

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.14739
2. Temporary resource number: 507.BKC
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 507 Bookcliff Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Danta C Raso Trustee
507 Bookcliff Dr Grand Junction, CO 81501-2037

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 11
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 0 6 2 5 mE 4 3 2 9 4 1 1 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): 8 Block: _____
Addition: Bookcliff Heights Year of Addition: 1950
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 8 Bookcliff Heights
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-10-009
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 70' x Width 150'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick, Wood Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Side Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Porch, Chimney, Glass Block

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21. General architectural description: This is a large wood frame house comprised of a series of rectangular volumes. The central, primary form is a side gable whose ridge runs east/west and whose main façade faces north. A front gable form projects off the roof off center to the west on the primary form. The front gable projects only slightly further than the main eave line. The face of the front gable has a series of three large vertically proportioned picture windows with vents at the base. The windows are centered on the brick wall and run from grade to the eave line. The front gable is infilled with horizontal siding above the eave line. The main wall of the side gable is recessed, creating a deep overhang along the full length from the front gable to the west. The main entry is located in the corner of the ell, facing north, and consists of a set of large double doors. Two vertically proportioned strips of glass block are equally spaced on the wall between the doors and a small rectangular window on the far east end of the wall. The deep overhang is supported by three sets of thin metal supports equally distributed along the eave line. A large rectangular brick chimney sits on the ridge near the west wall of the side gable and a lower hipped roof addition is applied to the west side. The hipped roof section has a series of vertical windows which wrap the corner and continue along the west side. The hipped roof section extends to the south on an angle creating a trapezoidal plan form. The east end of the main side gable has a lower gable form that is set back from the main façade and connects to another hipped roof wing. This wing extends to the south and east on an angle. The side gable connector and a portion of the hipped volume is recessed back from the eave line creating another covered porch area. The roof edge is supported by a series of metal supports; a door and a number of windows occupy the wall under the porch. The majority of the hipped roof section has a series of three horizontally proportioned windows which run along the length of the northeast side. The windows have high sills that contrast with the light colored brick field below. A small vent cupola is centered on the ridge of the hipped section and a second brick chimney is located in the rear of the house. The gable ends of the main volume are infilled with a vertical board and batten siding.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The house sits on a large lot, on an inside curve of the street. Therefore, three sides of the house sit along the street frontage. A large parking area is located in front of the hipped roof section, and a number of shrubs and plantings screen the house from the street. Several large trees are located on the lot.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none seen

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IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1952 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Dante R Raso
Source of information: 1955 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Alterations seem likely, however the components are all of similar design, material and detail. Photographic evidence suggests that the main and west sections are in generally original form.
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
35. Historical background: Dante R Raso is listed as the owner in the 1955 and 56 directories. The Raso family continues to be associated with this house. The house is part of Bookcliff Heights. The subdivision was owned by J. Perry Olsen, Thomas T. Brownson, Mabel Brownson, Bruce Brownson, Mary F. Brownson and the Sisters of Charity in parts. The portion called Rose Hill was owned by the Sisters and was the future site of St. Mary's Hospital.
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: _____

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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: 1952; 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. This house is located in a neighborhood of larger, unique and more high style houses, possibly due to the proximity to the hospital and the hillside location.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The house is apparently in original condition. More information is required to determine if integrity is, in fact, intact.

VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

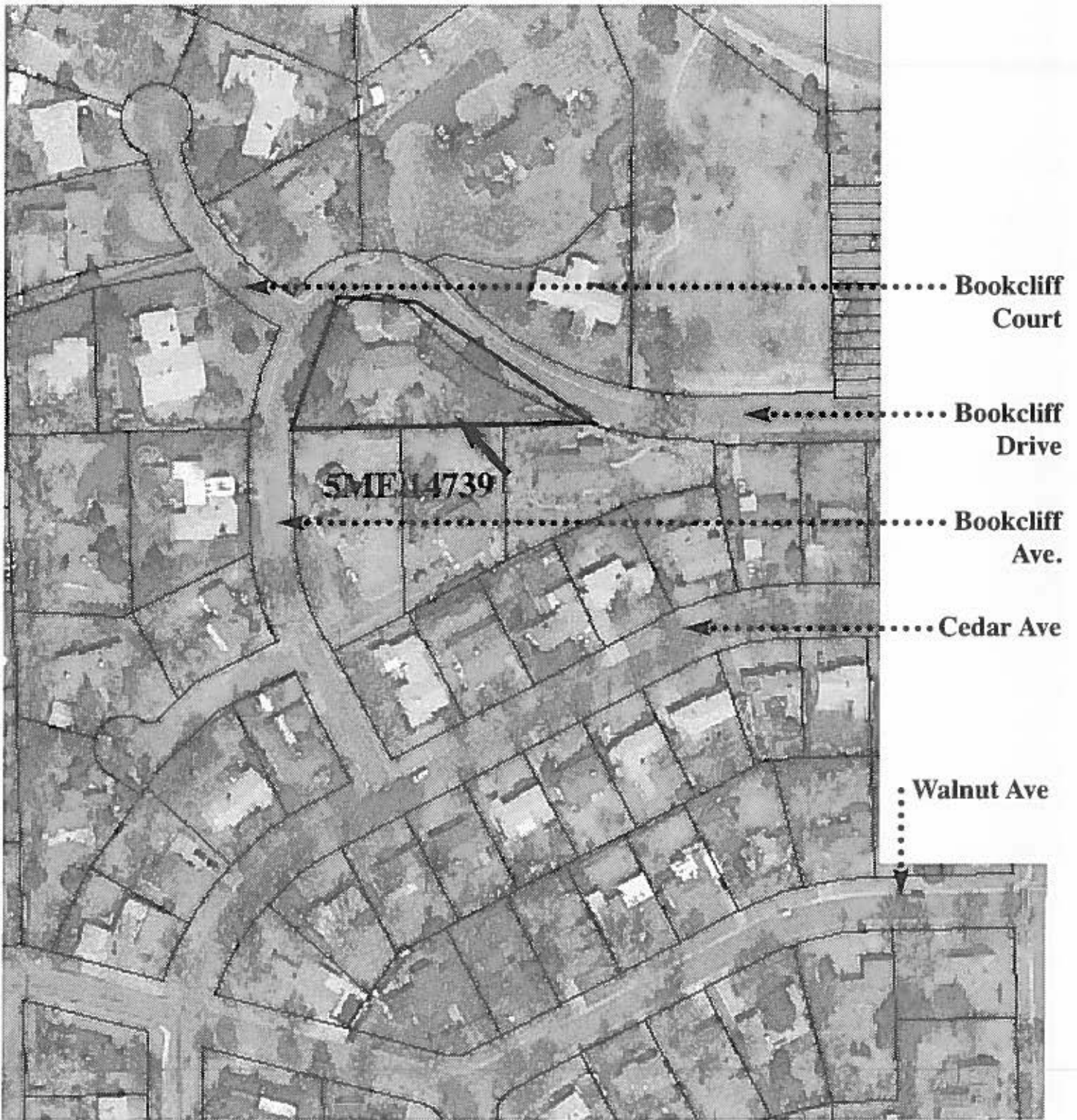
44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

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



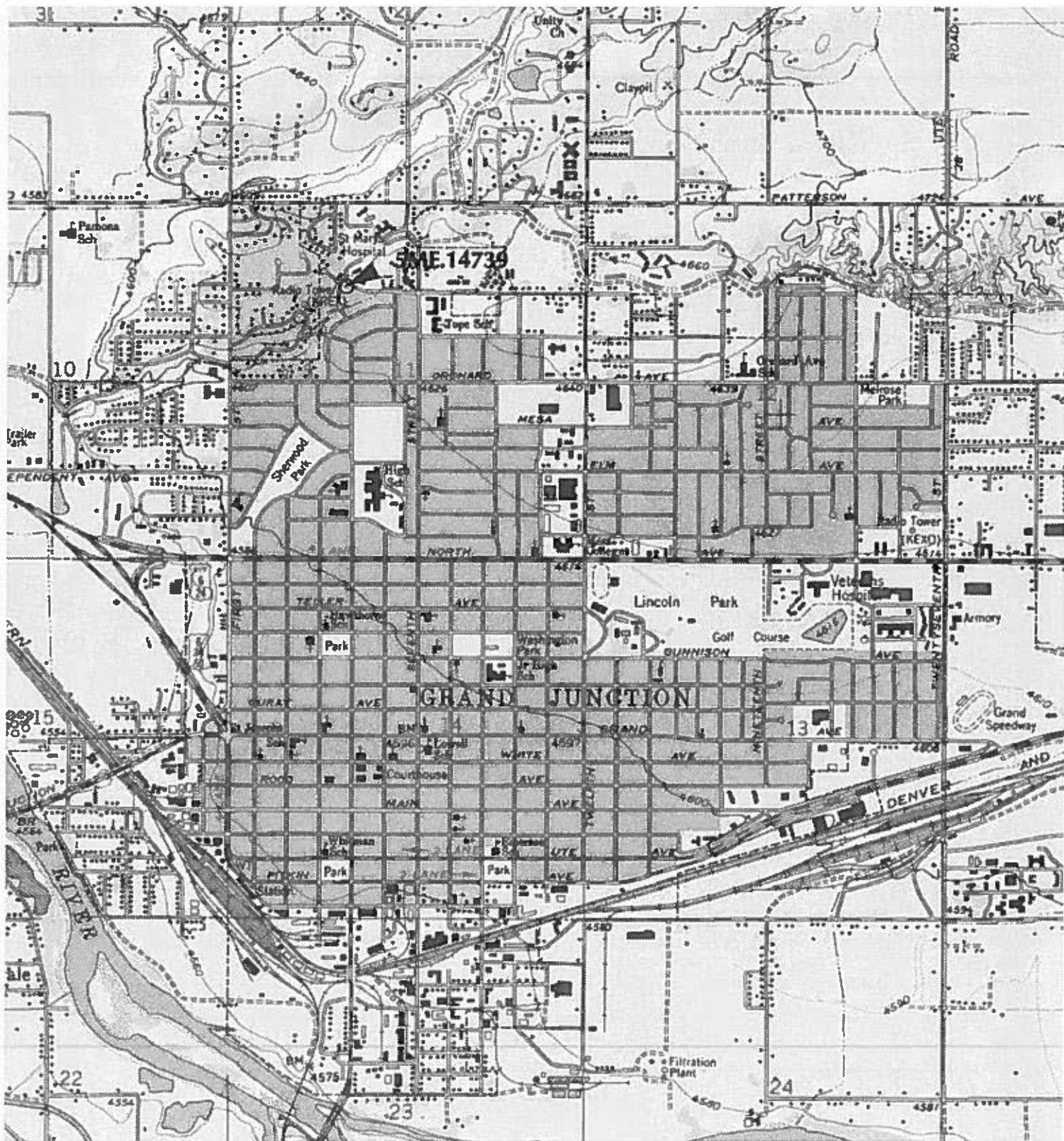
507 Bookcliff Ave.



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Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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2004



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GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Phase Three Historic Survey
2004

SME.14739

507 Bookcliff Ave.

Roll # 12 Frame # 3

Looking southwest

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