

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

SURVEY AREA NAME: Phoenix Commercial
HISTORIC NAME: Yaun Ah Gim Groceries
ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1002 S. 4th Avenue
CITY/TOWN: Phoenix
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 112/17/118
OWNER: Yaun Quan Shee & Jet Yaun Ong
OWNER ADDRESS: 1002 S. 4th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003
HISTORIC USE: store
PRESENT USE: vacant
BUILDING TYPE: Commercial
STYLE: 20th Century Commercial
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1919
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
INTEGRITY: original site/altered minor
CONDITION: fair/cosmetic problems

DESCRIPTION

STORIES: 1 DIMENSIONS: (l)50 (w) 40
STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: brick
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: _____
WALL SHEATHING: paint
APPLIED ORNAMENT: segmental arches at openings

COUNTY: Maricopa SURVEY SITE: 43-1
USGS QUAD: Phoenix
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UTM Zone 12 Easting 399715 Northing 3700

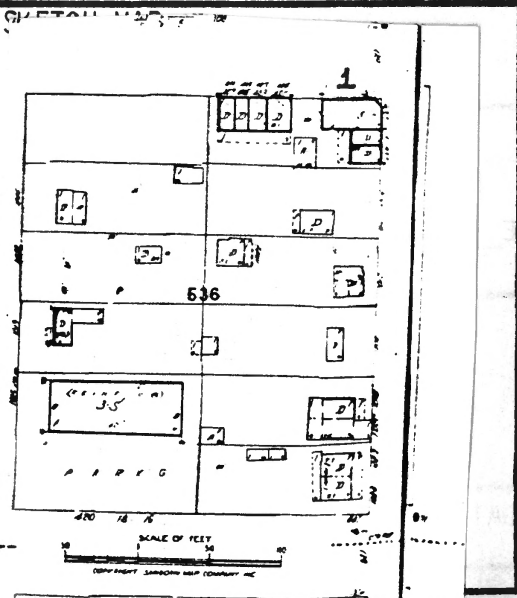
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ROOF TYPE: flat
ROOF SHEATHING: built up
EAVES TREATMENT: parapet
WINDOWS: wood
ENTRY: corner
PORCHES: no
STOREFRONTS: display window E. facade

NOTABLE INTERIOR: _____
OUTBUILDINGS: _____
ALTERATIONS: window openings boarded shut

PHOTOGRAPH

PHOTOGRAPHER: Francissen
DATE: August 1983 VIEW: SW
NEGATIVE NUMBER: PC Roll F, Frame 18



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Two sets of early row dwellings on site date from 1911. The buildings are constructed of concrete block and may be earliest concrete block dwellings in Phoenix.

Row dwelling with 4 units to the west and row of 2 units immediately adjacent store are integral part of site. Only the brick construction market is nominated.

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) The residence and grocery store of Ah Gim Yaun from 1919 to 1959.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Association with early Chinese Community in Phoenix
Typical of neighborhood commercial development in Phoenix.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS Representative of the settlement of Chinese from 1890s. The Chinese population constituted a strong economic force in Phoenix.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION Rare physical vestige of early Chinese markets.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

One of the few remaining buildings known to be occupied, and possibly erected, by a Chinese resident/businessman in Phoenix. Ah Gim Yaun, born in San Francisco, moved to Phoenix in 1911. At that time he set up residence at 401 W. Tonto. In 1919 he opened a grocery store in the same block, on the corner of Tonto & 4th Avenue, adjacent to his home.

See MRA text, Item 8, pages 38,66,67.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL RESIDENTIAL STREET COMMERCIAL CENTRAL SQUARE

CBD: OTHER: Neighborhood

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

Phoenix Directory
Sanborn Maps

Arizona Republic 3/28/59 41:5

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS:

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED DETERMINED ELIGIBLE DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE NOT EVALUATED

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

SURVEYOR J. Garrison et al SURVEY DATE May 1984 DATE FORM COMPLETED May 1984

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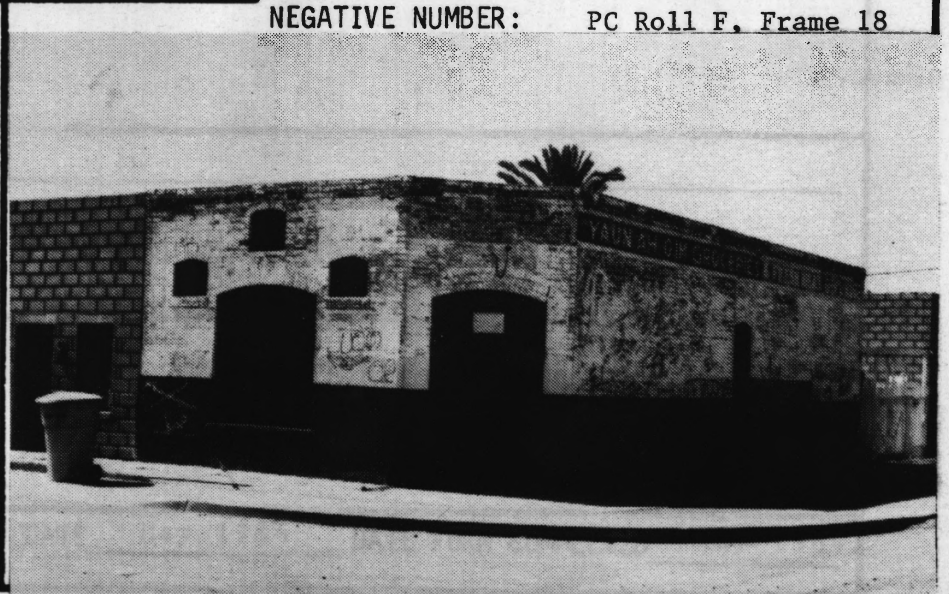
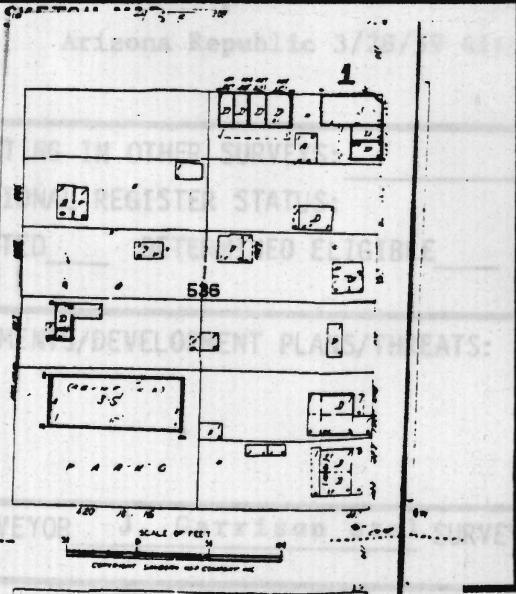
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FOUNDATION MATERIAL:
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ALTERATIONS: early dwellings on site, windows filled.

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