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The state of Arizona attracts millions of visitors all year round from all over the world. Attractions include the Grand Canyon, majestic mountains, Indian ruins, ghost towns, river rafting, horseback riding, cattle drives, and not to be overlooked, the vast appeal of Historic Route 66 and its folklore history. Kingman, Arizona is the heart of the old Route 66 and its past is long on legend and lore. A past that included Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, their marriage in Kingman and their stay at the legendary Hotel Brunswick. Kingman, Arizona was also the home of Andy Devine and the stopover refueling spot for airmail carriers including the promotional visit by Charles A. Lindbergh in 1928.

But back to the Hotel Brunswick and the strange story of the two original owners John Mulligan and J.W. Thompson whose names are still visible on the hotel facade. Mulligan and Thompson feuded over a woman in 1909. The bitter feud resulted in the two owners dividing the hotel in half, one taking the bar and 25 rooms, the other the restaurant and the other 25 rooms. Obviously, neither owner wished to sell and the divided hotel ran under the feuding ownership. Mulligan married the woman in dispute and the couple had a daughter who tragically met her death in 1920 by a fall down a staircase on her tricycle. Pre natural sightings of the little girl wandering the second and third floors leaving pennies for her favorite guests have been made in the hotel from time to time.

Gerard Guedon bought the property in the late 90's and has carefully restored the Hotel Brunswick to its original condition including a few suspected bullet holes in the walls. Downsizing was necessary, however, to bring the hotel up to current standards and the original 50 rooms have now been reduced to 25 rooms. Single bedrooms (called Cowboys and Cowgirls) are affordably priced at \$30.00 per night. Regular rooms are \$55 being a bedroom and a bath and suites (bedroom, living room and bath) \$88. The hotel is a boutique inn complete with restaurant and a bar. Rates include a continental breakfast.

The Hotel Brunswick is great place to stay with a charming, attentive host who candidly admits that he has decided to move on to a new venture and the hotel has been listed for sale with an Arizona broker. You can view sale particulars at <http://www.popemakesdeals.com/busandmotels.htm> For directions to the hotel please click on <http://www.mapquest.com>

This property has been featured in Kingman Daily Miner, Standard News, Arizona Holidays, TV 77, Today's News-Herald, The Arizona Republic Travel & Explore

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