaining Chinese owned agricultural property in Phoenix dating to the historic time period. Chinese grocer and farmer Ong Hung Yen purchased the property for his son William around 1940. William Ong operated a farm here for decades, as well as a dairy.

The property was also an important gathering site for the Chinese American community. In response to accusations that they were unpatriotic because their stores remained open on the Fourth of July, Chinese grocers closed shop in observance of Independence Day. Beginning on July 4, 1937, while their businesses were closed, Chinese families began meeting at Ong Hung Yen's farm on Grand Avenue, for a community picnic with fried chicken, watermelon, and ice cream. After Yen sold his property, the annual Fourth of July moved to his son William's farm where it remained for decades.

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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-014 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Ong Yut Geong Wholesale Warehouse

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 117-121 East Buchanan Street (also 502 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 112-26-050/112-26-052

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 8 Quarter Section: SE Acreage: <1

Block: 13 Lot(s): 9, 11 Plat (Addition): Linville's Addition (resurvey) Year of Plat: 1897

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 400492 Northing: 3700730 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: W. T. Williams / William Peper  not determined  known source: city building permit

Construction Date: 1926/1928  estimated  known source: city building permit

STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration.

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Wholesale produce warehouse, moving company storage

Sources: city directories 1926-1986

Janus Commercial Survey 1984

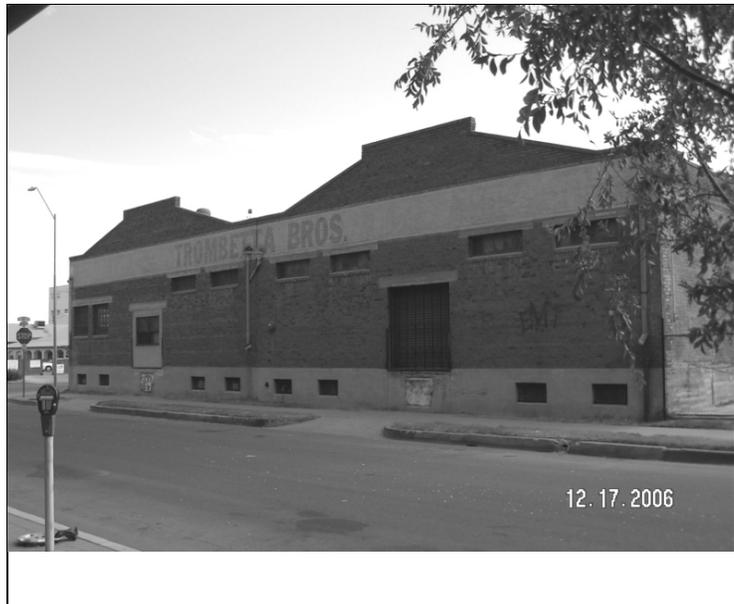
PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 12/17/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southwest

Negative No.: asam132a.jpg



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- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

**INTEGRITY**

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Warehouse style building with gable roof with parapet.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Warehouse area near railroad tracks.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Single family residences are no longer extent in the area, now it is warehouses and multifamily residences.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete Roof: built up  
Windows: 15 light steel awning  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
Wall Sheathing: none  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Built in two parts approximately two years apart.

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: 9/4/1985  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.
- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Ong Yut Geong

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Ong Yut Geong Wholesale Warehouse is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. It is a rare example of a Chinese-owned commercial property, built specifically for rental purposes. The Ong Yut Geong Warehouse is actually two structures built by Henry Ong. Ong owned the Sun Wah Cheang Company at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Buchanan streets. He built the first warehouse at 121 East Buchanan Street in 1926 at a cost of \$17,500. The builder was W. T. Williams. The second warehouse was built by William Peper at 117 East Buchanan Street in 1928 at a cost of \$16,000. Since Ong was not an American citizen, he was unable to own property so he placed the warehouse in the name of his son Robert, whose Cantonese name was Ong Yut Geong. These buildings were immediately leased to others to use as wholesale produce warehouses. The structures were damaged by fire and subsequently repaired in 1937.

This warehouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 under the cover of the Historic Commercial Properties in Central Phoenix. The multiple property nomination documented the evolution of commercial activity in Phoenix from 1880 to 1947. The property was also listed on the Phoenix Historic Property Register in 2000. This inventory form is to update the property's statement of significance on both registers by adding its association with Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960.

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**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION**

Site No: ASAMHPS-015 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Roland's Market

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 1505 E Van Buren Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 116-46-011-A

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 9 Quarter Section: NE Acreage: <1

Block: 1 Lot(s): 11 Plat (Addition): Collins Addition Year of Plat: 1887

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 402507 Northing: 3701615 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1917  estimated  known source: City directories

**STRUCTURAL CONDITION:**

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration.

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

**USES/FUNCTIONS**

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Grocery and residence

Present use is as a grocery

Sources: City directories, 1917-1960

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

**PHOTO INFORMATION**

Date of photo: 10/5/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southeast

Negative No.: asam007a.jpg



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Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Commercial style building; flat roof with parapet; cantilevered wood canopy across full width of  
façade; offset entry; some windows have been filled; pressed tin ceiling
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Commercial area along Van Buren Street.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Recent infill in the vicinity
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
Windows: wood double-hung  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: stucco  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? stucco
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Three-dimensional signage on parapet and free-standing electric sign, c.1940-50s

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

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- More information needed to evaluate

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Roland's Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Roland's Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare example of a Chinese grocery store. Built around 1917, the building served as C. P. La Grange's second hand goods store until 1923, when D. S. Armstrong opened a grocery. From 1929 to 1940, it was operated by local and national grocery chains, including MacMarr (1931-1934) and Pay 'n Takit/Safeway (1935-1941). Roland Ong opened Roland's Market about 1942 and, with his family, operated the store until the late 1970s. The store's current owner is Kwang S. Yoon, and it continues to be operated as a neighborhood grocery.

The building is in fair condition. The store is a 20th Century Commercial style building with a flat roof with parapet and a cantilevered wood canopy across full width of the façade. The walls are brick with some stucco sheathing. Some of the double hung windows are covered; others are filled. The storefront has had some alterations, but enough historic fabric remains to convey the building's significance. The interior has an original pressed metal ceiling. There is some general deterioration.

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## PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-016 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Singh Farm

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 3831 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 113-23-003-C

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 21 Quarter Section: SE Acreage: 22.5

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 401892 Northing: 3697183 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: ca. 1930  estimated  known source: Adam Singh

## STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration; broken windows covered.

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

## USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Farm. residence - farm house

Sources: Adam Singh

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/24/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

East

Negative No.: asam094.jpg



**SIGNIFICANCE**

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- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)  
 Sheds. Used for agricultural purposes. Not historic.

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1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
  2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
The house is a Spanish Colonial Revival-influenced vernacular residence; flat roof with stepped parapet; small arched corner porch.
  3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Mixed use; agricultural, industrial, and residential.  
 Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
It is still farmland, although the property is now within the city limits and surrounded by development.
  4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
 Walls (structure): unknown Foundation: concrete Roof: built up  
 Windows: wood double-hung; covered  
 If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
 Wall Sheathing: stucco  
 If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
  5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)
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**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
 Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

Property  is  is not eligible individually.  
 Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.  
 More information needed to evaluate  
 If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Singh Farm

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Singh Farm is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. It is the only remaining historic Asian Indian farm in Phoenix. Jiwan Singh, a native of Punjab, purchased about thirty acres south of the Salt River in 1938. After working in Texas and Arizona's Gila Valley, Singh moved his family to this property in 1946, where they ran cattle, operated a dairy, and grew vegetables and cotton. His descendants still own the property and continue to use it for small-scale farming and ranching.

The farmhouse is located just off of 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the front of a lot measuring over twenty acres. The house is in fair shape. It is a Spanish Colonial Revival-influenced vernacular residence with a flat roof and stepped parapet. It is rectangular in plan and has an arched corner porch at the front. Some of the windows are covered due to storm damage.

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**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION**

Site No: ASAMHPS-017 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): South Phoenix Market

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 4314 South Central Avenue

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 113-07-121A

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 20 Quarter Section: SW Acreage: 6.25

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 400235 Northing: 3696828 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1948  estimated  known source: city directory

**STRUCTURAL CONDITION:**

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration.

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

**USES/FUNCTIONS**

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

grocery store and residence

Sources: City directories, 1948-1960

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

**PHOTO INFORMATION**

Date of photo: 10/25/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

West

Negative No.: asam108a.jpg



**SIGNIFICANCE**

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- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)  
adjacent liquor store and house in behind the store.

**INTEGRITY**

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Commercial style building; flat roof with parapet; cantilevered canopy across full width of façade; offset entry with band of display windows
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Mixed residential and commercial area.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Central Avenue is a major through street; recent infill in the vicinity.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
Windows: fixed aluminum frame  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: stucco and painted brick  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? unknown
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
decorative tile band at base of façade wall

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.
- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

South Phoenix Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This property is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places for its association as a Chinese grocery under the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. Poy Ong started the store in 1948. Poy Ong was a cousin of Henry Ong who operated the Sun Wah Cheang & Company grocery store on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Buchanan streets. When Henry temporarily moved with his family to China, Poy Ong took over the business. He operated the Buchanan store until 1948, when he started the South Phoenix Market. Poy was working at the store and living in the rear until at least 1960. City directories have the store listed in Poy Ong's name as late as 2000. The store is currently owned by members of the Ong family.

# CITY OF PHOENIX

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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### PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-018 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): Sun Mercantile Company Warehouse

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 230 South 3rd Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 112-27-114

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 8 Quarter Section: NE Acreage: 7.7

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): 1 Plat (Addition): America West Arena Year of Plat: 1991

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 400620 Northing: 3700954 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: E. W. Bacon  Not determined  known source: Janus Survey 1984

Builder: Wells & Sons  not determined  known source: Janus Survey 1984

Construction Date: 1929  estimated  known source: Janus Survey 1984

### STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

### USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Produce warehouse, athletic club

Sources: City directories, 1930-1952

### PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/6/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Northwest

Negative No.: asam020.jpg



**SIGNIFICANCE**

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- B. PERSONS (On a continuation sheet describe how the property is associated with the life of a person significant in the past.)
- C. ARCHITECTURE (On a continuation sheet describe how the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.)

Outbuildings: (Describe any other buildings or structures on the property and whether they may be considered historic.)  
A large sports arena is located on the property. It is not historic.

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- 1. LOCATION  Original Site  Moved date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
20th Century Commercial style with pedimented parapet and pitched truss roof.
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Warehouse district, sports arenas and parking structures.  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Warehouse is the last remaining structure from city's Chinatown.
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete Roof: built up  
Windows: steel awnings at clerestory  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? n/a  
Wall Sheathing: none  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? n/a
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

Individually listed  Contributor  Non-contributor to: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District  
Date Listed: 9/4/1985  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

- Property  is  is not eligible individually.
- Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a potential historic district.
- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM COMPLETED BY**

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

Sun Mercantile Company Warehouse

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Sun Mercantile Company Warehouse is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare example of a Chinese American built and owned wholesale produce warehouse, and is the last remaining structure from the city's second Chinatown.

The Sun Mercantile is located at what was the east end of Phoenix's second Chinatown. The Chinese relocated in the late 1890s from along 1<sup>st</sup> street in downtown Phoenix to a location between Madison and Jackson and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets. Chinatown was a bustling community within the city with restaurants, specialty stores, and Chinese organizations. In the late 1930s, when more of the Chinese were establishing successful businesses elsewhere, people began leaving Chinatown. By 1945, Chinatown was nearly abandoned. The Sun Mercantile represents the last vestige of Phoenix's Chinatown.

The building is also eligible under Criterion B for its association with Tang Shing, a prominent Chinese American business leader in Phoenix. Tang Shing was born in Hoiping, Canton, China, and came to Phoenix in 1910. He took over an uncle's grocery store, the Sun Quong Hi, at 529 South 7th Avenue, when the latter returned to China. Around 1912, Tang set up a new grocery business at 622 South 7th Avenue. He married an American-born woman, Lucy Sing, in 1914, and continued to operate the store for almost twenty years, until 1929, when he built the \$80,000 warehouse at Jackson and Third streets. His Sun Mercantile Company soon became the largest wholesale grocery house in Phoenix, not only supplying local groceries, but shipping produce to communities throughout Arizona. Tang was one of the founders of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in the late 1930s.

This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 under the cover the Historic Commercial Properties in Central Phoenix. The multiple property nomination documented the evolution of commercial activity in Phoenix from 1880 to 1947. The property was also listed on the Phoenix Historic Property Register in 1987. This inventory form is to update its statement of significance on both registers by adding its association with Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960 and its association with Tang Shing.

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**HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Site No: ASAMHPS-019 Survey Area: Asian American Historic Property Survey

Historic Name(s): T and T Market

(Enter the name(s), if any, that best reflects the property's historic importance.)

Address: 2145 E Van Buren Street

City or Town: Phoenix  vicinity County: Maricopa Tax Parcel No.: 115-02-083

Township: 1N Range: 3E Section: 10 Quarter Section: NE Acreage: <1

Block: 2 Lot(s): 1 Plat (Addition): ARB Year of Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM reference: Zone: 12 Easting: 403964 Northing: 3701615 USGS 7.5' quad map: Phoenix

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known source: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Date: 1939  estimated  known source: City directory

STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

Good (Well-maintained; no serious problems apparent)

Fair (Some problems apparent) Describe: General deterioration

Poor (Major problems; imminent threat) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

USES/FUNCTIONS

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use:

Grocery and residence.

Restaurant.

Sources: City directories, 1940-1960

Chinese Directory of Arizona, 1950

PHOTO INFORMATION

Date of photo: 10/5/2006

View Direction (looking towards):

Southwest

Negative No.: asam012.jpg



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- 2. DESIGN (Describe alterations from the original design, including dates—known or estimated—when alterations were made)  
Moderne style building with flat roof and parapet; lean-to porch has been added to the east side of the building
- 3. SETTING (Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property)  
Commercial area along Van Buren Street  
  
Describe how the setting has changed since the property's period of significance:  
Recent infill and freeway built in the vicinity
- 4. MATERIALS (Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property)  
Walls (structure): brick Foundation: concrete slab Roof: built up  
Windows: steel clerestory; wood double-hung  
If the windows have been altered, what were they originally? unknown  
Wall Sheathing: painted brick  
If the sheathing has been altered, what was it originally? unpainted brick
- 5. WORKMANSHIP (Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction)  
Decorative raised linear patterns in the masonry on façade

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS** (if listed, check the appropriate box)

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Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by keeper of National Register date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY** (opinion of HPO staff or survey consultant)

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- More information needed to evaluate

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF PHOENIX  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

T and T Market

Continuation Sheet No. 1

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The T and T Market is eligible for the Phoenix Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the historic context Asian Americans in Phoenix, 1870-1960. The property is a rare example of a Chinese owned-grocery with a residence in the rear of the building.

The grocery was operated by Teng Ching Tang, an immigrant from Hoi Ping, Canton, China, from 1939-1971. The Tang family sold the property in 1991. It is currently being used as a Mexican food restaurant.