

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 7122 temporary no.

current building name: New Directions Baskets & Gifts

address: 428 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Shari A. Raso & Busy Bee Partners, PO Box 2328, Grand Junction,  
81502-2328

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: 103 lot(s) 26 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5854-2, 6942-20

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ estimate 1891 actual

source: 1981 Historic Survey of City

use: commercial present commercial historic

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

extent of alterations:  minor  moderate  major

describe: Metal siding, recessed, curved entry, awning, signage

style: Commercial

stories: 1

original  moved date(s) of move:

materials: metal siding

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: One-story, commercial building with metal siding on upper level. Recessed curved entry has large windows trimmed in wood with wood kickplates and wood door with oval window. A canvas awning is across the front. Signage is above entry and awning on upper level.

architect: unknown

source:

original owner: unknown

source:

builder/contractor: unknown

source:

theme(s): Plateau Country/commercial

construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

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historic background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and is representative of the late 1890s town building.

This building was in the hands of Wendell P. Ela and then his son W. Dennett, daughter Hazel, and daughter-in-law Lucy ca. 1898 to at least 1957. Wendell P. was listed as a stockman in 1888; by 1898 he was president of Mesa County State Bank. Ela also was president of Grand Valley Water Users and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce just before 1920. His son W.D. was assistant cashier, then cashier at U.S. Bank of Grand Junction (also father to Judge William Ela). This building housed Bannister Furniture right after the turn of the century, for a short time (that may be a typo in the Polk Directory). The building was home to Galley-Evans Hardware Co., Sparkman Electric Co. was located here, all the way through the 1950s.

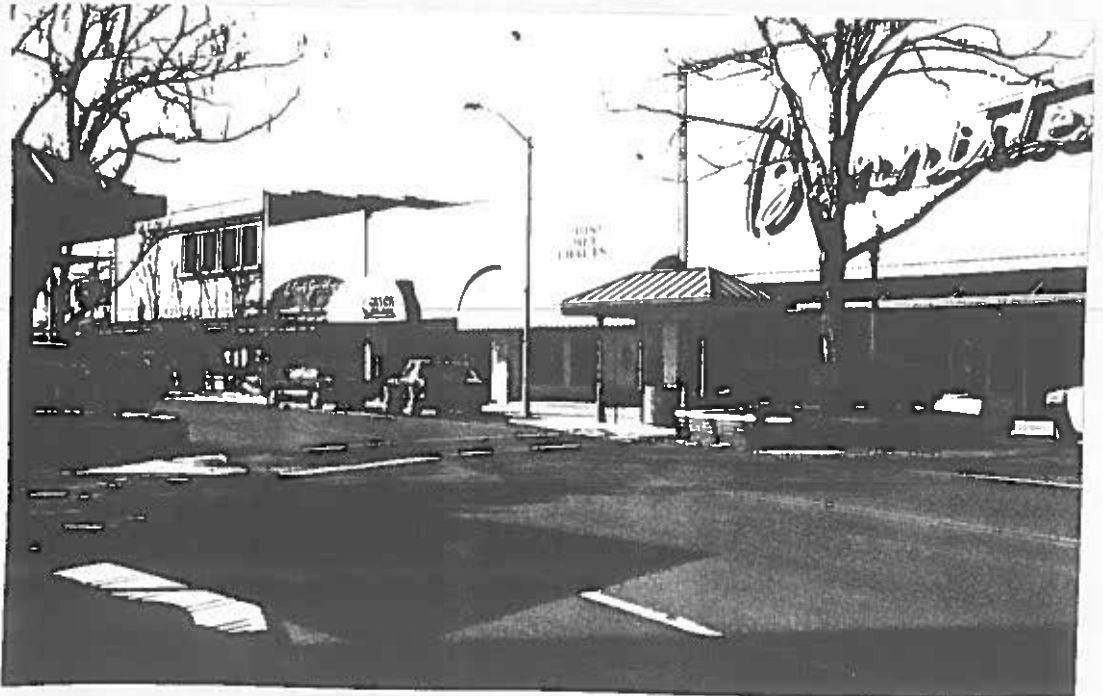
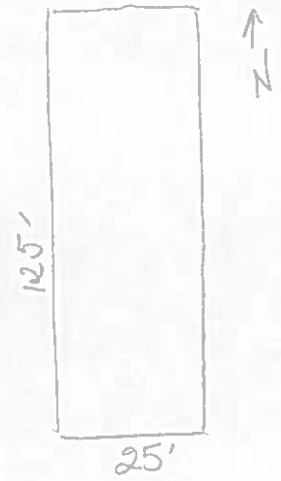
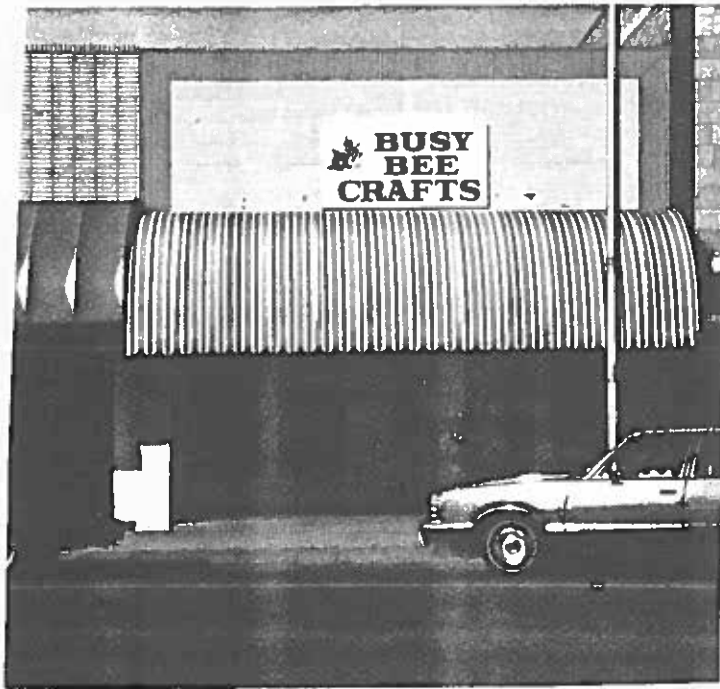
significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> architectural significance:<br><input type="checkbox"/> represents the work of a master<br><input type="checkbox"/> possesses high artistic values<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> represents a type, period or method of construction | <input type="checkbox"/> historic significance:<br><input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant persons<br><input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant events or patterns<br><input type="checkbox"/> contributes to an historic district |
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statement of significance:  
Does not meet National Register criteria  
May contribute to a local register

references (be specific)  
1981 Historic Survey of City

surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff affiliation: Winter & Company  
date: July, 1994





**428 Main Street**

**Most Current Google Street View**

**July 2012**