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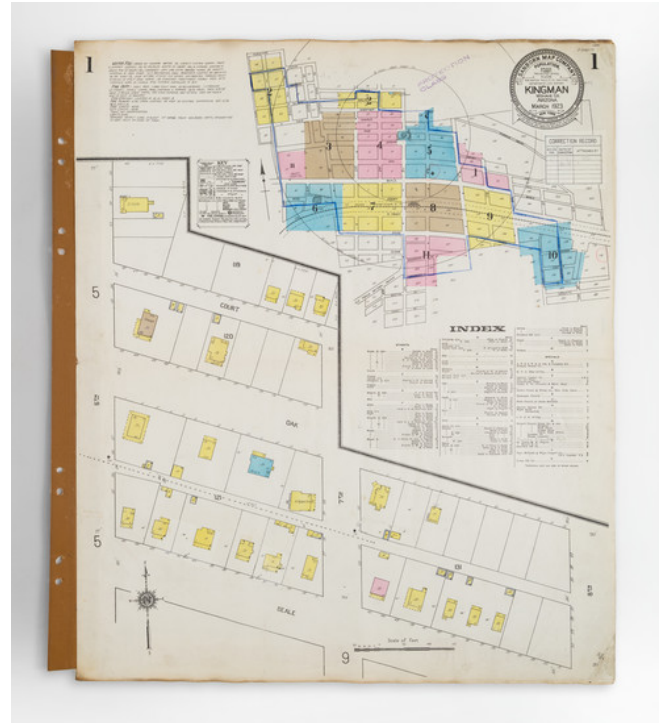
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(Arizona Fire Insurance Atlas) Kingman Mohave Co. Arizona

Stock#: 97671
Map Maker: Sanborn Map Company
Date: 1923 (updated to Oct. 1931)
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: See Description
Size: 21.5 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Kingman, Arizona in 1931

A fire insurance atlas of Kingman, Arizona, produced by the Sanborn Map Company in March 1923 and updated in October 1931. This atlas offers a detailed record of the built environment of this notable mining transportation hub located in Mohave County, relatively near the Grand Canyon. Comprising 11 unbound sheets with hand-colored maps, the atlas was originally made as a specialized tool for insurance company underwriters in determining the degree of fire risk associated with any property shown therein. Today it is an unrivaled visual record of Kingman's urban landscape for the time.

Executed with a scale 50 feet to an inch, the atlas shows every building in Kingman with block-by-block, street-by-street, structure-by-structure color-coded representations. Use of each structure is given: dwelling, grocery, storage, lumber yard, movie theater, church, hardware, etc., often recording the name of the individual business owner. Color coding denotes building material. Interestingly, several of the buildings are noted as being of adobe construction.

In the 1920s, Kingman was a growing town strategically located along the important Santa Fe Railway and



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Route 66, which later became known as "The Main Street of America." The town served as a key transportation hub for mining activities, particularly for gold and copper, in the surrounding Mohave County. Kingman's role as a service and supply center for travelers and the mining industry made it an essential part of the economic landscape of the American Southwest during that decade. The 1920s also saw the beginning of the town's long-term relationship with the tourism industry, bolstered by its proximity to natural wonders like the Grand Canyon.

Here follows a selection of the structures and sites shown in the atlas:

- Arizona Stores Co.
- Babbit Bros. Trading Co.
- Mohave County Court House
- E. W. Coppe Foundary & Machine Shop
- Harvey Eating House
- Hotel Beale
- Hotel Brunswick
- Kingman Grammar School
- Mohave County Poor Farm
- Mohave County Hospital
- Mohave Union High School
- Murphy Experimental Plant
- Tarr. McComb & Ware Commercial Co's Lumber Yard

Rarity

This atlas is very rare in the market. The present atlas may be a unique surviving exemplar, with updates for Oct. 1931. OCLC locates only a single example of the Kingman Sanborn atlas, an unidentified edition held at the University of Arizona. The Library of Congress has digitized editions of 1890, 1896, 1898, 1901, 1910, and 1916, but as of this writing they have not made their two 1923 editions available online.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Unbound, with sheets mounted on alternating tabs. 11 sheets, with index on first page. Complete. Extensive pasted updates to Oct. 1931. A bit of minor dust soiling to first sheet. Fore edge corners with neat cloth tape reinforcement tabs on versos of sheets. Else very clean and nice.