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**Location:**

Clifton Townsite, Park Avenue, Clifton, Greenlee County, Arizona

**Significance:**

Associated with commerce in Clifton and the development of Clifton.

**Description:**

This two-story Neoclassical style building sits among a block of commercial buildings along Park Avenue. The original building, some thirty feet wide, has been expanded with a sensitive addition to the southwest. The roof is centered over the original building mass and is hipped, with a central gabled dormer/ventilator, and has asphalt shingle roofing. The southwest front features veranda porches at the first and second floors. Two bays of the veranda align with the original building, and one additional bay was added to the side in front of the addition. A modern wrought-iron guard rail appears at both the ground floor and second floor porches. A slump block base and ramp have been added to the porch. Entries are centered in the original building at each floor. Windows are wood, double-hung, with a one-over-one pattern. An wooden staircase is located at the southeast side of the building. The building has been sheathed with modern aluminum siding. A modern addition has been made to the back of the building.

**History:**

This two story building was constructed in 1907 by Charles F. Pascoe as his undertaking parlor. C.F. Pascoe arrived in Clifton from the mining town of Globe where several brothers were in business. Pascoe first located his undertaking parlor in the Chase Creek area of Clifton, but after the Chase Creek flood of June 1903 moved his business to the east side. Here he constructed what an observer called "handsome parlors." As luck would have it, this second location was heavily damaged by the flood of December 1906. In May of 1907 Pascoe reached an agreement with the Arizona Copper Company for an exclusive undertaking contract for the town. The A.C. Company quit the business and would no longer sell coffins. With this guarantee in hand, Pascoe felt comfortable in investing in a new building. By June of 1907 lumber began arriving to erect a two story undertaking parlor. The parlor and embalming rooms would occupy the first floor with Pascoe's residence on the second. Brother T. A. Pascoe of Globe was the construction foreman for the building.<sup>1</sup>

C.F. Pascoe operated his funeral home on the east side until 1939 when he sold the business and moved to Springerville. Pascoe died in 1945. Several other funeral home operators have conducted business in the building since that time. These include the McMillan Funeral Home, the Lewallen Funeral Home, and the Botimer Funeral Home.<sup>2</sup>

**Sources (endnotes):**

1. Copper Era June 25, 1903 (I, 3: 1); December 13, 1906 (I, 1: 1-5); May 23, 1907 (I, 3: 2); June 6, 1907 (I, 2: 1).
2. For additional information on Pascoe, see his obituary "Charles F. Pascoe Dies at Clifton," Phoenix Gazette February 19, 1945 (I, 13: 4).

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