

Supreme Court

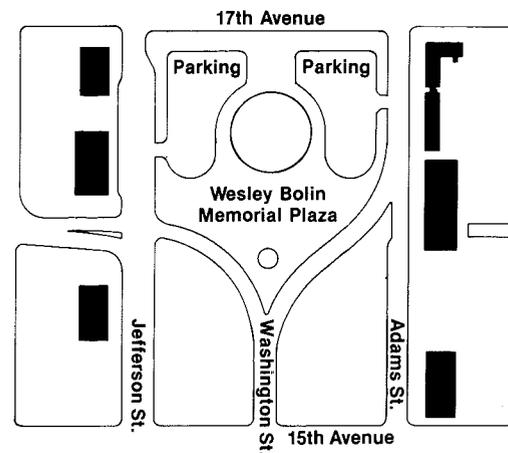
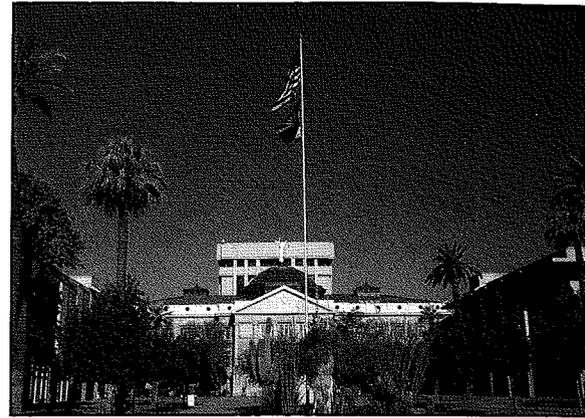
The Supreme Court Chamber off the rotunda is quite small; the historical record does not clearly indicate that the Courts actually occupied this space. In Territorial times, the justices and their clerks did maintain offices in the building however, in order to have ready access to the law library. Today the Court Chamber hosts Museum programs.



Winged Victory

The quarter-ton sculpture which crowns the gleaming copper dome of the Capitol Museum is visible for miles. Over the years, this large wind vane has had several names, including the Goddess of Liberty and Madame de Vauntre, but the current name is Winged Victory.

Installed in 1899, the statue is modeled in classic Greek style; the torch in the right hand represents liberty, while the left hand holds the laurel wreath of victory. The figure is a fitting choice for the seat of government, for as Winged Victory turns with the desert winds, so Arizona turns with the winds of political change.



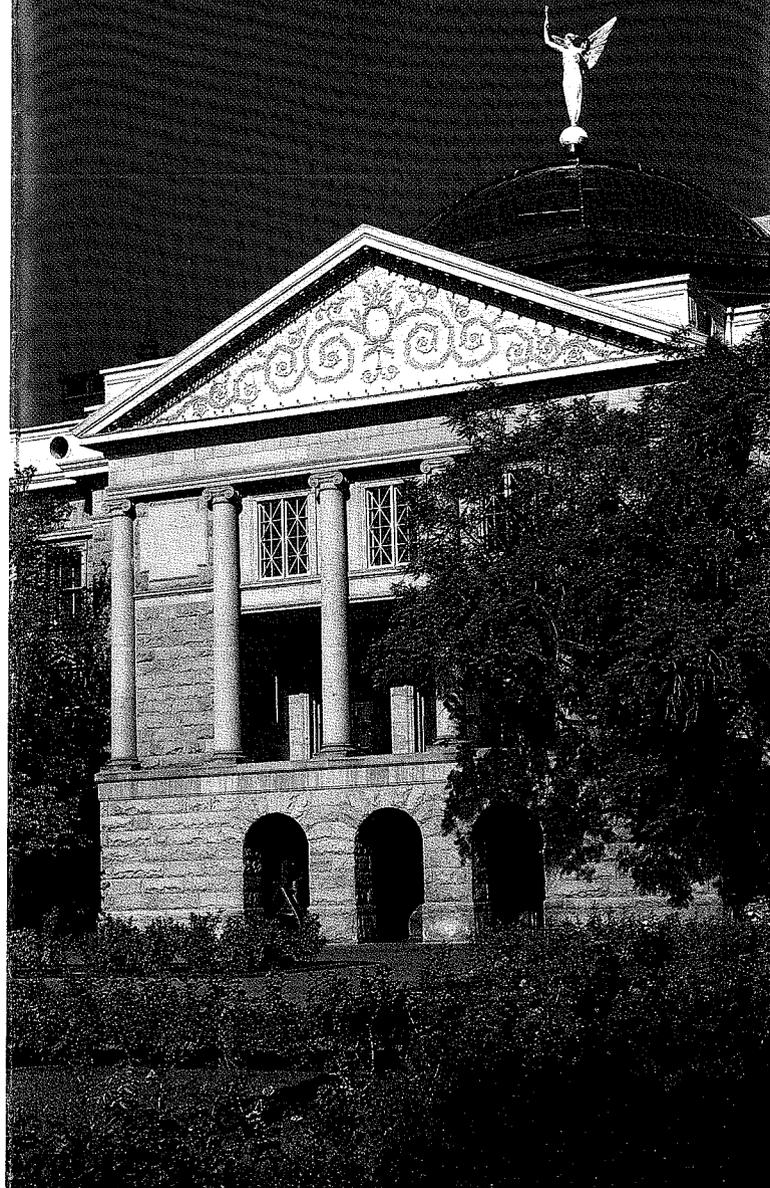
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 Museum Division of
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 1700 W. Washington
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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 please call for a tour reservation

The Museum is completely handicapped accessible.

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ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM



Our Territorial and State Capitol

The building now known as the Arizona State Capitol Museum was constructed in 1899 to house the Arizona Territorial Government. Arizona quarries provided malapai, granite and tuff stone to erect the structure and, in 1976, the state's copper industry donated 15 tons of copper to clad the dome.

The Territorial Assembly occupied the building from 1901 through 1912. In 1910, the Constitutional Convention came together in the Assembly chambers to draft a state constitution. With statehood, the building became the Arizona State Capitol, on February 14, 1912.

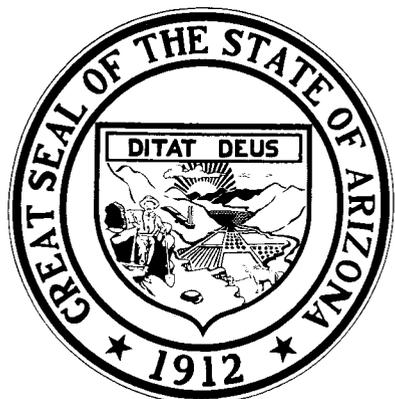


With the passing years and increasing state population, the functions of state government inevitably outgrew the building. In 1974, state officials moved to adjoining quarters. The Capitol building was then designated a museum, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the same year.

A thoughtful yet ambitious restoration program commenced in 1976, with efforts both to preserve the structure and to effectively present Arizona's governmental history to the people. The renovation was completed in 1981 at a cost of slightly less than \$4 million.

State Seal

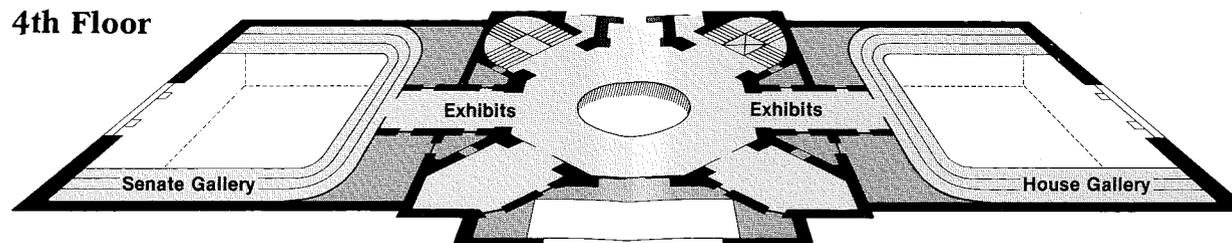
Upon entering the Capitol Museum, visitors encounter the rotunda, with its impressive mosaic tile rendering of the State Seal inlaid into the floor. Lying 116 feet directly beneath the copper dome, the tile design depicts three of the five "Cs" important to Arizona's economy. While Copper, Climate and Cotton appear clearly, for reasons lost to posterity, Cattle and Citrus were not included. The seal also displays the state motto "Ditat Deus," Latin for "God Enriches." A few steps down the north corridor will bring visitors to the inviting Museum Gift Shop and a turn-of-the-century Refreshment Parlor.



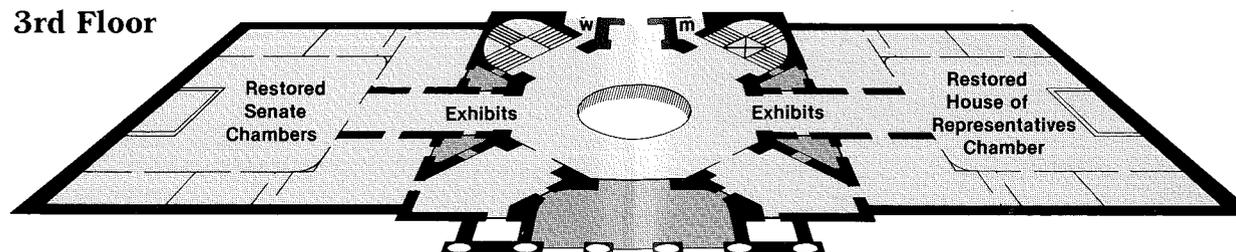
Second Floor

A trip to the Second Floor offers visitors a look at Executive Branch offices as they appeared in 1912. From his chair in the large corner office, first state Governor George W.P. Hunt seems about to speak to those who enter. Portraits of the Territorial governors line the adjacent north wing hallway. Across the rotunda in the south wing is the former Library, now used for traveling exhibits. This room was once described as "the handsomest room in the Capitol" with its striking stenciled ceiling. The Secretary of State office is also in the south wing.

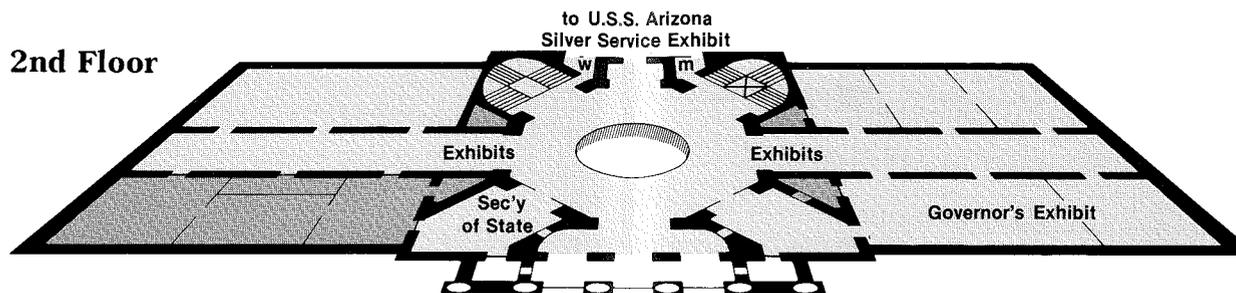
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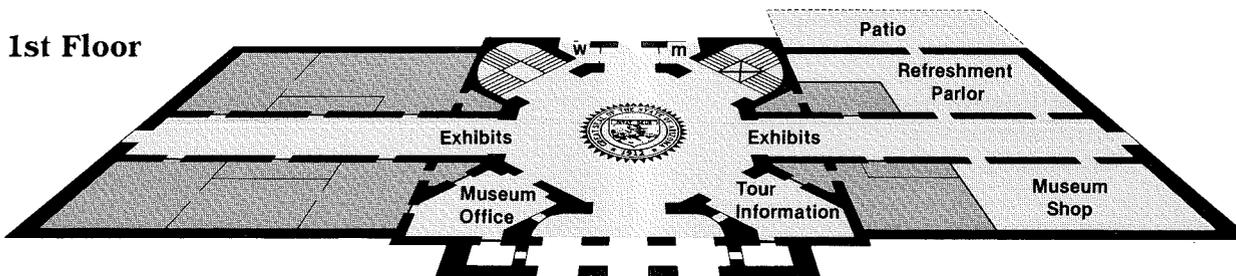
3rd Floor



2nd Floor

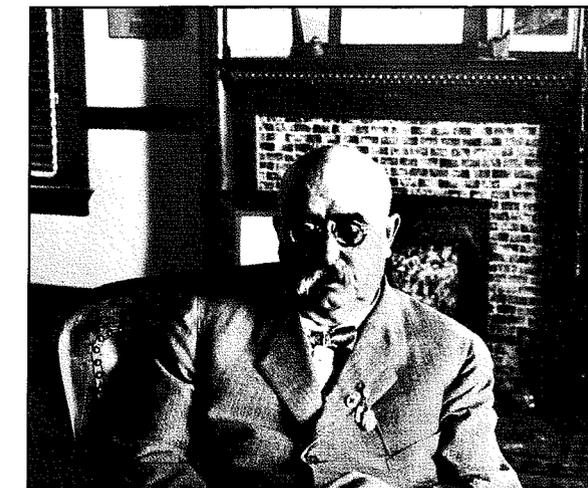


1st Floor



Arizona State CAPITOL MUSEUM

- Tour area and Exhibits
- Non-public areas
- Restrooms located adjacent to stairwells on first 3 floors
- Elevator located in northwest stairwell



Third Floor

The Third Floor of the Capitol housed the Legislative and Judicial Branches. The north and south wings include the restored Senate chamber and that of the House of Representatives. Like the furnishings throughout the building, the carpet and light fixtures here are 1912 originals or reproductions, but these items cannot duplicate the hustle and bustle which must have accompanied each legislative session. Visitors to the room occasionally perceive a strange hush, which seems to await the sharp rap of a gavel.

