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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.14790
2. Temporary resource number: 550.WAL
3. County: Mesa
4. City: Grand Junction
5. Historic building name: n/a
6. Current building name: n/a
7. Building address: 550 Walnut Ave.
8. Owner name and address: James C Fuller
550 Walnut Ave Grand Junction, CO 81501-7438

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. Ute Principal Meridian Township 1 South Range 1 West
SW 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 7 5 0 mE 4 3 2 9 2 4 6 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): 16 Block: 5
Addition: Bookcliff Park Year of Addition: 1946
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Legal description of the site is: Lot 16 Blk 5
Bookcliff Park Exc W 2ft
Assessors Office Parcel ID # 2945-112-03-016
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 31' x Width 49'
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): Wood Horizontal Siding
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Cross Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): Chimney, Porch, Carport

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21. General architectural description: This is a small wood frame house with a low pitched gable roof. The main ridge runs generally east/west and the principal façade faces south. A shallow front gabled projection extends off the face of the side gabled form and occupies over half its width. A picture window, flanked by casements, sits off center to the left on the front gable. The right section of the front gable is recessed back to the main side gable wall. The entry door is located in the recess and a large picture window, flanked by casements, occupies the remainder of the side gable wall to the right. A side gable carport is applied to the east side and a rectangular brick chimney is applied to the east wall of the main side gable; it runs up through the overhang of the main roof. The front gable has diagonal siding which mimics the slope of the roof. A shed roof porch extends off the rear of the house.
22. Architectural style/building type: Ranch Type
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The lot has large street trees and several shrubs along the perimeter of the house. The driveway runs up to the carport on the east. The remainder of the yard is lawn.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: none

IV. Architectural History

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1952 Actual: _____
Source of information: Mesa County Assessors Office
26. Architect: unknown
Source of information: _____
27. Builder/Contractor: unknown
Source of information: _____
28. Original owner: H. Albert Tessman
Source of information: 1955 Polk Directory
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): No major alterations are apparent.
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

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35. Historical background: H. Abbott Tessman is shown as the owner in the 1955 directory. Earl E. Fuller is shown as owner in the directories of 1956 and 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 1951, 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: 1952; 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

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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: Integrity appears to be intact.

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 # 14

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

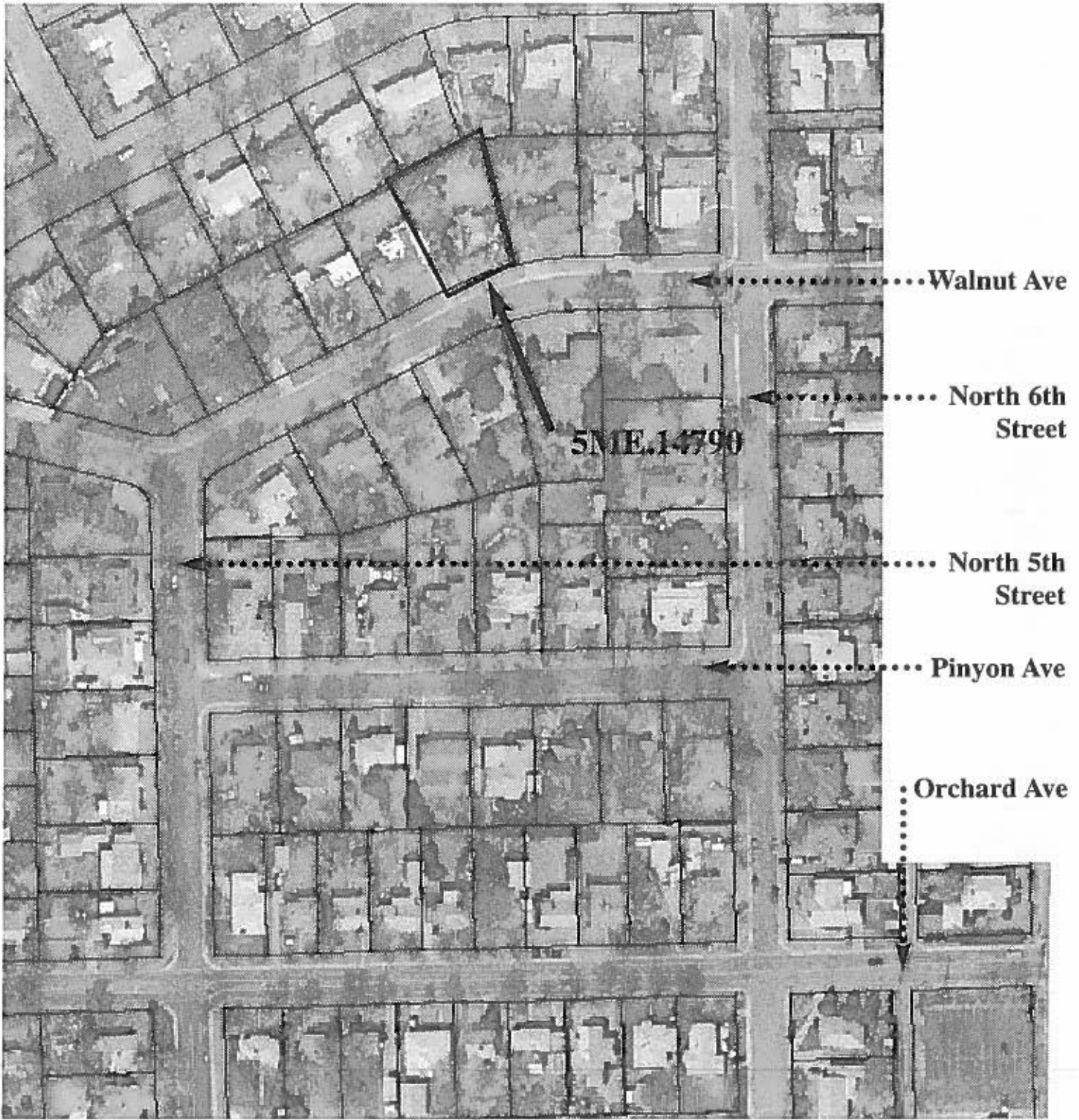
51. Organization: Reid Architects, Inc.

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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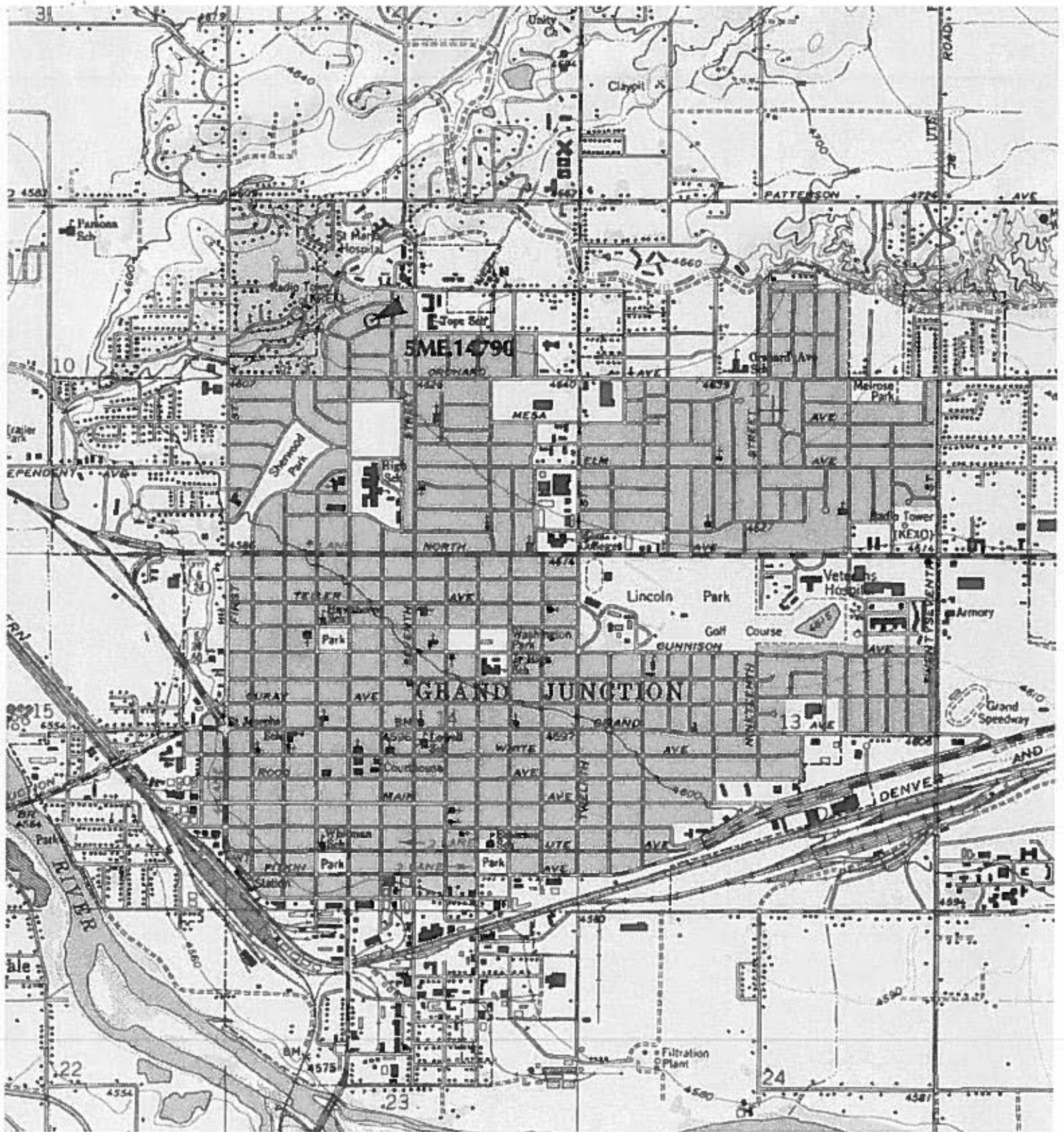
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North

Grand Junction, Colorado
image from 2002 aerial map

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Looking northwest

Grand Junction, Mesa County, CO

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