

## 426 S Central Avenue

Architectural Style: Utilitarian “20<sup>th</sup> century Commercial”  
Customodial Building

Built in 1920 as the Meiner Piel Automobile Co., this automobile services building had a capacity of 20 cars, for sale & repairs. It is the only 1<sup>st</sup> generation auto garage still on Central. Materials are brick & concrete. Original car bay entries were located in the 2 ground level side bays, with entry to business & apartment in the middle. The building form is simple. The stepped parapet roof line is capped with tile copings. The façade has a design jutting out in cream brick at the top, “1920” engraved below it. There are soldiered brick courses above & below windows, & 2 courses below the bay windows, bricks are set length wise or with ends exposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story apartment’s projecting wood bay windows are unusual for a utilitarian building.



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