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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 7123 temporary no.  
current building name: ~~Bannister Furniture~~ *Vacant*  
address: 436 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501  
owner: Janet Gardner & Chester Allen, 2067 Rim Shadow Ct., Grand Junction, 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: 103 lot(s) 24,25 addition: City  
yr. of addition  
film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.  
negative nos. 5858-24  
location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

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date of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ estimate 1923 actual  
source: 1981 Historic Survey of City  
use: commercial present commercial historic  
condition: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent X good \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorating

extent of alterations: \_\_\_minor \_\_\_moderate Xmajor

describe: Recessed entrance, awning, display windows, new facade of tiles, signage

style: Commercial

stories: 2

Xoriginal \_\_\_moved date(s) of move:

materials: Brick

square footage: 6250

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: \_\_\_yes Xno

Contributing to district: X\*yes \_\_\_no

local landmark designation: \_\_\_\_\_name \_\_\_\_\_date

associated buildings? \_\_\_\_\_yes type:

if inventoried, list ID nos.

architectural description: Two-story brick, commercial structure with new facade. Upper level has tile with very large lettering. The recessed entrance has display windows and glass double doors. A shed metal roof awning is across the front.

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)

Recessed entrance, awning, display windows, tiles, signage--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 1920s town building.

Bannister's Furniture, now run by members of the Silcox family, is probably the oldest continuously family run business in Mesa County. During its early years it was not unusual during a time when many furniture stores also sold caskets. William H. Bannister, who began the business in 1897, was soon succeeded by his sons, Ollie and Earl K., and daughter Pearl (Mrs. James M.) Silcox.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

\_\_\_\_\_ architectural significance:  
\_\_\_\_\_ represents the work of a master  
\_\_\_\_\_ possesses high artistic values

X  represents a type, period or  
method of construction

\_\_\_\_\_ historic significance:  
\_\_\_\_\_ associated with significant persons  
 X  associated with significant events  
or patterns  
 X\*  contributes to an  
historic district

statement of significance:

Contributing with qualifications. The alterations on this building are of a consistent quality and convey the continuing vitality of the street. They have taken on a significance of their own.

references (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City  
Mesa County Assessor's Records

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



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