

Ellingson Building

119 W. Santa Fe Avenue

1921

Brick Commercial

Status: Local Landmark



Constructed by noted builder A. M. Thompson for Alex Henderson, who owned several properties in town as well as land with citrus and walnut groves by the early 1920s. This 7,000-square-foot building was designed originally for use as an automotive repair garage. As was typical of brick commercial structures in Fullerton in the early 1920s, the building has a simple rectangular shape, and a decorative parapet is part of the front façade, which in this instance appears to be a blending of the storefront format and a Mission Revival roof line.

The building was used as a garage until the mid-1940s. In 1946, the Ellingson family first leased the space from then-owner, Hugh Warden, for use as a machinery shop and later purchased the building in the 1960s. The building continues to be owned by the Ellingson family, whom have retained the appearance of the original storefront to the present day.