

# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

**IDENTIFICATION**

SURVEY AREA NAME: Kingman Historic Resources  
 HISTORIC NAME: W.A. Gruninger Building  
 ADDRESS/LOCATION: 424 Beale  
 CITY/TOWN: Kingman  
 TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 303-08-41  
 OWNER: Central Commercial Co.  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 2nd & Topeka  
Kingman, Arizona  
 HISTORIC USE: commercial  
 PRESENT USE: vacant  
 BUILDING TYPE: commercial  
 STYLE: 20th Century Commercial  
 CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1921  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: W.A. Gruninger & Son,  
 INTEGRITY: original site/unaltered  
 CONDITION: good/maintained

COUNTY: Mohave SURVEY SITE: 8-2  
 USGS QUAD: Kingman Quadrangle  
 T 21N R 17W S 24 / SW 1/4 OF THE 1/4  
 UTM Zone 11, E-768520, N-3897810

**Description (contd.)**

ROOF TYPE: flat  
 ROOF SHEATHING: built up  
 EAVES TREATMENT: flat parapet sides and  
front gable cornice  
 WINDOWS: prism glass over doors and window  
glass display windows in original wood,  
windows, 2nd floor  
 ENTRY: offset, single door, 1 lite in wood  
frame, original hardware, single replacem  
 PORCHES: door for second story entry  
 STOREFRONTS: 1 bay flanked by 2 large  
fixed display windows, flush  
 NOTABLE INTERIOR: original tin ceiling, or  
floor under tile  
 OUTBUILDINGS: none  
 ALTERATIONS: addition at rear

**DESCRIPTION**

STORIES: 2 DIMENSIONS: (l) 55, (w) 25  
 STRUCTURAL MATERIAL: cast-in-place, concrete  
front, brick rear  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete  
 WALL SHEATHING: paint  
 APPLIED ORNAMENT: gable cornice - 2 bay windows  
second story

PHOTOGRAPH site 8-2 on right of photo  
 PHOTOGRAPHER: J. Garrison  
 DATE: 4/84 VIEW: Southeast

SKETCH MAP:



ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION/ANALYSIS (annotated form):

Windows at side 1/1 double hung, 15 lite fixed in addition at rear.  
Bay windows have 4 vertical lites over 1 lite double hung, triplets.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS (be concise):

PROMINENT OCCUPANT/HISTORIC ASSOCIATION(S) Built by W.A. Grunninger & Son, long-time Kingman contractors, as leaseable property for themselves.

RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT Part of development of commercial core northward.

CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Unique elements remain: prism glass, bay windows

MAJOR ARCH. FORM/MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINEERING/STRUCTURAL Good example of 2-story cast-in-place concrete building with high integrity.

DISTRICT/STREETScape CONTRIBUTION With adjoining building, (8-3), is representative example of 1920s commercial construction.

DISCUSSION AS REQUIRED:

W.A. Gruninger and his son, Ora, operated a contracting business in Kingman from 1907, building the Luthy Block, Central Commercial Co., Van Marter Store, Methodist Church and parsonage, and many residences.

CONTEXT: ISOLATED/RURAL  RESIDENTIAL STREET  COMMERCIAL  CENTRAL SQUARE   
CBD:  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY/SOURCES:

- Mohave County Recorder's Office
- Sanborn Maps
- Mohave County Miner 5/6/21, p.6
- Malach, Roman, Century of Kingman 1882-1982, Mohave County Board of Supervisors, Kingman, 1980

LISTING IN OTHER SURVEYS: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS:

LISTED  DETERMINED ELIGIBLE  DETERMINED NOT ELIGIBLE  NOT EVALUATED

COMMENTS/DEVELOPMENT PLANS/THREATS:

Ref: Kingman MRA  
Item 7, p. 6  
Item 8, p. 20

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