

Adam Smith House
Clifton Townsite
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Location:

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Significance:

Associated with merchant Adam Smith and with the development of Clifton.

Description:

This single-story wood frame house sits on a small lot with mature landscaping surrounding it. A low chain link fence surrounds the property. The house was probably originally a National Folk style home of the Gable-Front substyle. Early additions to the south and east sides have altered this appearance. The roof to this house has a cross-gable form. Most of the windows are wood, double-hung, with a one-over-one pattern. A front veranda porch appears at the main entry to the house while a small entry porch appears at the rear. Exterior materials include wood siding and asphalt shingles. Modern siding has been added to the foundation.

History:

This dwelling was constructed ca. 1901 by merchant Adam Smith on land leased from the Arizona Copper Company. Adam Smith arrived in Clifton on March 25, 1887. He formed the J.&A. Smith Store and worked as a merchant in many locations in Clifton and Chase creek for the next thirty years. A member of the Scottish community, Smith and his wife were active in Clifton social affairs.¹

Sources (endnotes):

1. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps 1901, 1904, 1908, 1914, 1931; Arizona Copper Company 1920 base map; Arizona Copper Company lease records at University of Arizona Special Collections; Copper Era November 3, 1916 (I, 9: 2); March 7, 1919 (I, 5: 4); July 11, 1919 (I, 3: 1); August 21, 1926 (I, 1: 2),

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