

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
1300 Broadway  
Denver, Colorado 80203

**HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD**

Project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey

County: Mesa City: Grand Junction

State ID no. 5ME 7131 Temporary no.

Current building name: Amber Floral

Address: 516 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Owner: Scott Miller and Malinda & Mary Galba, 202 Mesa Grande Dr.,  
Grand Jct, CO 81503

Township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, NE 1/4, SW 1/4

Historic name:

USGS quad name: Grand Jct., CO 1962 N3900-W10830 X 7.5' 15'

District name:

Block: 104 lot(s) 28 Addition: City

Yr. of addition

Film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

Negative nos. 5858-8

Location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

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Date of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ estimate 1890 actual

Source: 1981 Historic Survey of City

Use: commercial present commercial historic

Condition: \_\_\_ excellent X good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorating

Extent of alterations:  minor  moderate  major

Describe: Upper level covered with metal siding, new display windows, recessed entry, awning, new second level windows

Style: Commercial

Stories: 3

original  moved date(s) of move:

Materials: Brick/metal plating cover

Square footage: 3125

National Register Eligibility:

Individual:  yes  no

Contributing to district:  yes  no

Local landmark designation: \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ date

Associated buildings?  yes type:

If inventoried, list ID nos.

Architectural description: Three story commercial brick building covered with metal siding. Recessed entry with large display windows and brick kickplate. Two second level windows are new with row of four smaller glass panes on either side.

Architect: unknown

Source:

Original owner: unknown

Source:

Builder/contractor: unknown

Source:

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Theme(s): Plateau Country/commercial

Construction history (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure): Upper level covered with metal plating, new display windows, recessed entry, awning, second level windows—date unknown

Historic background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure): This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction

and was representative of the 1890s town building.

The 2-story building was complete by 1890, sharing a stairway and skylight with the attached building on lot 27. William Royston, apparently an "out-of-towner," may have been responsible for erecting the entire building, and be part of an Eastern Slope (Colorado Springs) investment pattern. The stone front appears somewhat distinctive for Grand Junction, where most buildings exhibit a red brick face to the world. The room upstairs served as both offices and residences over the years, although it is difficult to isolate the second-story tenants of this building from those in its other half. From 1918 through at least 1937, 516 Main was a candy store, first C.S. Miller's, then Samuel Cardman's. Upstairs (518) tenants include R.L. McGill and Charles J. Steen (later a uranium tycoon?). Music teachers are frequently upstairs tenants. The eastern half of the downstairs, 520 Main, fortuitously housed Winfield Clark Music Co., which carried a variety of musical instruments. Customers could buy instruments downstairs, then go upstairs for lessons.

Significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

Architectural significance:	Historic significance:
<input type="checkbox"/> represents the work of a master	<input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant persons
<input type="checkbox"/> possesses high artistic values	<input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant events or patterns
<input type="checkbox"/> represents a type, period or method of construction	<input type="checkbox"/> contributes to an historic district

Statement of significance:

Does not meet National Register criteria.

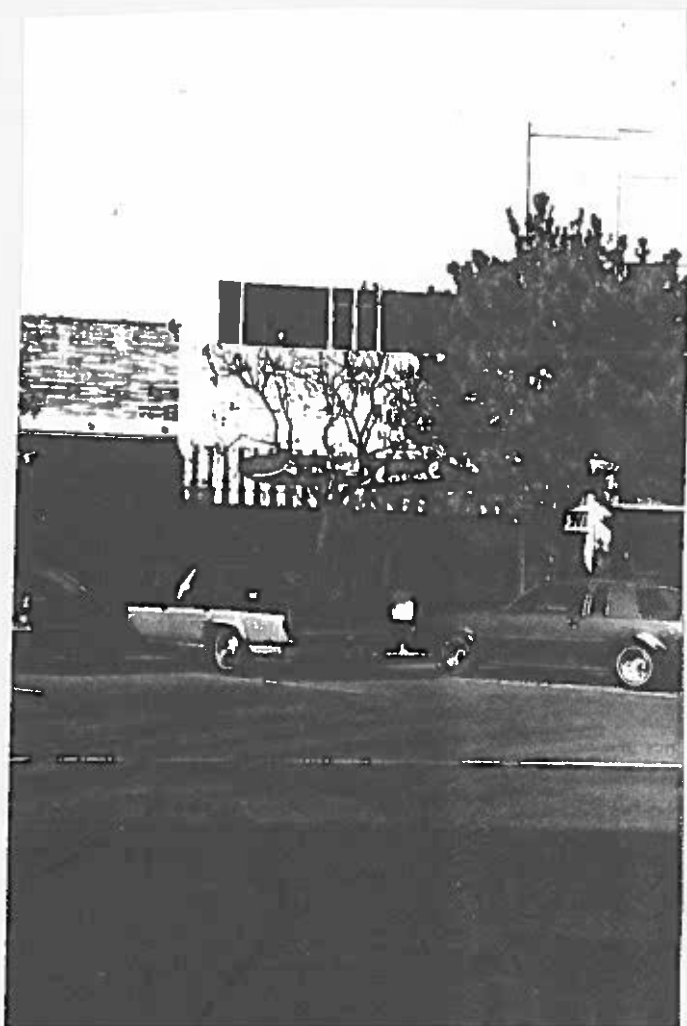
Non-contributing; alterations may be reversible. As it stands, the metal siding obscures too much of the original façade to evaluate its integrity.

References (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City  
Mesa County Assessor's Records

Surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff affiliation: Winter & Company

Date: July, 1994



516 Main Street  
Current Google Street View  
July 2012

