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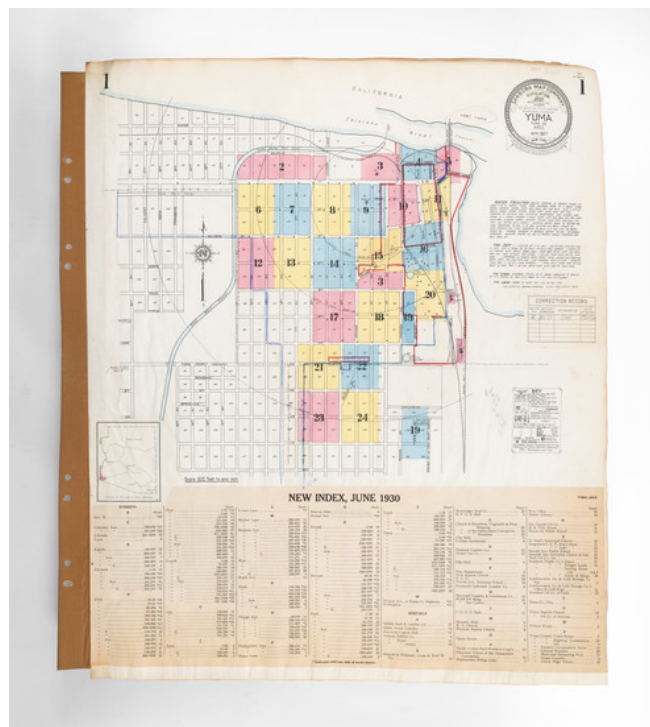
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## (Arizona Fire Insurance Atlas) Yuma Yuma Co. Ariz.

**Stock#:** 97014  
**Map Maker:** Sanborn Map Company  
**Date:** 1927 (updated to December 1933)  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** See Description  
**Size:** 21.5 x 25.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Yuma in 1933: a Detailed Snapshot of the Built Environment*

*Yuma, Yuma Co. Ariz.*, a fire insurance atlas produced by the Sanborn Map Company in April 1927 and updated to December 1933, provides an exhaustive survey of Yuma's urban infrastructure, complete with extensive details on water facilities, the local fire department, and business establishments. This 24-sheet atlas offers not just a representation of the area's urban landscape, but a snapshot of a community's diverse business environment during the early 20th century.

In the 1920s, Yuma, experienced significant growth and transformation. The present atlas, with extensive pasted updates, attests to the changes underway in Yuma between 1927 and 1933. Located at the confluence of the Colorado River and the Gila River, Yuma's strategic position made it an important transit point during the westward expansion of the United States. The construction of the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway Bridge in 1915 had already boosted its connectivity, and by the 1920s, Yuma became a pivotal stopover for those traveling between the East and West Coasts. The decade also witnessed the introduction of modern amenities and infrastructural improvements. Furthermore, the completion of the Imperial Dam and All-American Canal system in the late 1920s brought extensive irrigation to the desert



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region, laying the foundation for Yuma's future as a significant agricultural hub, especially for winter vegetables.

The atlas's content doesn't just limit itself to fire response; it methodically covers Yuma's built environment, including both commercial and residential buildings. Symbolic notations, from shingle roofing types to fire-resistant designs, provide insight onto construction trends and safety standards of the era. Furthermore, the color-coded representation of building materials—yellow for frame, red for brick, blue for stone, among others—serves as a testament to the diverse architectural landscape that characterized Yuma at the time. A particularly unique facet of Sanborn atlases is the detailed portrayal of the internal layouts of significant industrial establishments.

A selection of the businesses and other sites on the maps here follows:

- Arizona - Edison Co. Water Plant
- Old Yuma Penitentiary Inn to be built over Cell House
- Mexican Shacks (various locations).
- Southwestern Ice & Cold Storage Co.
- Yuma Union High School
- Hotel del Ming (built in 1926. Still standing. On National Register of Historic Places)
- Alpha Steam Laundry
- E. F. Sanguinetti's General Merchandise
- Yuma Municipal Swimming Pool / Dance Pavilion
- Yuma Farmers Cooperative Assn.
- Yuma General Hospital
- Cheap Indian & Mexican Shacks (between Madison and Cemetery Avenues)
- Southern Pacific Co.'s Yard & Shops (Numerous Cheap Mexican Shacks Here)
- Auto Camp
- Cabarets (various)
- Undertaker (Hearse auto & coffin storage)

### **Rarity**

Very rare in the market. Our 1927 edition may be the unique surviving exemplar with the extensive 1933 pasted updates. OCLC locates only a single example of a 24-sheet Yuma, Arizona Sanborn Atlas (dated "1916?"), in the New York Public Library. California State Northridge lists a holding for the 1927 base edition. The Library of Congress has Yuma Sanborn Atlases for 1893, 1896, 1901, 1911, 1917, and 1927 (but not the present iteration updated to 1933).



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**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Unbound, with sheets mounted on alternating tabs. 24 sheets, including the index page. Complete. Pastedown updates to December 1933.