

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey
county: Mesa city: Grand Junction
state ID no. 5ME 4135 temporary no.
current building name: Champion Boot & Saddle
address: 543/545 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501
owner: Louise Fuoco, 545 Main St., Grand Junction,
81501-2607
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: 117 lot(s) 12 addition: City
yr. of addition
film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.
negative nos. 6942-1

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction
date of construction: _____ estimate 1909 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: display windows, recessed entry, signage, new second story windows

style: Commercial

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: Brick

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: Two story commercial brick building with display windows and recessed entry. An addition recessed entry on the right leads to the second story. There is an ornate cornice with bracket treatment near the roofline and brick pilaster on second story and rusticated stone detail to lower part of second story windows, which are new. Clerestory is tiled with lettering. There is an extremely large sign projecting from the second level. Painted brick signage is on second level east side of building.

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)
display windows, recessed entry, signage, new second story windows--dates 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 early 1900s town building.

Although assessor's records show today's Champion Building as having been built in 1909, it appears on the 1907 Sanborn map with its present footprint, filling the entire lot, with 2 light courts. Then, it had a frame second story with a brick facade. This building was built for I.N. Bunting's *Daily Sentinel*, started in 1893. Taxation records appear to indicate major improvements about 1914. The upstairs has apparently been a haven for attorneys and other small-office concerns since at least 1916. By 1921, the building belonged to Charles McCary and Fred Mantey; each apparently paid half the taxes-a fairly unusual listing in tax records. Mantey was vice president of the Bank of Grand Junction at the time; McCary apparently was a retired fellow saddle maker. After the newspaper moved out, the ground floor apparently was the site of Your Cafeteria, then J.C. Corson's electrical supply shop. While a building co-owner, Mantey became president of nearby (555 Main) Modern Building & Loan Association. By 1937, Jasper Fuoco had opened the Champion Shoe Shop on the ground floor, and purchased the building ca. 1947. The boot and shoe store is still in the hands of the Fuoco family.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

_____ architectural significance:	_____ historic
_____ significance:	
_____ represents the work of a master	_____ associated with significant persons
_____ possesses high artistic values	_____ <u>X</u> associated with significant events or patterns

X represents a type, period or
method of construction

X contributes to an
historic district

statement of significance:

Contributing; This structure is located within the original
platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the
early 1990s town building and commercial brick structures on Main
Street.

references (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff
Company

affiliation: Winter &

date: July, 1994



545 Main Street

Current Google Street View

July 2012