

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.14539
2. Temporary resource number: 1635.EIGT
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 1635 18th Street
8. Owner name and address: Robert L Wendel  
1750 Deerhill Ln Hamilton, OH 45013-9360

### 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 (NAD 83 Datum)  
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 2 4 2 0 mE 4 3 2 8 7 9 1 mN
11. USGS quad name: Grand Junction Quadrangle  
Year: 1961, rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' *Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.*
12. Lot(s): 23 Block: 3  
Addition: Elmwood Plaza Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is Lot 23 Blk 3 of the Elmwood Plaza Refile Sec 12 1s 1w  
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-123-08-015  
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 39' x Width 52'
16. Number of stories: One Story
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): Chimney, Attached Garage

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21. General architectural description: This is a one story brick house with a symmetrical 'U' shaped low pitched hipped roof. The walls follow the roof plan consistently with the exception of the entry area, where the wall pulls in under the roof to create a covered porch area. The U is open to the street and creates three generally equal segments on the façade. The left most segment (to the south) has a pair of double hung windows in a single brick opening centered on the wall. The single entry door is set into the back wall under the main roof and a single thin steel support supports the cantilevered area of roof, bracketing the entry area. The recessed area of the 'U' has a low wall running across the opening and a large picture window is centered on the 'U'. The picture window is flanked on both sides by a tall narrow double hung window. A single car garage is located in the right leg of the 'U'. The chimney is located on the main ridge adjacent to the garage. Simple punched window openings are located on the sides, repeating the simple layout of the main façade. The brick is a roman unit laid in running bond. The chimney is rectangular in plan and has a stack bond pattern with two terra cotta flues.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The landscape is primarily lawn with a number of evergreens clustered at the house.
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: Roy A. Wendel  
Source of information: 1956 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): No apparent alterations.
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: Roy A. Wendel is listed as the owner in the 1956 directory. The current owner appears to be related to the original owner. 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 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: 1950; 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. This house is a particularly fine example of the ranch type. The house is faced with a roman style brick, which makes it somewhat unusual in the context of the surrounding houses. The plan layout and proportions are also somewhat more refined and unique than the majority of the surrounding houses from the same period.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The building appears to be 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 # 9

Negatives filed at: City of Grand Junction Planning Dept.

48. Report title: Grand Junction Phase 3 Survey 49. Date(s): October, 2004

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

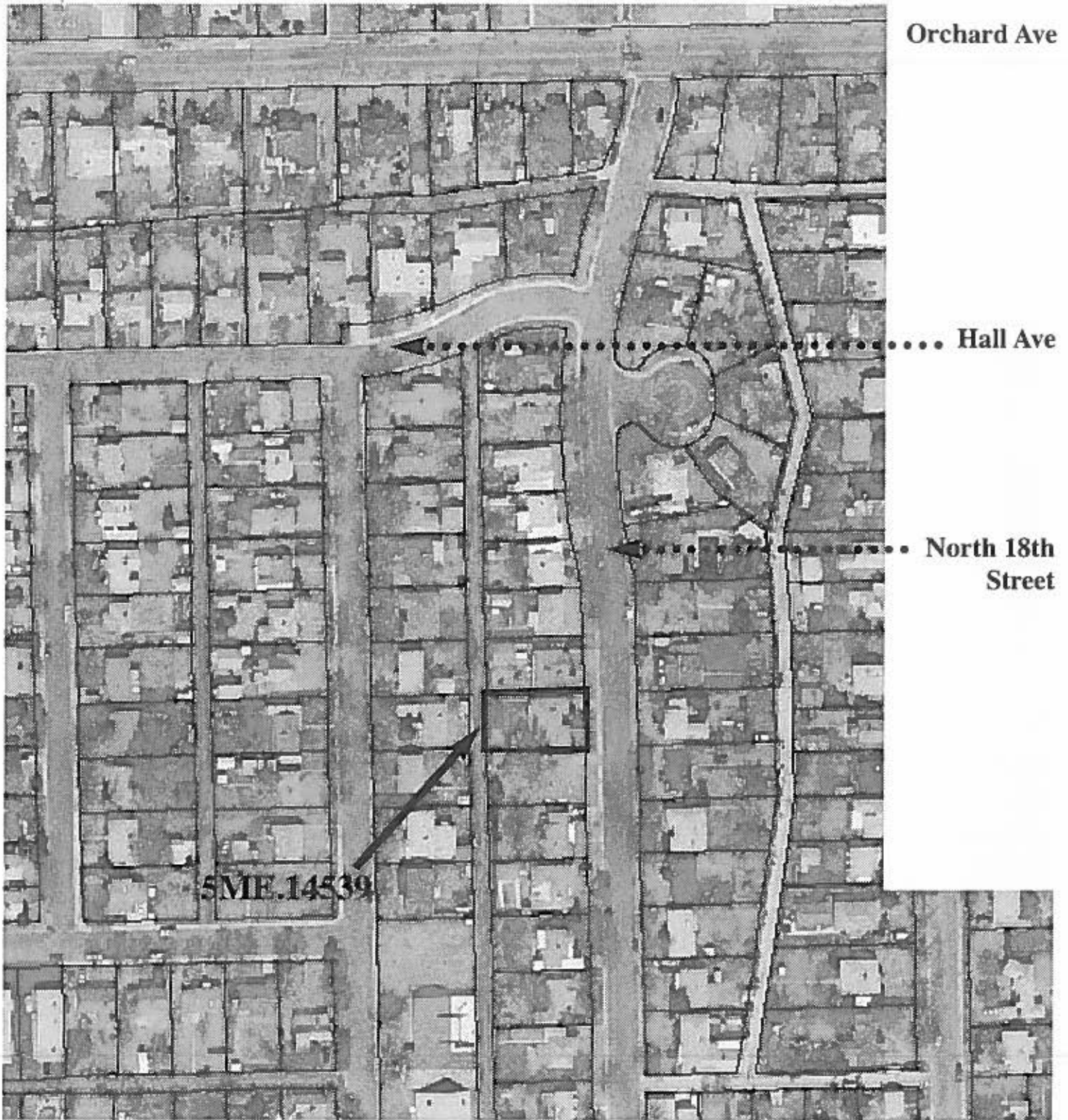
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.

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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Hall Ave

North 18th Street

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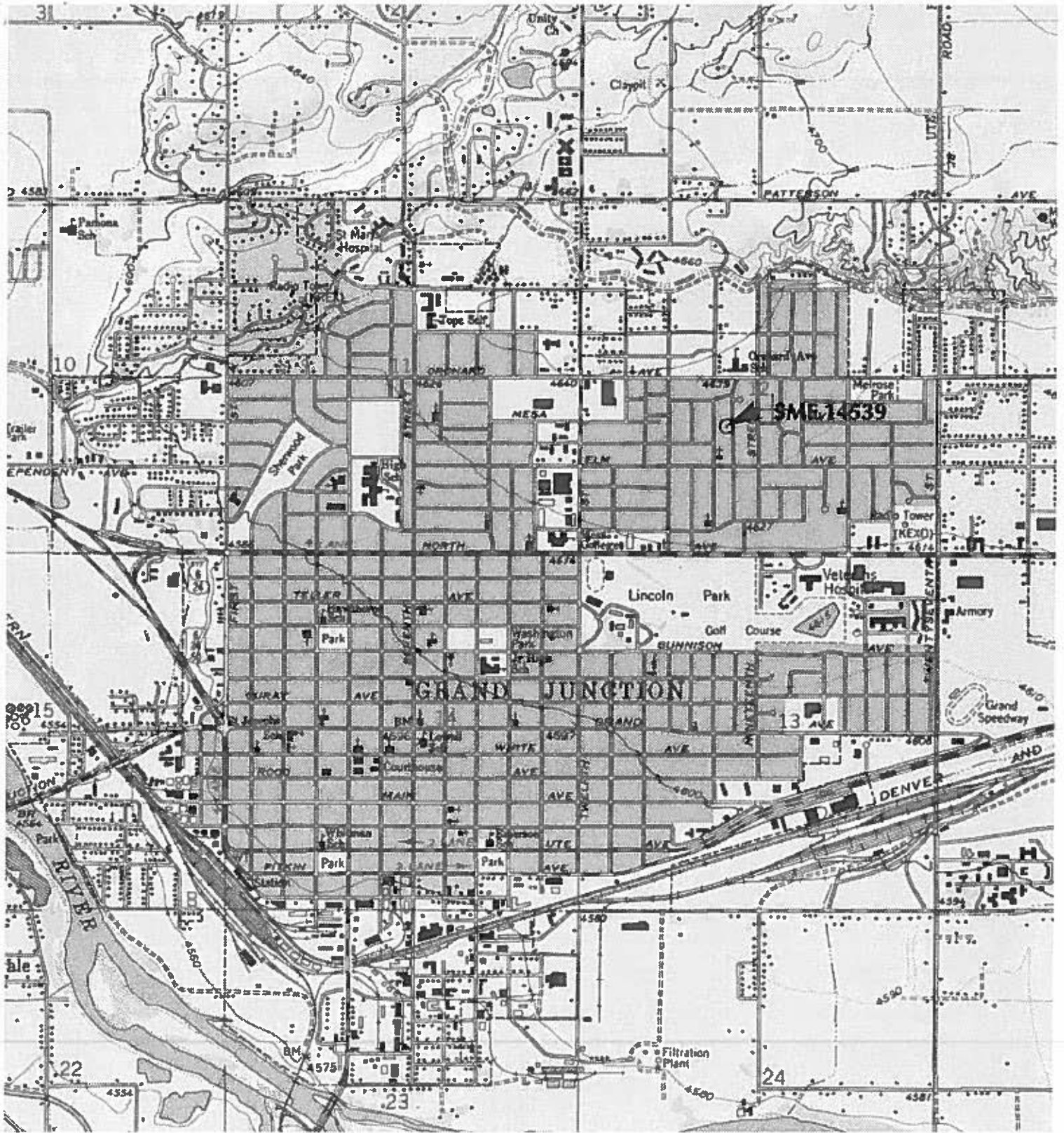
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North

Grand Junction, Colorado  
*image from 2002 aerial map*

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2004





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Looking west

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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