

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory
Form**
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Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

Date _____ Initials _____

- Determined Eligible- NR
- Determined Not Eligible- NR
- Determined Eligible- SR
- Determined Not Eligible- SR
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible NR District
- Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5ME.14614
2. Temporary resource number: 1700.SEVT
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 1700 N. 17th Street
8. Owner name and address: Mary E Baker
1700 N 17th St Grand Junction, CO 81501-6318

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 12
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 2 3 3 6 mE 4 3 2 8 8 4 0 mN
11. USGS quad name: Grand Junction Quadrangle
Year: 1962 rev.1973 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' *Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.*
12. Lot(s): 11 Block: 3
Addition: Elmwood Plaza Amended Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 11 Blk 3
Elmwood Plaza Refile Sec 12 1s 1w
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-123-08-010
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): U-Shaped Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 42' x Width 47'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Attached Garage

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21. General architectural description: This is a horizontally proportioned brick house with a main hipped roof shape. The main ridge runs north/south and the principal façade faces west. Two lower hipped wings are located at either end of the main roof, sharing the north and south facing roof planes respectively. The north wing projects furthest toward the street, with a single car garage door centered on the wall. The south wing has a single horizontally proportioned window opening containing a central picture window with a casement style window on each side. The central recessed area has a large picture window group on the left and the entry door on the right. The open end of the 'U' is bordered by a low brick wall that extends from the face of the garage and opens at the pathway to the door. The south side has three sets of paired casement along the length. The brick has a textured surface and quoins on the corners.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: A number of shrubs are located around the perimeter of the house and a large street tree sits at the edge of the yard. Otherwise the yard is predominantly lawn.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1955 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Robert G. Baker
Source of information: 1956 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Storm windows added; dates unknown
30. Original location Moved _____ Date of move(s): _____

V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Domestic, Single Dwelling
32. Intermediate use(s): _____
33. Current use(s): Domestic, Single Dwelling
34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood

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35. Historical background: Robert G. Baker is shown as owner on the 1956 directory. This building is part of Elmwood Plaza. The subdivision was created in 1946 from the larger Grandview Subdivision, whose owners are shown as Ira G. and Thelma L. Carpenter, Forrest M. and Mary J. Cochran, George M. and Thelma E. Saunders, and Adie Russell Maynard.
36. Sources of information: Mesa County Assessors Office; Museum of Western Colorado Archives; Polk Directories 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation: _____
Designating authority: _____

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Community Development and Planning

40. Period of significance: 1955; 1943 to 1957 Uranium Boom

41. Level of significance: National State Local

42. Statement of significance: The development in this area is a direct result of the nation's involvement in WWII and the drive for the development of nuclear weapons. The discovery of significant sources of Uranium in the region initiated development in Grand Junction that supported both the mining of the materials and the administration of programs related to the development of weapons. The building types, materials and neighborhood layout are all indicative of the national trends which were driven by the proliferation of the automobile and the enormous demand for single family homes. House designs departed from the romantic and revival styles that were prevalent in the earlier part of the 20th century and took on a California inspired design that was characterized by simple horizontally proportioned forms. Houses were typically mass produced on previously undeveloped tracts of land at the periphery of earlier

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development. These groups of houses were typically based on one or two plan types with a limited number of roof and exterior finish variations, further reinforcing the characteristics of mass production.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The house appears intact in its original form

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible Not Eligible Need Data

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No Discuss: _____

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing _____

Noncontributing _____

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing _____

Noncontributing _____

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 5 Frame # 16

Negatives filed at: City of Grand Junction Planning Dept.

48. Report title: Grand Junction Phase 3 Survey 49. Date(s): March 2005

50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid, Patrick Duffield and Lydia Herron

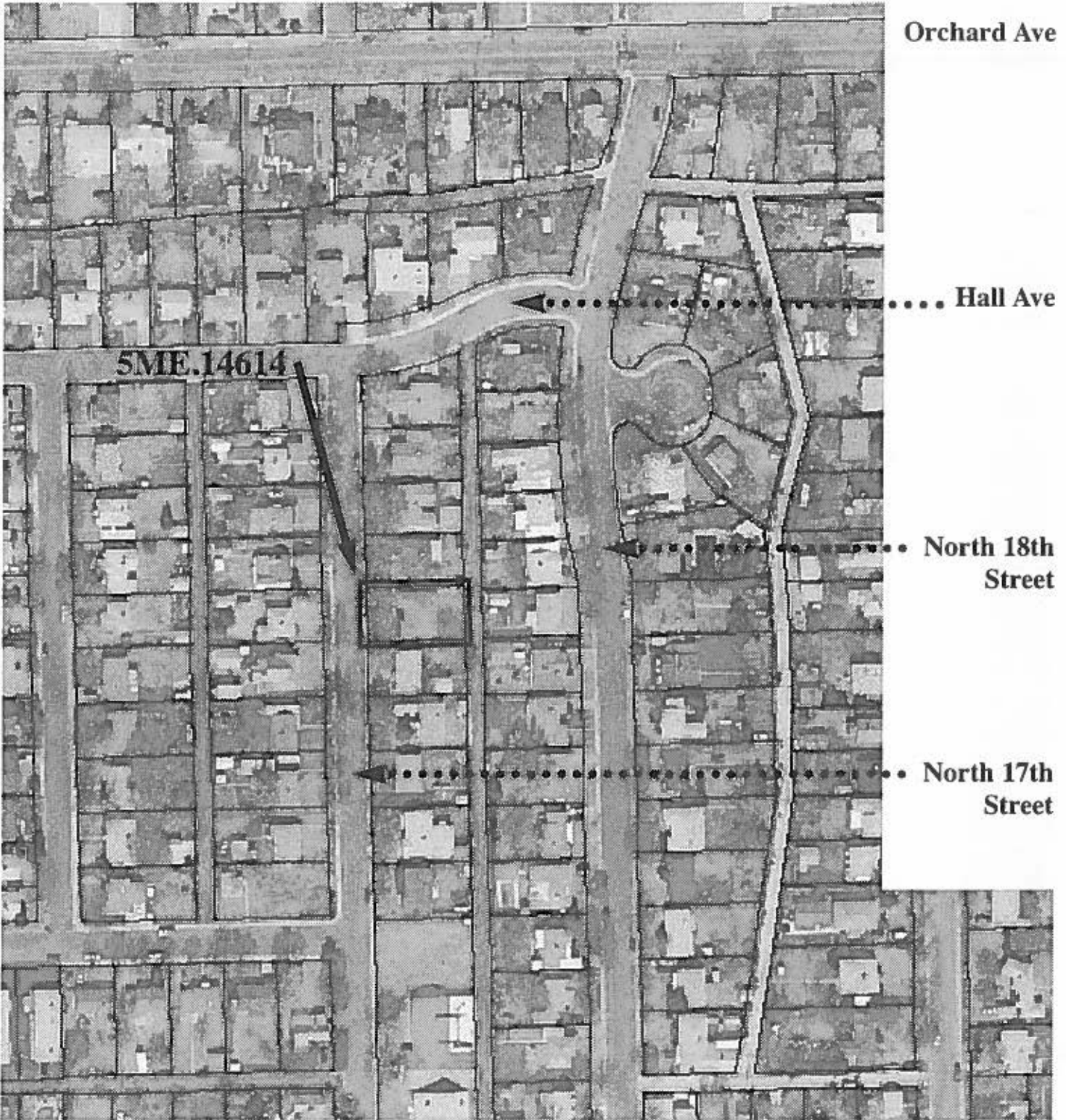
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.

52. Address: PO Box 1303 Aspen, Colorado 81612

53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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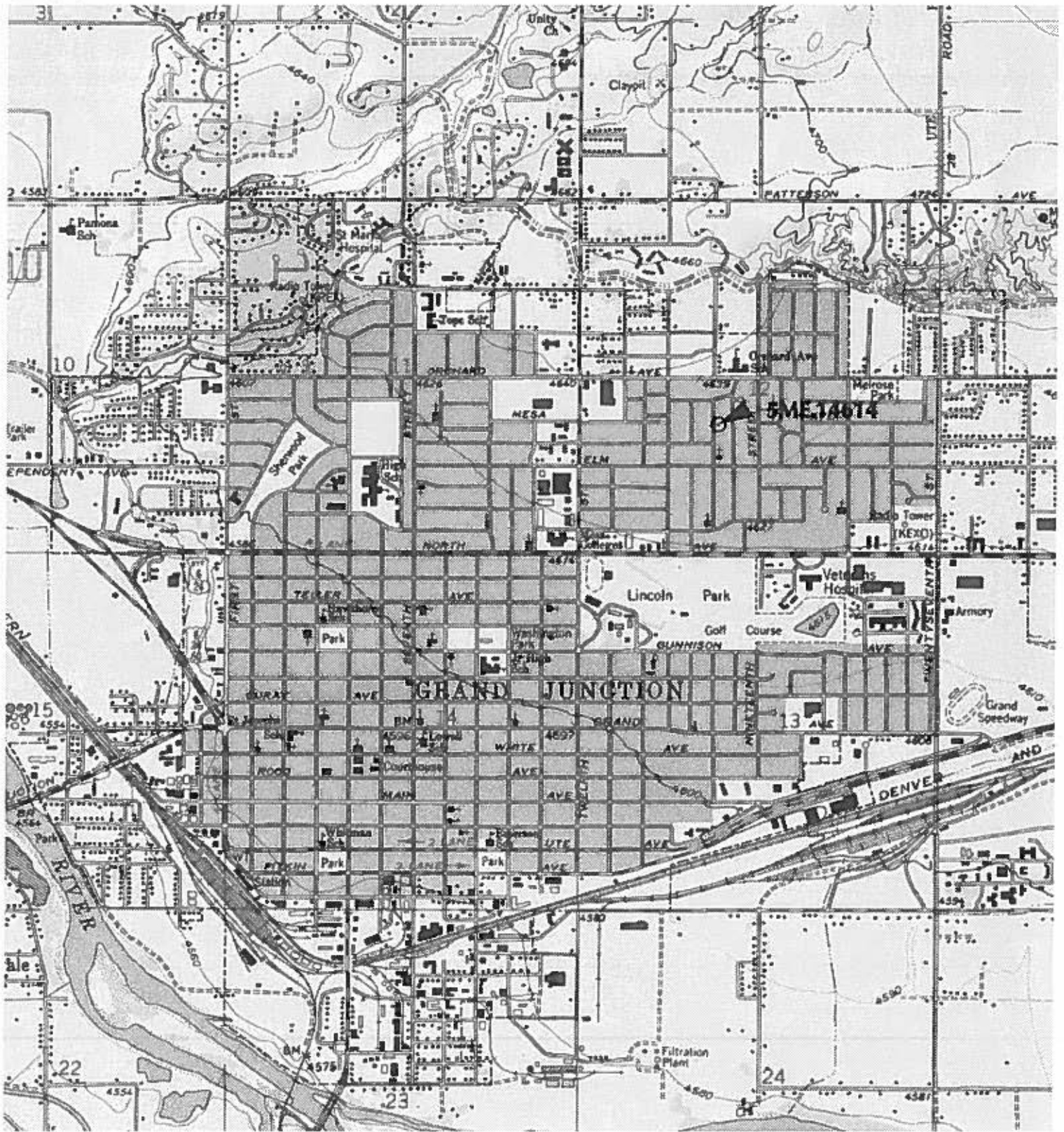
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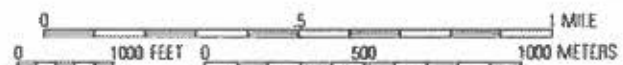
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Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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Looking northeast

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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