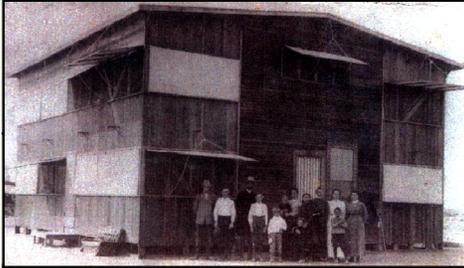
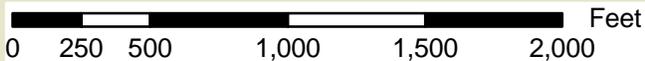
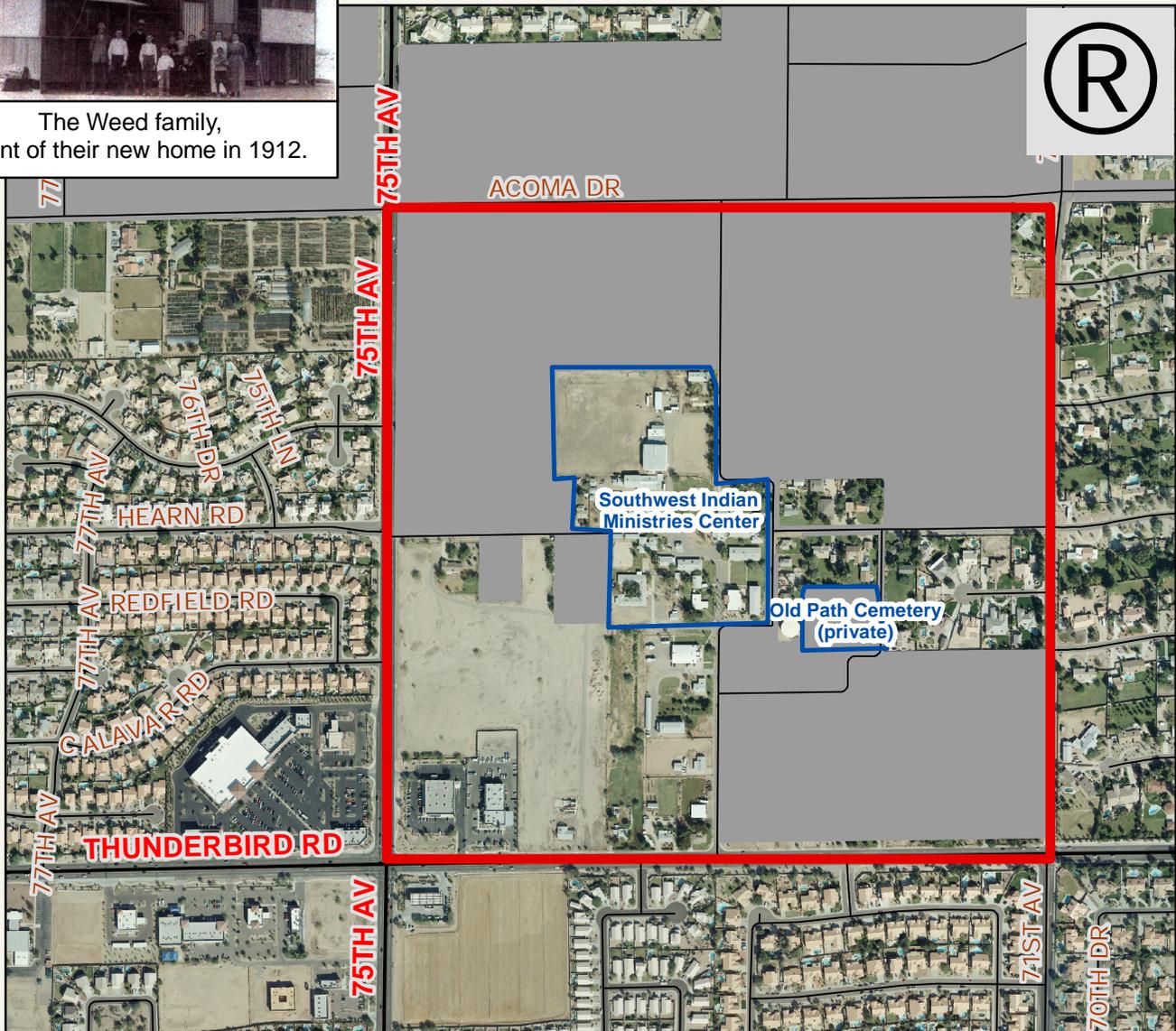


Historic Peoria Places - Weedville -



The Weed family,
in front of their new home in 1912.



In the early 1900's, Rev. Ora Weed, along with his family and a few followers, homesteaded in the area north of Thunderbird Rd. and 75th Ave. outside of Peoria's city limits at that time. Rev. Weed established the Old Path Church, cemetery, and boarding school. To support this small religious community that was developing in what would be called "Weedville", Rev. Weed ran a farm that produced broomcorn. Followers and hired hands, many of whom were ex-convicts, formed the stalks of broomcorn into brooms that were sold throughout the community. Much of the area known as "Weedville" is located in pockets of unincorporated land under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. All areas within Weedville that are shown in gray on the map are unincorporated, including the Old Path Cemetery.