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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.14719
2. Temporary resource number: 1925.SXT
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 1925 N. 6th Street
8. Owner name and address: Gary C Weidner  
1925 N 6th St Grand Junction, CO 81501-7409

## II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West  
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 11
10. UTM reference  
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 0 8 2 9 mE 4 3 2 9 0 6 5 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: 7  
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 8 Blk 7  
Bookcliff Park  
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-06-008  
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 60' x Width 50'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick, Wood Vertical Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Front Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Chimney, Carport

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21. General architectural description: This is a masonry house with a very low pitched front gable roof. The ridge runs east/west and the principal façade faces east. The roof is asymmetrical and has a long leg to the north and a shorter leg to the south. The entry is located in a recessed area just north of the ridge line. The entry door is offset to the right and has a large vertically proportioned window to the left. A large transom window infills the space above the door to the underside of the roof. The side walls of the recess and the east facing walls are brick. To the north of the entry, the wall changes from brick to vertical wood siding. The siding continues onto the north wall and runs most of the length to the west. Two pairs of slider windows are located on the wood wall. The far end of the north side the wall returns to a brick surface and has another pair of slider windows. A carport is located to the north. Two brick chimneys are located on the roof plane. One toward the northeast side, and the other off the main ridge to the south. The roof has a generous overhang on all sides, and is supported by purlins projecting through the wall plane. The south elevation has a series of full height fixed windows in a field of wood siding.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The house sits on a corner lot with several large trees. Numerous shrubs are located at the house and elsewhere on the lot. A tall fence encloses the yard and a driveway runs along the north side.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1956 Actual: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: Thomas E. Bliska (likely)  
Source of information: MWC Biographical information on Robert Van Deusen
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Original owner: Thomas E. Bliska  
Source of information: 1957 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Area of vertical wood siding constitutes an addition, infilling an original ell shape. Brick section on north wall was a single car garage. North chimney added. All dates unknown.
30. Original location  Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: Thomas E. Bliska is shown as owner in the 1957 directory. Thomas E. Bliska was an architect in the firm of Van Deusen & Bliska Architects who were responsible for a number of significant buildings in the area. 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 X Date of designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designating authority: \_\_\_\_\_
38. Applicable National Register Criteria:  
X 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;  
X 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 X
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

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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. This house is also associated with a prominent local architect.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Alterations have impacted the original pattern of the house. The integrity has been seriously compromised. Alterations are generally in keeping with the original character of the scale of the neighborhood. However, alterations change important aspects of the original, somewhat unique, building design.

**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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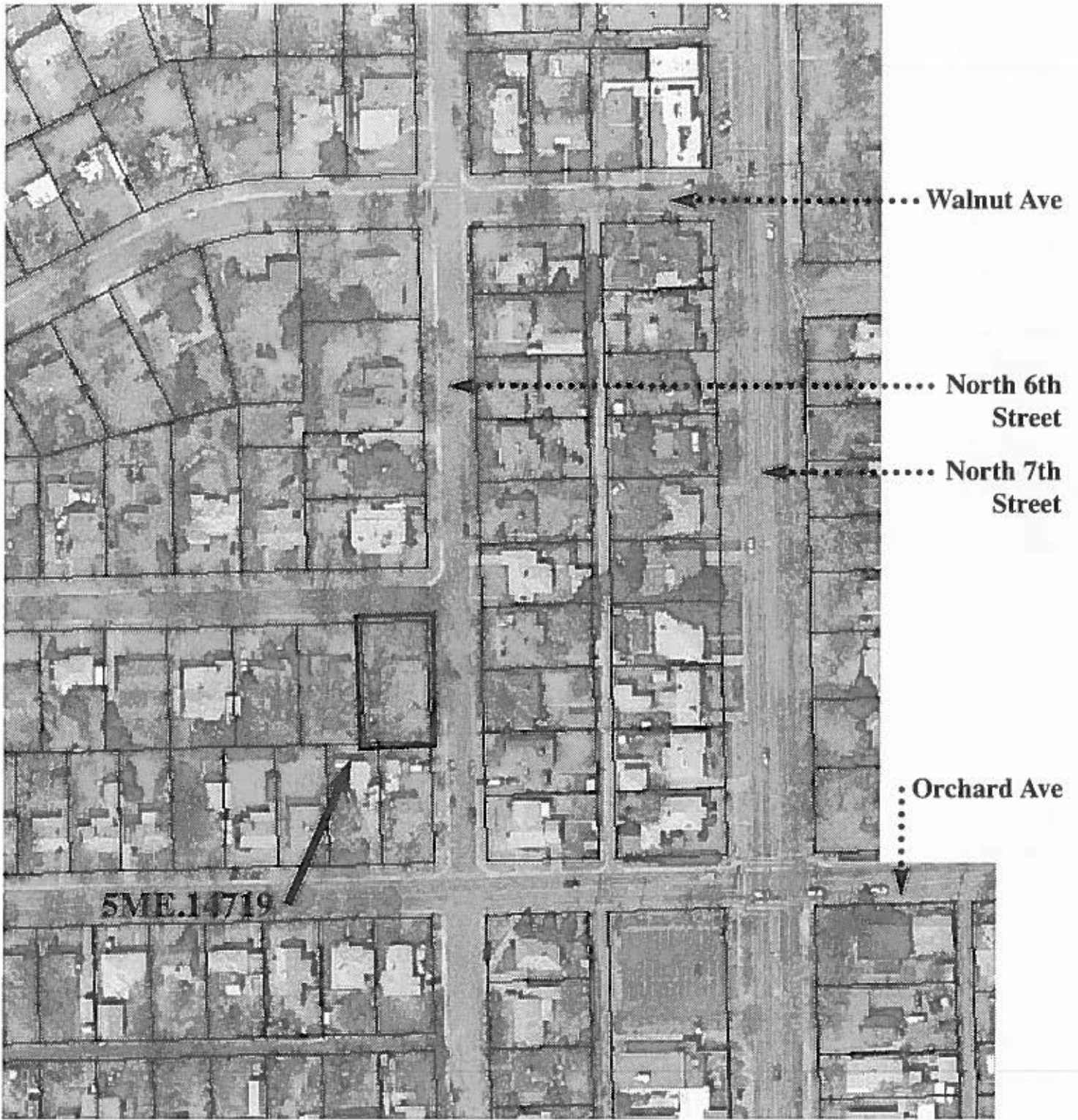
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**VIII. Recording Information**

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 7 Frame # 22  
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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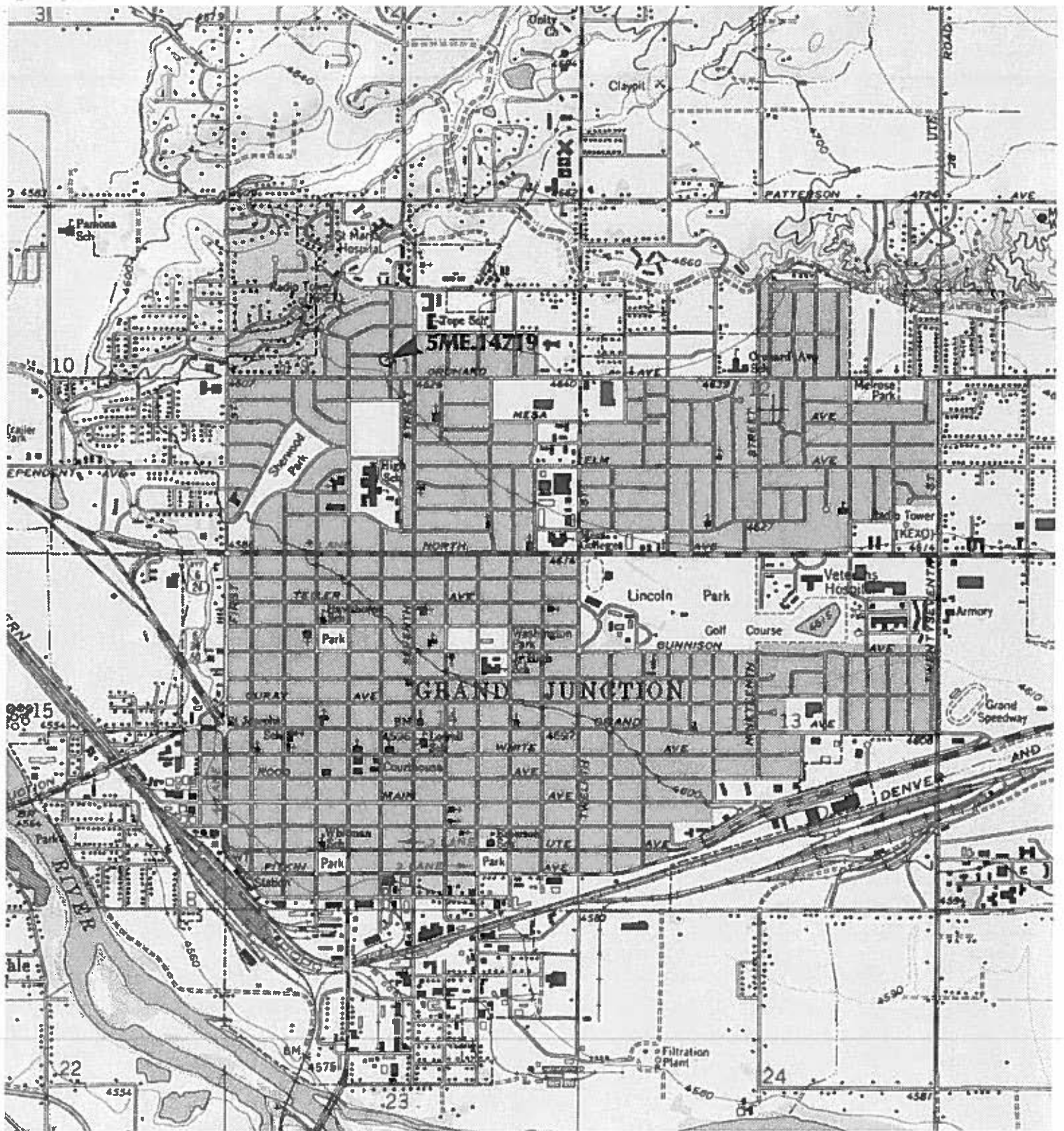
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North

Grand Junction, Colorado  
*image from 2002 aerial map*

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Looking southwest

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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