

Strand Historic District,
Kauffman and Runge Building
222 22nd Street (Kempner Avenue)
Galveston
Galveston County
Texas

HABS No. TX-3296 J

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Washington, D.C. 20243

STATE TEXAS	COUNTY GALVESTON	TOWN OR VICINITY GALVESTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) KAUFFMAN AND RUNGE BUILDING		HABS NO. TX-3296 J
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 222 22nd Street (Kempner Ave.)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1882	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Eugene T. Heiner, architect.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Considered one of Galveston's architectural monuments, this neo-Renaissance building was erected for Julius Kauffman and Julius Runge. Kauffman founded J. Kauffman and Company, an import goods house, in 1840 which became Kauffman and Runge in 1874 (See continuation sheet)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neo-Renaissance		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red Philadelphia pressed brick load-bearing walls and white cut stone.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Unknown		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The red brick and white cut stone work resulted in a "polychrome" facade. The three story structure contains arcuated windows with segmental arches and white keystones. The corner two bays are delineated by raised pilasters. The horizontality of the building is emphasized through the use of white stone brickcourses between floors.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The original building contained a large cornice with brackets, modillions and classical pediments and a one story porch surrounding the building. These elements were destroyed in the 1900 storm.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) HABS, National Architectural and Engineering Record, Washington, D.C. File from the Galveston Historical Foundation, Galveston, Texas.		
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with the partnership of Julius Runge. The company was one of the first to import foreign commodities into Galveston and Texas and later initiated the first Texas direct coffee trade with Rio de Janeiro. Coffee importation subsequently became a prime factor in the economic growth of the firm. By the 1880s Kauffman and Runge was one of Galveston's leading firms and in addition to its importing department, responsible for procuring Brazilian and Mexican coffee and European wines, liquors and mineral waters, it had developed a wholesale grocery and distilling department, as well as cotton factor and cotton shipment and export departments. The company also introduced a number of German immigrants into Texas as they were agents for the North German Lloyds.