

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.14889
2. Temporary resource number: 575.ORB
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 575 Orchard Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Earl M Lee  
575 Orchard Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-2161

### II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West  
NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 11
10. UTM reference  
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 0 8 1 3 mE 4 3 2 8 9 6 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): 8 Block: 2  
Addition: High School Addition Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 8 Blk 2 High School Addition  
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-113-10-008  
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 56' x Width 42'
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): Car port, Porch

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575 Orchard Ave.

Roll # 11 Frame # 5

Looking south

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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21. General architectural description: This is a generally rectangular wood frame house with a low pitched hipped roof. The ridge runs north/south and the principal façade faces north. A small hipped roof projects off the north side, off center to the right. It covers the entry door, which sits on the main wall plane. A picture window sits on the wall to the right of the door. Another picture window is located off center to the left on the remaining wall. Four concrete steps run up to the landing in front of the door. Two thin metal supports run from the concrete landing to the corners of the hipped porch roof. A larger section of hipped roof extends off the east side, about halfway along the length, covering the carport. The roof is supported by steel pipe columns. A door and several windows are located on the east wall under the carport roof. The west wall has a few horizontally proportioned windows with high sills. All the window heads sit just under the roof soffit. The roof has a moderate overhang on all sides.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: A concrete driveway runs along the east side into the carport and a narrow path runs from the sidewalk to the entry door. A large street tree sits along the edge and several shrubs are located on the perimeter of the house. Otherwise the yard is predominantly lawn.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: A garage is located behind the carport.

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1956 Actual: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Original owner: unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Possible window alterations, garage constructed; dated 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

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34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood
35. Historical background: The building is shown as vacant in the directories of 1956 and 1957. This building is part of the High School Addition established in 1946. The owners were School District No. 1 of Mesa County, John F. Shafroth, Jr., Morrison Shafroth, Will Shafroth, and Platt Rogers (Trustee). The present Grand Junction High School was built in 1955 on the largest block.
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: 1956; 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

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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.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: The house is apparently intact in 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 # 11 Frame # 5

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

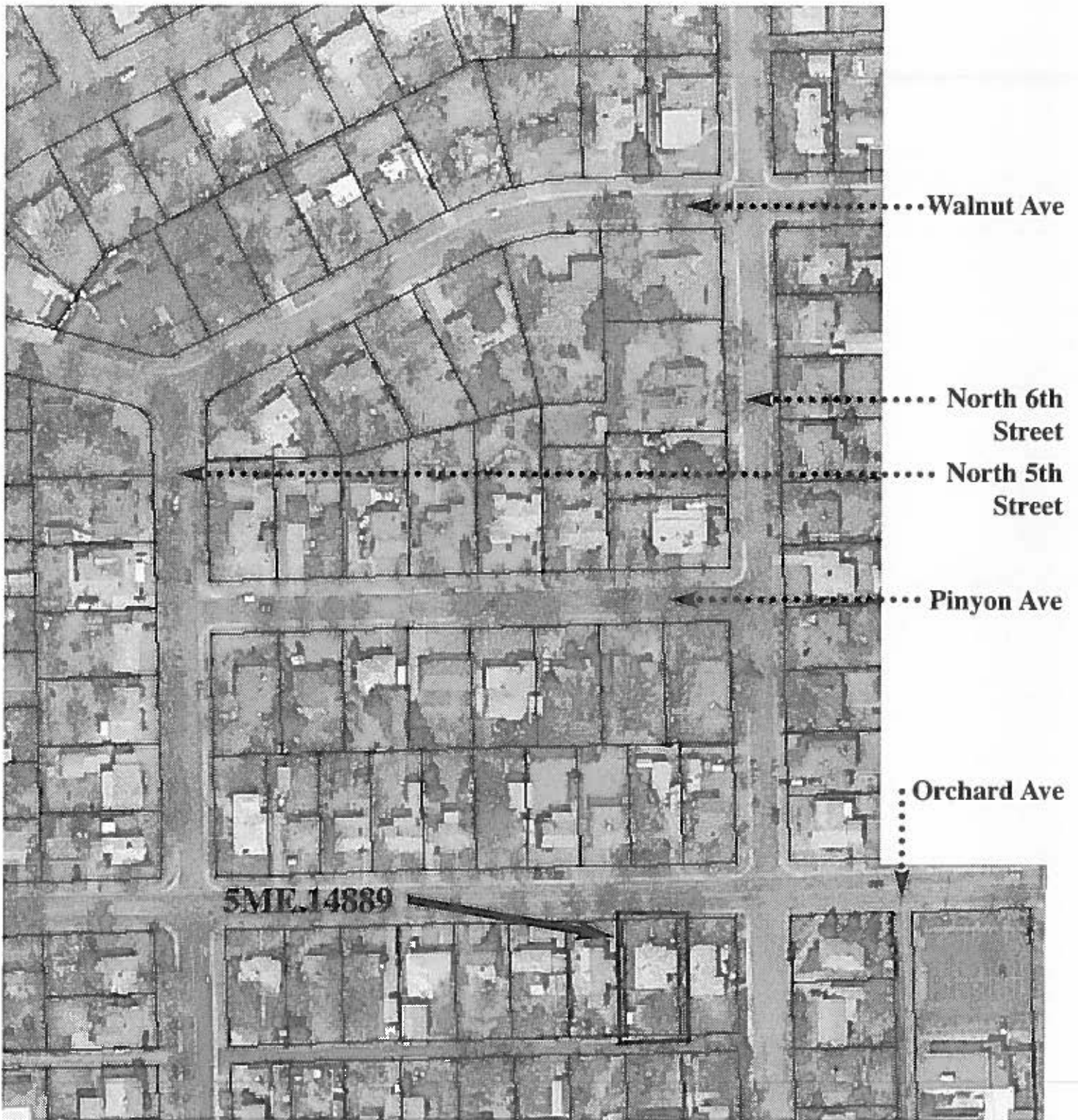
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.

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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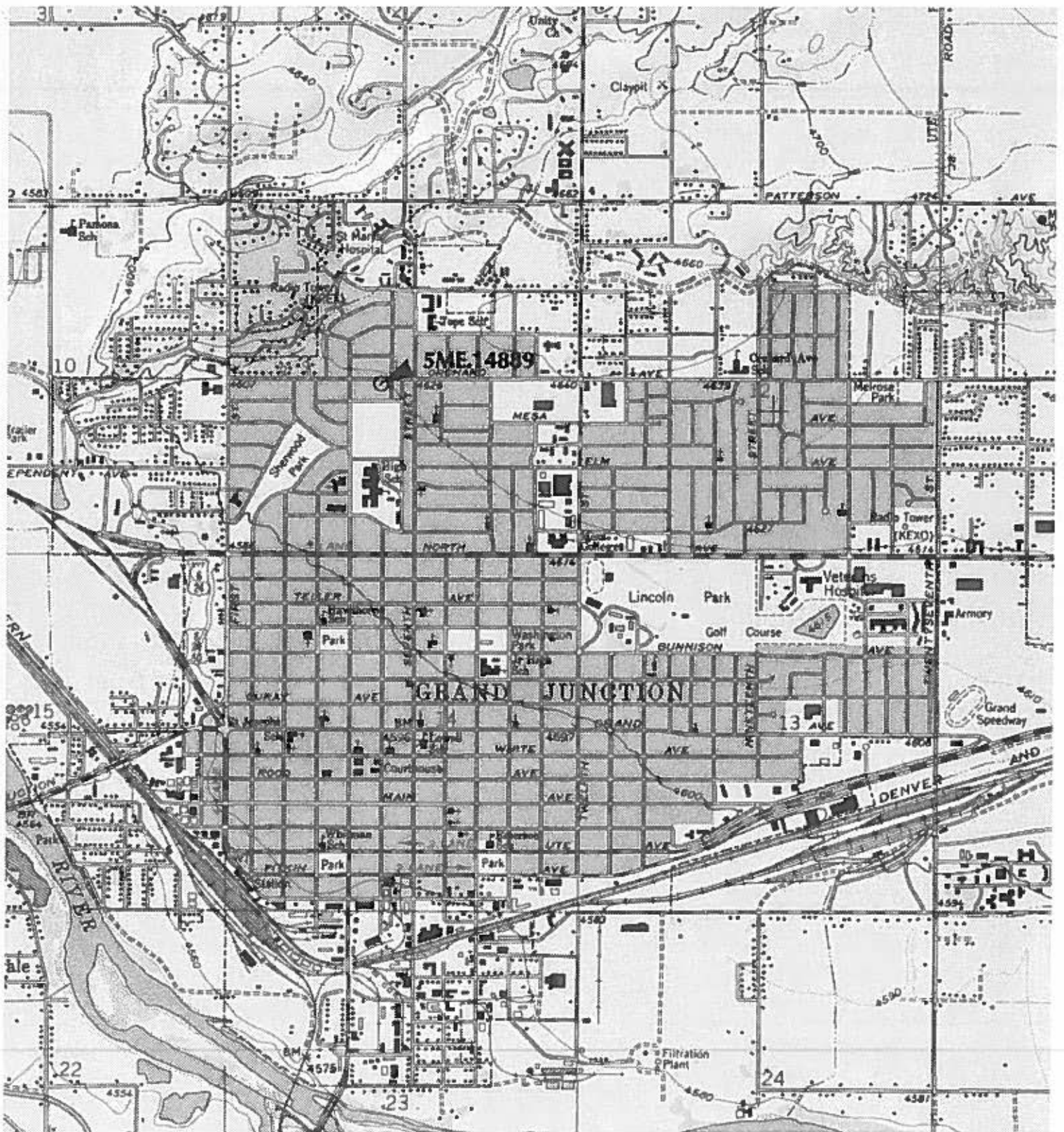
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Grand Junction, Colorado  
*image from 2002 aerial map*

City of Grand Junction • Phase Three Survey  
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*Phase Three Historic Survey*

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