

**Architectural Inventory
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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.14791
2. Temporary resource number: 561.WAL
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 561 Walnut Ave.
8. Owner name and address: John Turner
561 Walnut Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-7437

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
NW 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 7 8 1 mE 4 3 2 9 1 9 7 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): 5 Block: 6
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 5 Blk 6
Bookcliff Park
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-07-005
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 77' x Width 109'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Stucco, Brick
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Attached Garage, Chimney

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21. General architectural description: This is a large horizontally proportioned house with a series of large additive volumes. The principal façade faces north. The volume closest to the street has an asymmetrical low pitched front gable. The roof eaves are at the same height and the ridge is off set to the right. A single garage door is located on the longer side of the gable and a pair of horizontally proportioned windows with a high sill is located on the right. A long wall runs back to the second volume, which runs perpendicular to the first volume. A row of horizontally proportioned windows sits just under the eave on the west facing wall of the first volume. Two vertical windows run the full height on each side of the inside corner. The main entry door, with a transom, is just to the right of the vertical window on the north facing wall. A series of four horizontally proportioned windows runs across the top of the wall. A rectangular chimney engages the wall about halfway along the length, interrupting the eave line. The chimney and wall plane to the left are red slump brick. The remainder of the north wall is stucco with a row of horizontally proportioned windows along the top of the wall and a picture window, with casements on either side, on the corner. The west façade runs to the rear of the site as another wing. A window similar to the front picture unit sits on the north corner of the west side.

22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type

23. Landscaping or special setting features: The house sits on a wedge shaped lot with a large area of lawn at the front. The driveway runs to the garage door on the east and a couple of trees and shrubs front the house.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1950 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): Stucco added, original carport enclosed; 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: Harold H. Shults is shown as owner in the 1955 through 1957 directories. This is the first instance of this address in the available directories. 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: 1950; 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 programs related to the development of weapons. The building types, materials and

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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: Enclosure of the original carport and stucco finish has seriously compromised the integrity of the house. Both material and pattern changes have eliminated the original character of the building and it no longer contributes to the overall character of the neighborhood.

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

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 7 Frame # 15

Negatives filed at: City of Grand Junction Planning Dept.

48. Report title: Grand Junction Phase 3 Survey 49. Date(s): March 2005

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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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561 Walnut Ave.



North

Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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2004



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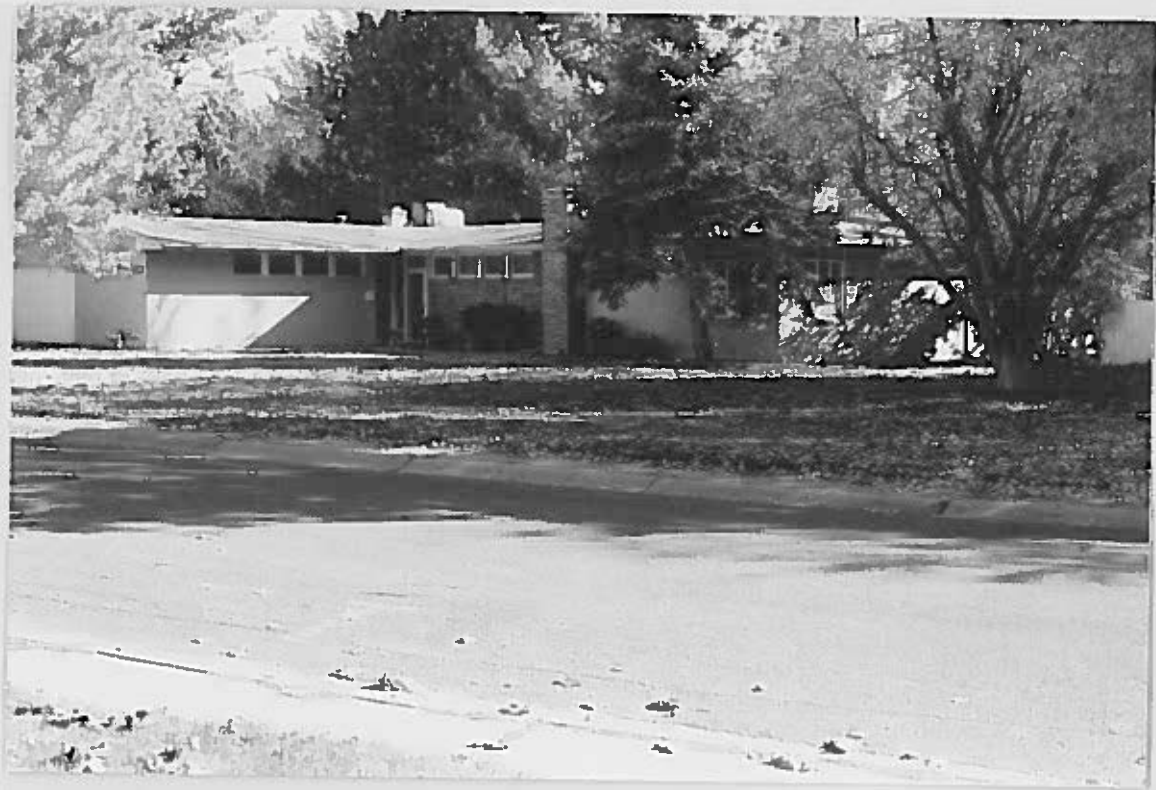


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GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Phase Three Historic Survey

2004



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561 Walnut Ave.

Roll #7 Frame #15

Looking southeast

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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