

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. SME 4134 temporary no.

current building name: The Mercantile Building/The Main Page

address: 542-546 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Robert & Yvonne Armantrout, 2291 Shiprock Rd., Grand Jct.

township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, NE 1/4, SW 1/4

historic name: The Mercantile/Kress Building

USGS quad name: Grand Jct., CO 1962 N3900-W10830 X 7.5' 15'

district name:

block: 104 lot(s) 21, 22 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5858-3

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: _____ estimate 1929 actual

source: 1981 Historic Survey of City

use: commercial present commercial historic

condition: X excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorating

extent of alterations: ___ minor X moderate ___ major

describe: Altered first floor; new awnings

style: Vernacular Commercial

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: 6250

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 beige brick building with two display windows with signage on street level with two recessed entrances and large wood doors with glass. A white canvas awning with blue trim is across the front of the building. Canvas awnings are also over the windows on upper level. There are small wood frames with glass used for display on either side of the entry. A small bracketed cornice is on second level and decorative work at the top of the building with the word "Kress" in a stepped parapet. Large lettering appears across the front above the lower awning.

architect: Flemming

source: 1982 Historic Structures Survey of Grand Junction

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)
Remodeled, retains integrity--1975

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. S.H. Kress & Company occupied the building from 1929 until 1973.

Around 1929, the present building was constructed by the nationwide Samuel H. Kress chain to house a 10-cent and "notions" store. The building was originally laid out with a selling floor, basement, warehouse, and office mezzanine. Renamed the Mercantile in 1975, it has been extensively remodeled by subsequent owners. Current occupants include Main Page, a designer fashion store.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

statement of significance:

Contributing; altered but compatible
This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the 1920s town building and simple brick structures on Main Street.

references (be specific)

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

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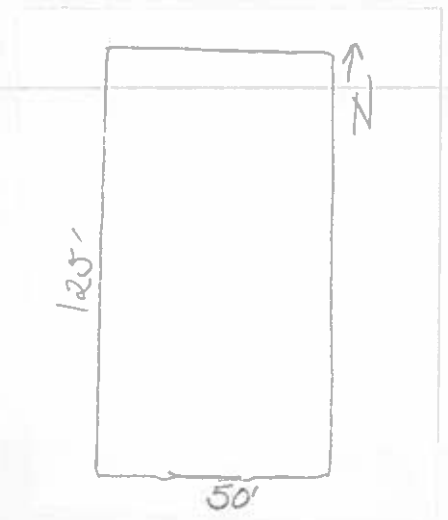
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