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## TEMPE BAKERY-HACKETT HOUSE

401-405 WEST FOURTH STREET  
95 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE

Built in 1888, the Tempe Bakery - Hackett House is the oldest brick commercial building in Maricopa County. The first occupant was baker William Hilge, who sold his wares on the ground floor of the northern building, which he lived above, and baked in the rear/southern building. Injured, economically by the defection of an employee who started the competing Vienna Bakery, and physically by a fall, Hilge committed suicide in 1905. The property was purchased by the Craig family in 1907 and served as their residence. Estelle Craig, Tempe's first telephone operator, later married Roy Hackett and they continued to live in the converted bakery.

Purchased by the City in 1974, the structures were restored to their 1912 appearance in 1981. An events plaza with restrooms and a kitchen was added. Today the Hackett House serves as a 2000 square-foot hospitality center and gift shop for the Tempe Sister Cities Corporation, providing visitor information and displays depicting Tempe's sister cities.

The 0.2-acre property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and on the Tempe Historic Property Register in 1997. The restoration received a Tempe Beautification Award of Merit in 1982.

**public role:** City acquisition of property and relocation of tenants. All restoration work, as well as the addition of new support facilities were funded by the City; facility maintenance by City.

**developer:** original: Tempe Land & Improvement Co.; restoration: City of Tempe

**architect:** restoration: Janus Associates

**builder:** restoration: Patton Construction

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