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HOUSE OF TRICKS (MANLEY COTTAGE) + WALKER HOUSE

114-118 EAST SEVENTH STREET

The House of Tricks combines two rehabilitated historic houses on a 0.52-acre site into a unique dining experience. The current owners purchased the Manley Cottage in 1987 and later acquired the adjoining Walker House. The structures were visually and functionally linked by trellis structures, dining patios and an outdoor bar.

The Walker House was built in 1903 by Harry Walker, groundskeeper for Tempe Normal School. It was later used as a rental property and an architect's office. Stylistically, the house is a transition from the Victorian to the Bungalow periods. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The Manley Cottage was built in 1920, commissioned by Mrs. Elizabeth Manley as a rental property. Its Bungalow styling features bracketed eaves and massive porch posts. The house was later used for a variety of businesses.

The basic rehabilitation was completed in 1994, followed by minor additions and renovations. The project received Tempe Beautification Awards of Merit in 1982 (Walker House Rehab), 1991 (Manley Cottage Rehab) and 1995 (connecting trellis & bar).

public role: privately-funded rehabilitation

developer: Robert & Robin Trick

architect: rehab: Michael Wilson Kelly, Tempe

builder: rehab: Patton-Johnson Construction, Tempe and others

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