

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 4198 temporary no.  
 current building name: Schiesswohl Building  
 address: <sup>560 Colorado</sup> 126 S. Sixth Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501  
 owner: R. Schiesswohl, 570 Hall Ave., Grand Junction  
 81501-2138  
 township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, SE 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) 17-21 addition: City  
 yr. of addition  
 film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.  
 negative nos. 6835-18  
 location of negatives: City of Grand Junction  
 date of construction \_\_\_\_\_ estimate 1908 actual  
 source: 1993 Historic Building Inventory Record  
 use: commercial present commercial historic  
 condition: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent X good \_\_\_\_\_ fair  
 \_\_\_\_\_deteriorating  
 extent of alterations: \_\_\_\_\_minor X moderate \_\_\_\_\_major  
 describe: New windows on second level, painted brick, display  
 windows, recessed doors  
 style: Commercial/Italianate

stories: 2

original  moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: 6,126

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, simple Italianate design typical of the early 20th Century commercial architecture. The first floor of the front facade has four storefront bays, each with a large display window and a single wood and glass door. Clerestories are boarded with wood, but original glazing pattern is still evident in the remaining nuntins. At the south end of the bays is a double-door entry with glass transom to the second floor. The second story of the front facade has eight evenly-spaced, one-over-one new windows and two-over-two window located over the second floor entry. The windows are accented by sandstone caps and the arched window features a Romanesque arched voussoir also in sandstone. The front rises above the actual roofline of the building and has an elaborate sheet metal cornice topped by a brick parapet with inlaid brick panels and a decorative sandstone cap. The back facade of the building is very plain and functional with two entries and two upper floor windows. The side facades are not as detailed as the front, each having only a few simple windows. The stone accents are repeated on the second floor window of the north, alley-facing facade. A wing was added in 1934 which is now 560 Colorado. It has an angled corner and commercial display windows.

architect: J. B. Boyer, J. R. Wilson

source: 1993 Historic Inventory Record

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original owner: Jacob H. Schiesswohl

source: 1993 Historic Inventory Record

builder/contractor: Louis Spallone & Nunzio Grasso/R. A. Mathews Construction Co.

source: 1993 Historic Inventory Record

theme(s): Plateau Country/commerical

construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

The original two-story rectangular structure of the Schiesswohl building was constructed in phases with different contractors used for each phase. In 1925 Schiesswohl built a filling station for and leased the two adjacent lots to the south of his building. A larger station was completed in 1934.

historic background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

Jacob H. Schiesswohl was a successful real estate and insurance businessman in Grand Junction in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

He built himself an office with additional space he could lease for added business income.

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:  
X associated with significant persons  
X associated with significant events or patterns  
X contributes to an historic district

statement of significance:

Contributing; The Schiesswohl Building is architecturally significant because it is the best preserved example of a structure of this period and type in the Grand Junction downtown area. Its location just off of Main Street saved it from the ravages of alterations suffered by most other, more prominent buildings of its period. Historically, the Schiesswohl Building has mirrored the prevailing conditions of the local economy, serving at various times a wide variety of office, retail, commercial, and even residential uses.

references (be specific)

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affiliation: Winter & Company

date: July, 1994



**560 Colorado Avenue**  
**Current Google Street View**  
**July 2012**