

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: GRAND CENTRAL
TERMINAL**

LOCATION: 1310 Air Way

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Industrial

LAND AREA:

ZONE: M1

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1928

STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival
Zig-zag Moderne

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The history of aviation in Southern California is closely associated with the growth and development in Glendale of the Grand Central Airport and Cal-Acro Technical Institute.

During the early 1920s returning pilots from World War I attempted to interest the city in founding an aviation industry. Interest soon centered on a thirty-three acre ranch south of the Southern Pacific right-of-way and adjacent to the southern end of Grandview Avenue. The city purchased the property on December 9, 1922 from John D. Radcliff for \$66,000. A syndicate soon took control of the project and paid the city in full for all funds expended.

The Kinner Motor company began manufacturing its highly regarded aircraft motor. Private pilots used the runway for non-scheduled flights and the airport was later christened "Grand Central" and managed by Major C.C. Moseley, a wartime fighter pilot and one of the founders of Western Airlines.

The Grand Central Air Terminal, located at 1310 Air Way, was constructed in 1928. The architect H.L. Gogerty designed the structure to

incorporate two architectural styles: Spanish-Colonial Revival and Zig-zag Moderne (both very popular in the 1920s). The Terminal was officially opened on February 22, 1929. That same year the first airline service was established from Southern California to New York and operated from Grand Central. Increasingly being utilized as a terminal by a number of major airlines, Grand Central Air Terminal was Southern California's premier airport in 1929.

The company operating the Airport did business under the name of Curtiss Flying Service. It also operated a technical school, Cal-Aero Technical Institute, for mechanics engaged in the repair, overhaul, and modification of planes and engines.

In 1959 the advent of the jet age forced the airport to close due to Grand Central's short 3,400-foot runway.

