

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.14795
2. Temporary resource number: 590.WAL
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 590 Walnut Ave.
8. Owner name and address: James A Houle
590 Walnut Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-7438

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 11
10. UTM reference
Zone 1 2 ; 7 1 0 8 2 2 mE 4 3 2 9 2 6 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): 13 Block: 5
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 13 Blk 5
Bookcliff Park
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-03-013
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 57' x Width 74'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Brick, Aluminum
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Shed Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Synthetic Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Carport, Chimney

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21. General architectural description: This is a horizontally proportioned house with several additive volumes. The low pitched shed roof plane slopes to the south and the principal façade faces south. The principal façade is divided into two unequal sections. The right section has a series of four large picture windows, which run from the southeast corner more than half way along the length to the west. The windows sit on a low brick wall with a rusticated sill and wood siding above the heads. A full height brick wall returns at the end of the window group and a brick fin wall projects to the south, separating the second section from the first. The roof overhang steps out at the end of the first window bank and continues across the brick fin wall to the far end of the façade. Another fin extends out to support the overhang on the southwest corner. Similar large areas of glass infill the wall between the fins. The rectangular brick chimney is set on the main roof plane near the first fin wall. The east façade has a small shed roof projection, whose roof slopes to the east. The main entry door sits on the south wall of the projection and a single fixed window is located on the east. The north wall of the entry vestibule is another brick fin which extends to the east beyond the vestibule wall at a height equal to the eave line of the small shed roof. The east wall of the main volume has two narrow picture windows on the corner, which match the height and style of the large windows on the front. The main wall plane extends beyond the brick fin wall to the north and becomes the rear wall of the car port. The main roof plane ends midway across the east façade and another shallow pitched shed roof begins at a lower height, running to the north and including the carport roof. The carport projects to the east and the south side of the roof is supported by two pipe columns. The north side has a solid enclosure across its length. A single door is located on the main east wall under the carport roof and a greenhouse window unit sits on the east wall below the ridge of the shed roof. This section of the house is sided in horizontal aluminum versus the vertical siding that appears on the front sections of the house. The brick facing is a roman style brick unit with mild variations in the color.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The house sits on a corner lot with a large lawn area on the south. A large tree and several smaller trees and shrubs are located on the south yard. The driveway and the walkway to the front door run from the east side.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1949 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____

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27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: Richard T. Counley
Source of information: 1951 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Siding replaced, addition of greenhouse window, alterations to carport area; dates 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
34. Site type(s): Residential Neighborhood
35. Historical background: Richard T. Counley, associated with the First National Bank, is shown as the owner in the directories from 1951 through 1957. 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

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39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Community Development and Planning
40. Period of significance: 1949; 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 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 a particularly unusual design and sits on a prominent corner in the subdivision.
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Alterations have a moderate impact on the integrity of the house. Though there are alterations, the house continues to contribute to the original 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.

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If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing X
Noncontributing _____

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing _____
Noncontributing _____

VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 7 Frame # 19

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.

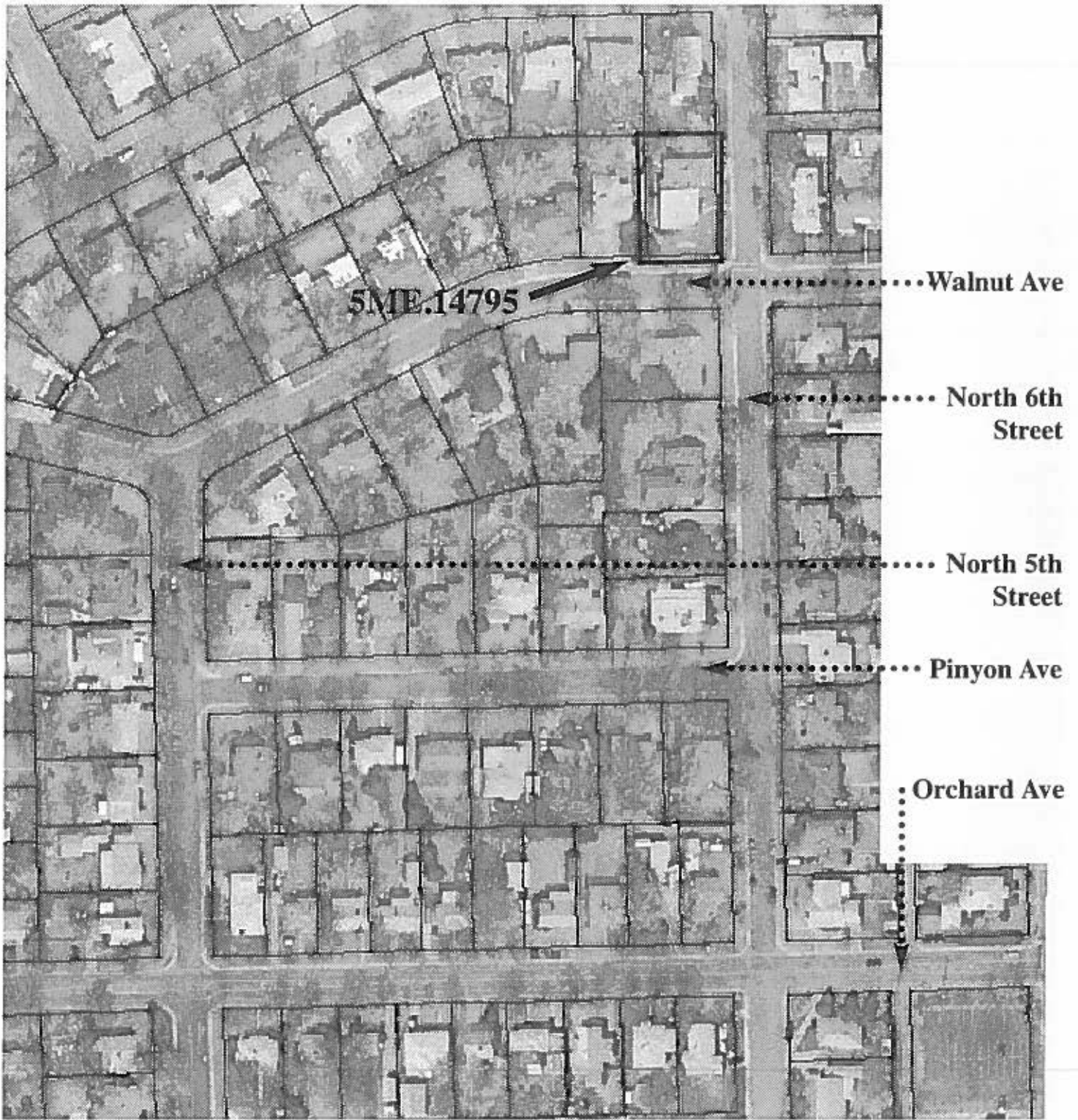
52. Address: PO Box 1303 Aspen, Colorado 81612

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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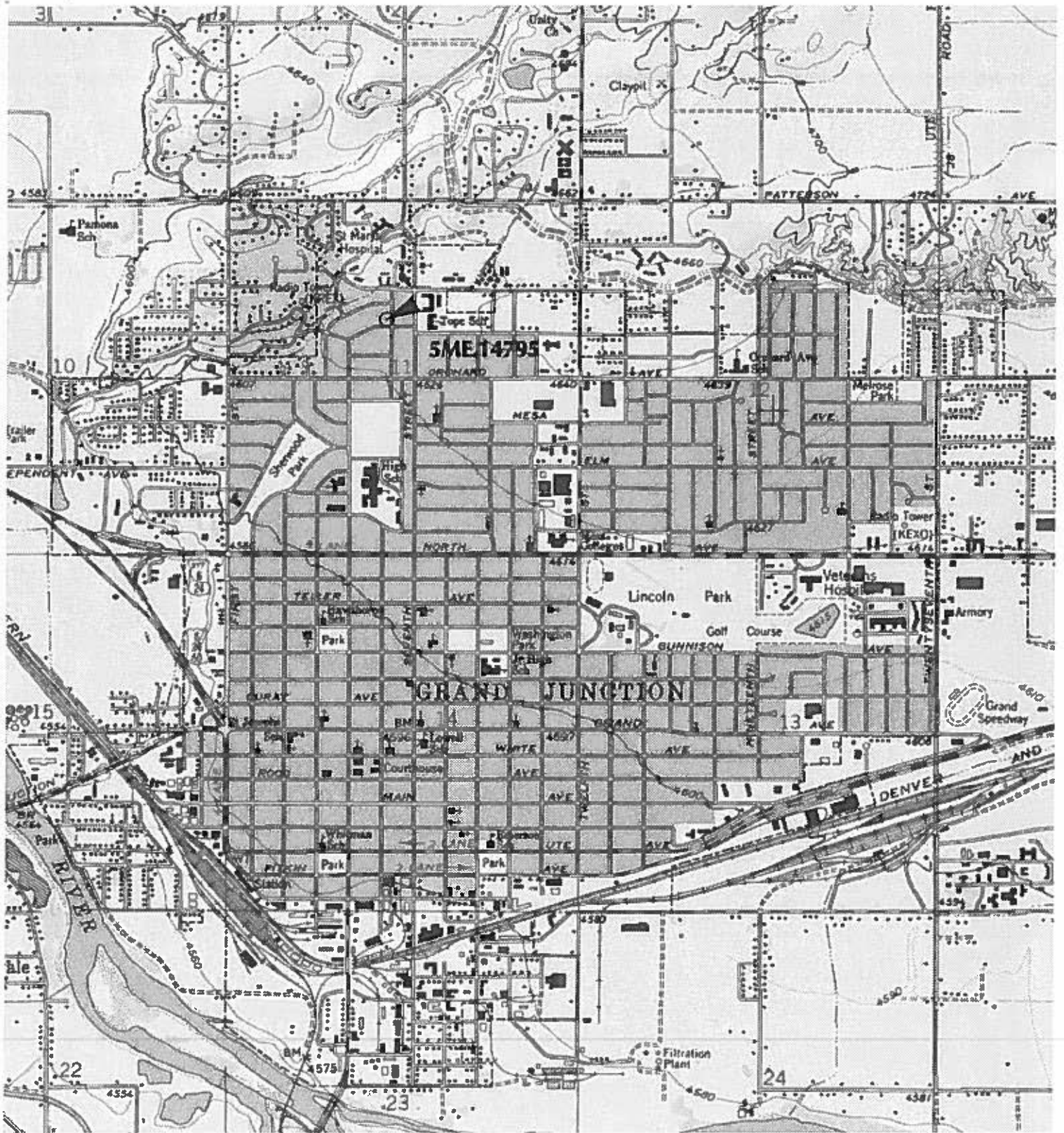
590 Walnut Ave.



North

Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

City of Grand Junction • Phase Three Survey
2004



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Phase Three Historic Survey

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Roll # 7 Frame # 19

Looking northwest

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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