

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.14746
2. Temporary resource number: 505.CED
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 505 Cedar Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Robert L Nagel
11126 S Lucas Lane South Jordan, UT 84095-8443

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 11
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 0 6 4 7 mE 4 3 2 9 2 4 9 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): 4 Block: 5
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 4 Blk 5
Bookcliff Park
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-03-010
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 52' x Width 60'
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): Side Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Car port, Chimney

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21. General architectural description: This is a long rectangular masonry house with a moderately pitched side gabled roof. The ridge runs generally east/west and the principal façade faces generally north. The side gable roof shape covers a series of steps in the main wall plane, creating a varied overhang across the front. The first step is generally centered on the length of the façade and the main entry sits on the right side of the step on the recessed wall. Two sets of three casement windows are equally distributed across the remainder of the wall to the right of the door. The second step in the wall plane occurs beyond the casements and creates a deep recess for the carport. A single door is located on the rear wall of the carport and the roof is supported by three steel posts on the west end. On the main wall of the house, to the left of the entry, are two horizontally proportioned windows comprised of a long central unit with casements on either end. These units are equally spaced along the length of the remaining wall. The entry door has a single full height side light and a low brick wall projects from the main wall and runs to the right, creating a porch area. The roof in this area is supported by two thin metal supports that generally frame the entry. A small step down in the ridge occurs on the main ridge about two thirds of the way from west to east. The front roof plane remains constant across the whole length. A small brick chimney is located on the rear roof plane along the joint. The rear wall has several steps, only one of which is reflected in the main roof plane; a flat roof extends off the rear behind the carport. The gable ends are infilled with horizontal siding.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The front yard is predominantly lawn, with a driveway along the west side. Some shrubs front the house and a large tree sits on the east side.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1954 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 L. Nagel
Source of information: 1955 Polk Directory

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29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): No alterations are apparent.
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: Robert L. Nagel, dentist, is shown as the owner in the directories of 1955 and 1956. The son and current owner confirms that his family were the original owners. This building is part of Bookcliff Park developed in 1946. The owners were Gertrude B. Smith, Claude D. Smith later the U. S. Bank of Grand Junction, and Thomas L. Brownson, Mabel L. Brownson, Bruce Brownson and Mary F. Brownson.
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: 1954; 1943 to 1957 Uranium Boom
41. Level of significance: National State Local

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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 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. In this particular subdivision there are examples of both repetitive house types and more high style individualized houses. The curvilinear street layout is characteristic of national planning trends and is unusual in this community, where new development tended to extend the existing street grid.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The house appears to be in original condition. The integrity is 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: The Bookcliff Park Subdivision lies on the periphery of the historic city center and was originally established by single group of investors. The sites were built out to accommodate the rapid growth associated with the Uranium Boom over a short period of time. The architectural styles present in the area represent a significant concentration and continuity of dwellings and a subtle transition of styles over the building period. Few intrusions have been made into the original neighborhood and it retains a high level of integrity.
- 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

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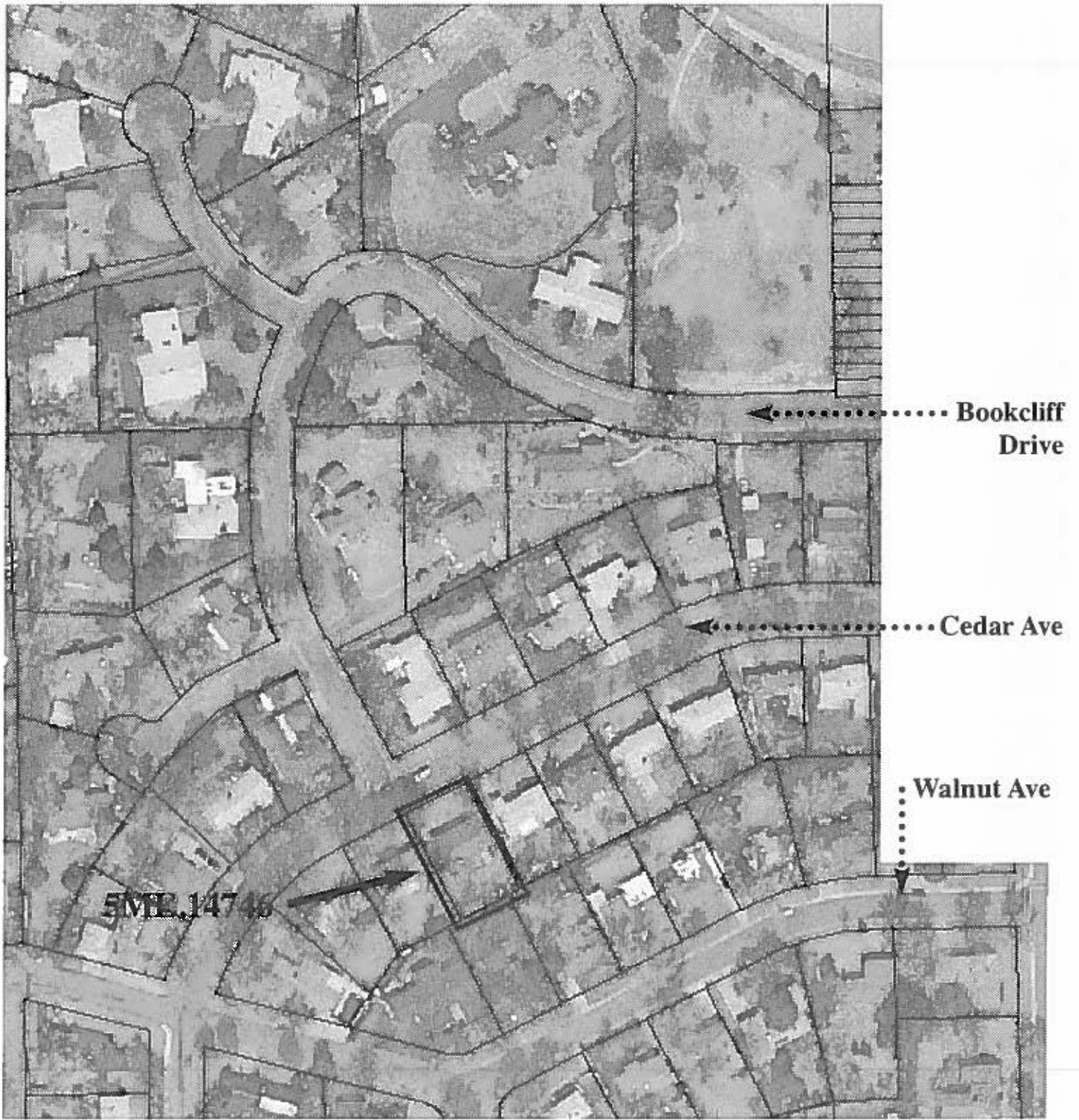
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VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 8 Frame # 7 also digital image 505.CED
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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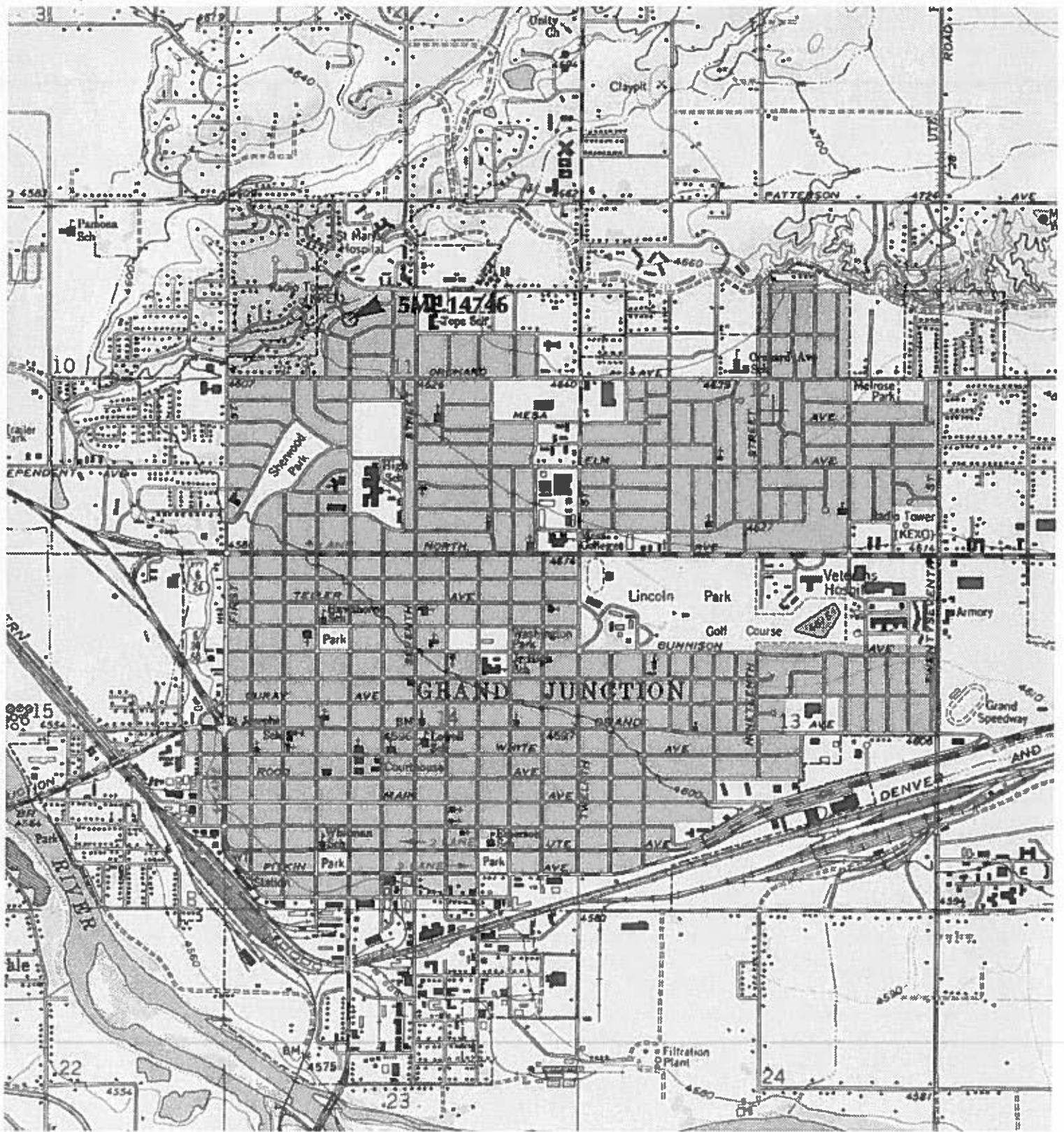
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Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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2004



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Looking southeast

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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