

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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RECEIVED MAR 6 1975
DATE ENTERED APR 24 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bonelli House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Spring and 5th Street

CITY, TOWN

Kingman

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Arizona

CODE

04

COUNTY

Mohave

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: none

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Kingman

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kingman

VICINITY OF

STATE

Arizona

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mohave County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kingman

STATE

Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
FAIR
DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house George Bonelli built in 1916 was identical in plan to the one his father had constructed at Bonelli's Landing years before. The foundation of the burned house was used for the new one. The tufa stone was milled and hewn by Bonelli himself at a quarry in the canyon three miles north of town.

Bonelli had concluded that fireplaces were hazardous so the new house was heated by coal and wood stoves with very carefully built chimneys.

The lot has 100' on Spring Street and 125' on Fifth Street. It is a 2-story house of tufa with a concrete foundation. Interior walls are wood stud with plaster and the 10' ceilings are also plastered. The wiring and plumbing are original, as are the stove and sink in the kitchen. Much of the original furniture is still in use.

The house has a hipped roof with dormers and is bordered on three sides by a 6' veranda and galerie. The galerie is supported by 8x8 wooden pillars.

The walls of the first floor are 14" thick and on the second floor they are 12". The total floor space is 2,520 square feet. All floors are wood. The ground floor contains a living room, a parlor, a bath, a kitchen, and a dining room. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, a drawing room, and a bath.

The house needs some repair work but is basically sound.

Mohave County Courthouse

Arizona

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

FEDERAL COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY TOWN STATE

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Based on information supplied by the City of Kingman

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bonelli House is an interesting 2-story house of local stone built in 1916.

Daniel Bonelli, a Swiss stonemason, came to Utah with a group of Mormons. In 1875 he went to Arizona and purchased the ferry at a spot on the Colorado River which became known as Bonelli's Landing. He had a farm there and built a stone house. Both are now covered by Lake Mead.

Bonelli's son, George, moved to Kingman and built a 2-story wooden house in 1894, soon after his marriage. His seven sons and two daughters were born in that house, which was one of the earliest structures in the city. In 1915 the house burned to the ground and Bonelli decided to build a stone house on the same lot. The new house was well suited to Kingman's desert climate. The thick walls provided insulation and the verandas provided shade.

George Bonelli was a prominent citizen of Kingman. His father had given him Quail Springs Ranch as a wedding present and he gradually increased the property to include 28 springs and approximately 100 square miles of grazing land. He had a meat market in Chloride and built and operated a general store in Kingman. The second floor of the Bonelli Building was a rooming house.

In his later years, he opened a jewelry store where he did very elaborate engraving.

The City of Kingman now owns the Bonelli House and is restoring it.

DATE 2-26-75

DATE APR 28 1975

DENNIS MCCARTHY

TITLE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

HERBERT GERTZ, THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Arizona	
COUNTY Mohave	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 24 1975

(Number all entries)

8. Significance **Bonelli House**

The Bonelli House design is admirably suited for the hot summers of Mohave County and is of a style common throughout the tropical colonies of European nations.



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"HISTORIC BUILDING FORM"

SHPO INVENTORY NO. _____

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Kingman Historic Resources Survey

HISTORIC NAME: Bonelli House

ADDRESS/LOCATION: 5th at Spring
Kingman

CITY/TOWN: _____

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 303-08-167A

OWNER: City of Kingman

OWNER ADDRESS: 310 N. 4th Street
Kingman, AZ 86401

HISTORIC USE: house

PRESENT USE: museum

BUILDING TYPE: house

STYLE: Neo-Colonial Revival

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1916

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: George Bonelli

INTEGRITY: unaltered

CONDITION: excellent/restored

COUNTY: Mohave SURVEY SITE: 5-26

USGS QUAD: Kingman Quadrangle

T 21N R 17W S 24 / SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE $\frac{1}{4}$

UTM Zone 11, E-768560, N-3898040

Description (contd.)

ROOF TYPE: hip - hip roof dormers

ROOF SHEATHING: unknown

EAVES TREATMENT: closed

WINDOWS: 1/1 double hung, wood frame

ENTRY: central in north and east facades
first and second stories.

PORCHES: first and second story - wood
posts from porch floor to roof

STOREFRONTS: _____

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (1) (w)

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: stone-tufa

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

WALL SHEATHING: none

NOTABLE INTERIOR: restored for museum

OUTBUILDINGS: none

ALTERATIONS: converted to museum

APPLIED ORNAMENT: second story gallery and balustrade - cupola square with four

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: J. Garrison

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) Architecture

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built by George Bonelli, prominent Kingman citizen. Bonelli operated a large ranch, general store, and jewelry store (below)

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT _____

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS _____

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Classical depiction of Neo-Colonial Revival style.

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL Built of locally quarried tufa.

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL _____

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION _____

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

in Kingman, and meat market in Chloride. His father was a Swiss stonemason. George Bonelli lived in Kingman from 1894 and raised a large family there. His original home burned in 1915, prompting the construction of this house.

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Nomination to National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Office.

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED X DETERMINED ELIGIBLE ___ DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE ___ NOT EVALUATED ___
 4/24/75

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

Ref: Kingman MRA
 Item 7, p. 5
 Item 8, p. 17

SURVEYOR Garrison/Myers SURVEY DATE April 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED July 25, 1984