

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial
 HISTORIC NAME: Sun Mercantile Building
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 232 S. Third Street
 CITY/TOWN: Phoenix
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112-27-87, 89
 OWNER: Thomas A. & Doris J. Meyer
 OWNER ADDRESS: 230 S. 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
 HISTORIC USE: Produce Warehouse
 PRESENT USE: Warehouse
 BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
 STYLE: 20th Century Commercial
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1929
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Wells & Sons, Contractors
E.W. Bacon, Architect
 INTEGRITY: altered minor
 CONDITION: fair/cosmetic problems

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 25-6
 USGS QUAD: Phoenix
 T 1N R 3E S 8 / NE 1/4 OF THE 1/4
 UTM Zone 12 Easting 400710 Northing 3700000

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: pitched truss (2 bays)
 ROOF SHEATHING: built up
 EAVES TREATMENT: pedimented parapet
 WINDOWS: metal awnings at clerestory
 ENTRY: 2 loading dock bays at East
 PORCHES: 2 loading dock bays at South
 STOREFRONTS: no

DESCRIPTION

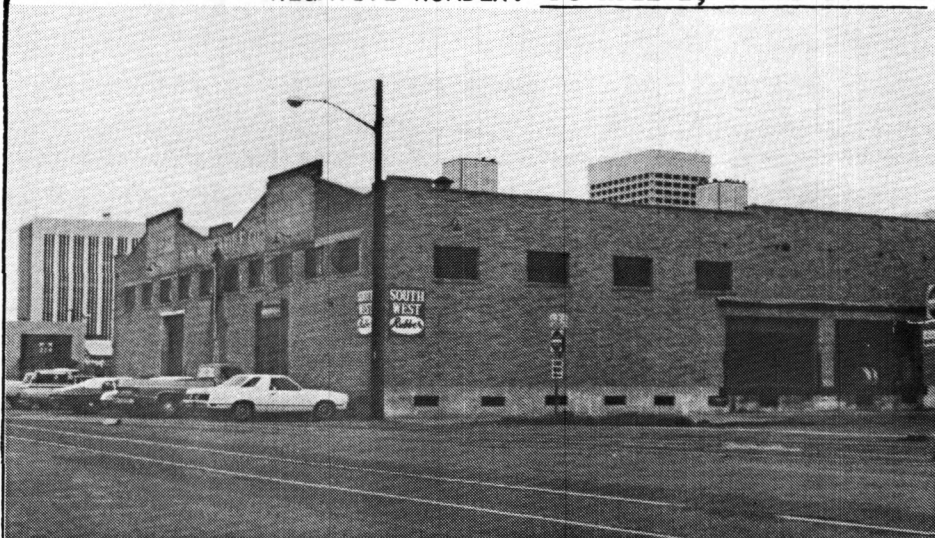
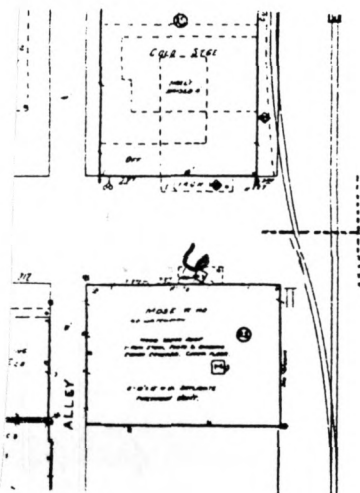
STORIES: 1B DIMENSIONS: (l) 100 (w) 140
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete
 WALL SHEATHING: exposed brick
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: NA

NOTABLE INTERIOR: exposed trusses (steel and steelpost)/concrete floor
 OUTBUILDINGS: no
 ALTERATIONS: no

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Francissen
 DATE: August 1983 VIEW: SW
 NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll I, Frame 14

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING ___ ECONOMICS ___
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT ___ GOVERNMENTAL ___ MILITARY ___ RELIGION ___ SCIENCE ___
THEATRE ___ TRANSPORTATION ___ TOURISM ___ OTHER(specify) ___

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built for Tang Shing, pioneer Chinese mer-
cantilist, in 1929 as main office and warehouse. Opened first Phoenix store in 1911.
RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Commercial development along the railroad tracks.
CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Only known warehouse built and owned by Chinese businessman.
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE _____
MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL _____
ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL Entire building was equipped with water sprinkler system and
fire alarms tied to city alarm system.
DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION _____

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

Architect E.W. Bacon, City of Phoenix building inspector and building administrator
c. 1920s.
Tang Shing, originally of Canton, China, is one of Phoenix's most successful
Oriental grocers.
See MRA text, Item 8, page 37.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL ___ RESIDENTIAL STREET ___ COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE ___
CBD: ___ OTHER: Warehouse

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Arizona Republic: 6/10/28 3, 1:1-4; 4/9/29 2, 1:1; 4/9/29 2, 5:1; 6/14/32 1, 5:5
Phoenix Gazette: 9/14/54 14:2-3

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____
NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: _____
LISTED ___ DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE ___ NOT EVALUATED ___

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison etal SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984