

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 7519 temporary no.

Current building name: Brown Cycles

Address: 549 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Owner: Gregory Genuit, P.O. Box 531, Ouray, CO 81427-0531

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) 13 Addition: City

Yr. of addition

Film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

Negative nos. 6942-0

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 X major

Describe: Recessed entry, large display windows, signage, kickplates, new brick

Style: Commercial

Stories: 1

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: One-story brick commercial building with recessed entry, offset glass door with metal trim and glass transom, and large display windows with painted brick kickplates. The brick along the sides of the windows has been painted. The clerestory has been covered with painted wood and has a large sign.

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 was representative of the early 1900s town building.

The first small building was apparently erected on this lot between 1904 and 1907. The first occupant may have been Patterick & Griffin, bicycles and tanners. The building "grew" in several installments. By 1912, the Sanborn map shows a pharmacy in front and a warehouse in the rear with a court in between. Ideal Dry Cleaning Co. settled into 549 by 1918, with C.A. Brafford in 551. The cleaner had 4-280 gallon chemical tanks near the rear of the lot by 1919, but they do not show up on later maps. Grocery store owner William Kuhlman acquired the property by 1921, but kept his grocery store in South 4th Street through at least 1930. Fremont Paint Store had moved to 549 Main by 1935, and its owners, Floyd and Rebecca Price, acquired the building by 1945. The business became a Komac Paint Store, under the direction of Benton C. Ritchey by 1949, which it remained throughout the early 1950's.

Significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

Non-contributing; does not meet National Register criteria.

References (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

Surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff affiliation: Winter & Company

Date: July, 1994

statement of significance:

Does Not meet Nat'l. Register criteria
Non-contributing; alterations are not reversible

references (be specific)

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549 Main Street

Current Google Street View

July 2012