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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 Down | town Survey | 7 | |
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| 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: 81501- | Louise Fuoco, 545 Ma 2607 | ain St., Gr | and Junction, | |
| township: 1S | range: 1W sect: | ion: 14, N | WE 1/4, SW 1/4 | |
| historic name: | | | | |
| USGS quad name: | Grand Jct., CO 1962 | N3900-W108 | 30 <u>X</u> 7.5' | י 15 |
| district name: | | | | |
| block: 117 lot(s | a) 12 addition: | City | | |
| yr. of addition | | | | |
| film roll by: Mar | ty Alexandroff no. | | | |
| negative nos. | 6942-1 | | | |
| location of negat | ives: City of Grand | Junction | | |
| date of construct | ion: esti | .mate <u>19</u> | 09 actual | |
| source: 1981 His | toric Survey of City | | | |
| use: <u>commer</u> | <u>rcial</u> present historic | | | |
| condition: | excellent X good | fair | deteriorati | ing |

| extent of alterations:minormoderate X_major | | | | |
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| describe: display windows, recessed entry, signage, new second story windows | | | | |
| style: Commercial | | | | |
| stories: 2 | | | | |
| X_originalmoved date(s) of move: | | | | |
| materials: Brick | | | | |
| square footage: 3125? | | | | |
| National Register Eligibility: Individual:yes _Xno Contributing to district: _Xyesno | | | | |
| local landmark designation:namedate 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 ____X_ associated with significant events or patterns

X represents a type, period or
method of construction

x contributes to an historic district

statement of significance:

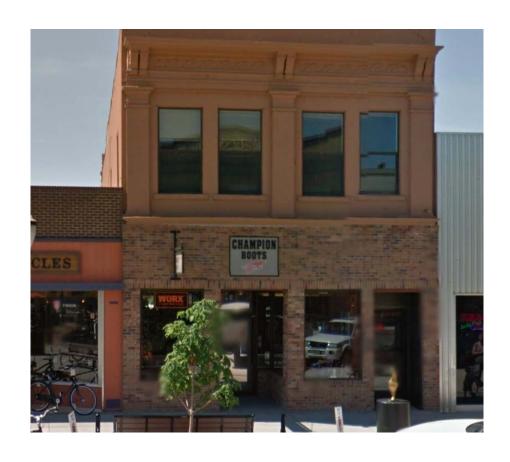
Contributing; This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the early 1990s town building and commercial brick structures on Main Street.

references (be specific)
1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

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Company

date: July, 1994



545 Main Street
Current Google Street View
July 2012