

# 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.14796
2. Temporary resource number: 605.WAL
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 605 Walnut Ave.
8. Owner name and address: Ruth L Foster  
605 Walnut Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-7439

### II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West  
NE 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 7 2 mE 4 3 2 9 2 0 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): 1 Block: 8  
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 1 Blk 8  
Bookcliff Park  
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-05-020  
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 36' x Width 49'
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): Chimney, Porch

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21. General architectural description: This is a small masonry house comprised of two rectangular sections that are offset and connected at the corners. The principal façade faces north. The left part of the façade is a pyramidal roof form, which is closest to the street. The north wall of this part has two window units to either side. The right unit is a picture window, flanked by casements, with a transom. The casements and transom have muntins that divide the unit horizontally and vertically respectively. The left unit is three equal casements (center fixed) with a transom and similar muntins. These are both steel window units. The second section of the façade is set back from the first, and connected by a low ridge, which runs from the peak of the hipped roof of the right. A flat roof sits in the corner of the ell created by the two sections. The flat roof is supported by a single pipe column on the northwest corner. The main entry door faces west and has a triple casement window to its left, similar to the main façade. A horizontally proportioned window is located on the north wall of the second volume adjacent to the door. This window has a similar configuration to the others, with a higher sill. The west wall has a small pair of casements on the left corner and a set of three full height fixed windows on the right. The roof has a moderate overhang which wraps the house and the window heads sits almost at the soffit line.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The house sits on a corner lot with several trees and shrubs throughout. Two strips of concrete run to the large windows on the west.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1948 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): Original garage on west converted to living space; dates unknown.

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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: Irma T. Weston is shown as owner in the directories of 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

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Community Development and Planning

40. Period of significance: 1948; 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

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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.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Alterations have somewhat impacted the integrity of the house. The infill of the garage does alter the original character, but the house continues to contribute to the 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

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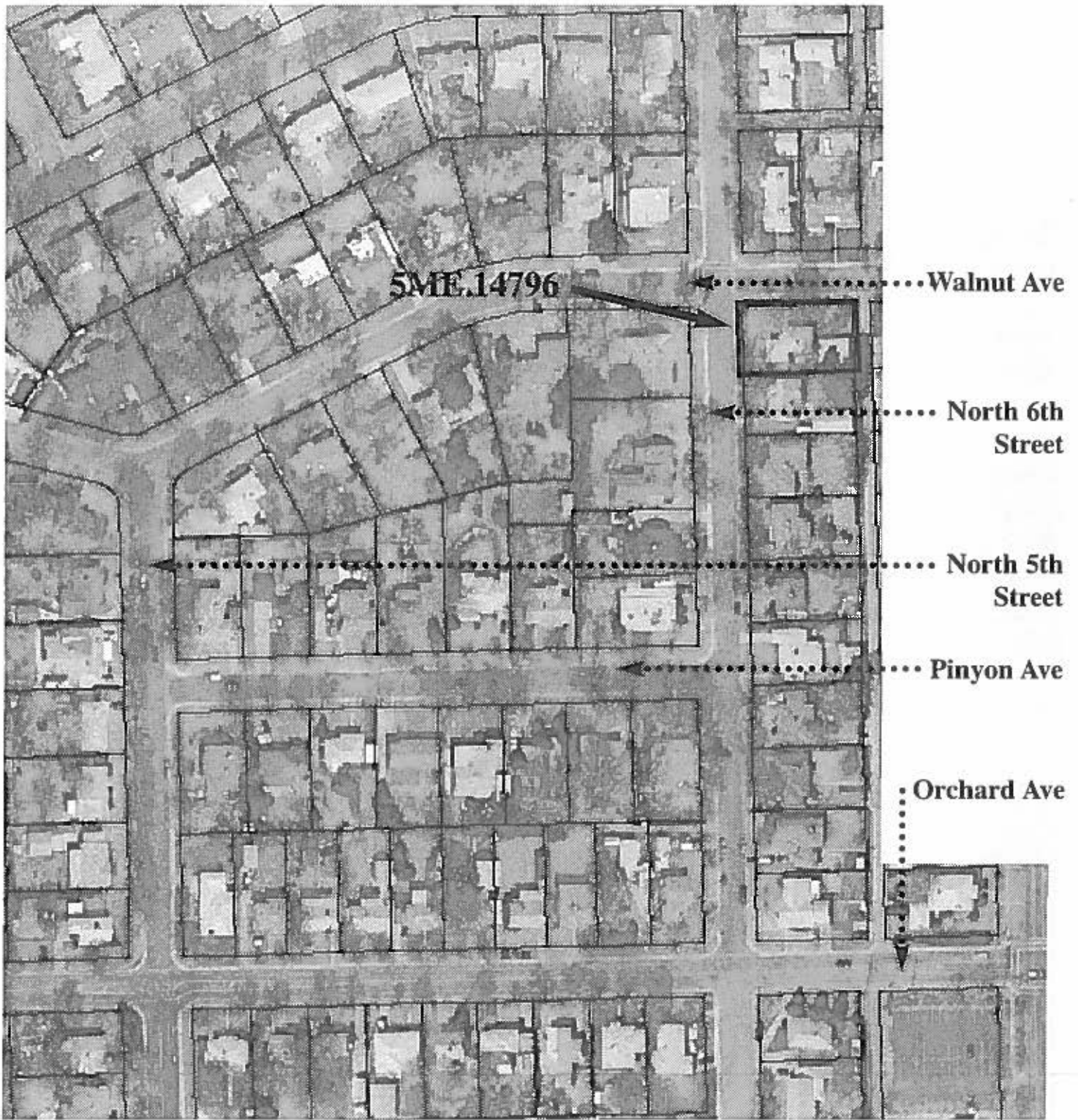
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**VIII. Recording Information**

47. Photograph numbers: Roll # 7 Frame # 21 also digital image 605.WAL  
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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North

Grand Junction, Colorado  
*image from 2002 aerial map*

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Looking southeast

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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