

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey

current building name:

county: Mesa city: Grand Junction

state ID no. 5ME-7221 temporary no.

address: 634 N 5th, Grand Junction, CO 80501

owner: Elizabeth Fulton, 634 N. 5th, Grand Junction, 81501-2610

township: 1S range: 1W section: 14, NW 1/4

historic name:

USGS quad name: GJT-N3900-W10830, CO 1962 X 7.5' 15'

district name:

block: lot(s) addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Leslie Karp no.

negative nos. 1051-1; 7410-6

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: _____ estimate: 1890 actual

source: Mesa County Assessor's Office

use: present: Residence historic: Residence

condition: X excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ deteriorating

extent of alterations: _____ minor X moderate _____ major

describe: clapboard siding; shake shingle roof is a later alteration

style: Queen Anne

stories: 2

X original _____ moved date(s) of move:

materials: wood frame with clapboard siding

square footage:2412

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: yes no

Contributing to district: yes no

local landmark designation: _____ name _____ date

associated buildings? yes type:storage shed

if inventoried, list ID nos.

architectural description:

Two story, square, frame Victorian era building; wood siding; gable roof with wood shingles; turret on northeast corner of building; covered front porch that wraps around building with turned baluster railing; turret has 9 paned fixed windows around entire circumference; other windows are 1/1; front has one fixed glass window with transom; front sidewalk leading to steps to front porch; mature trees, shrubs, and grass.

architect:unknown

source:

original owner:unknown

source:

builder/contractor:unknown

source:

theme(s): Plateau country/residential

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

wood clapboard siding--date unknown

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

George Crawford selected the town site on Sept. 26 1881, incorporated the Grand Junction Town Company, and platted a section of land for town development in typical grid fashion. Boundaries were established at North and South avenues and First and Twelfth streets. Corners were set aside for churches, blocks for school buildings (between Fifth and Sixth streets and White and Rood avenues), parks - Maple, Walnut, Chestnut and Cottonwood (names later changed to Whitman, Emerson, Hawthorn, and Washington, respectively)- were designed for each quarter section of the original town plat. This structure is located within the original platted area and is representative of the 1890s town building era.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

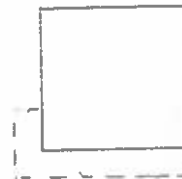
architectural significance:
 represents the work of a master
 possesses high artistic values
 represents a type, period or method of construction

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

statement of significance:
Contributing; altered compatible
This structure is located within the original town plat.

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

surveyed by: Leslie Karp affiliation: Winter & Company
date: July, 1994





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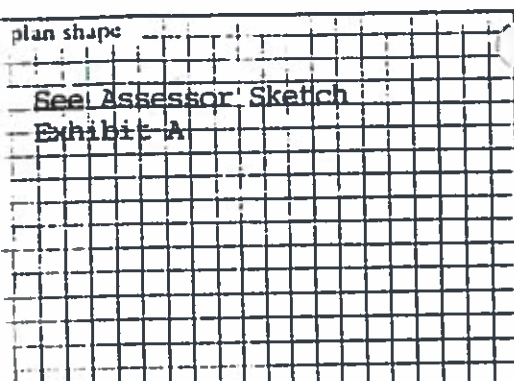


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 DATE _____

Historic Building Inventory Record

2945-142-29-022

project name		county	city	state ID no.
		Mesa	Grand Junction	
current building name		owner		
Fulton Residence		Elizabeth G. Fulton		
address		634 N 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO		
634 North Fifth Street Grand Junction, Colorado 81501		township	range	section
		1N	1W	14 SE 1/4 NW 1/4
historic name		USGS quad name		
Bucklin Residence		Grand Junction 1973 yr. X 7.5' 15'		
district name		block	lot(s)	addition
NA		51	N 97 FT of Lots 1-4,	yr. of addition
film roll	no.	negative nos.	location of negatives	date of construction
by C. Howard	2	1	Museum W. CO	1890 - 1903 estimate _____ actual _____
				source
				Sanborn Map Company Mesa County Assessor Mesa County Recorder
				use
				Residential present Residential historic
				condition
X excellent fair	good deteriorating			
extent of alterations				
X minor moderate major				
describe:				
Electric & plumbing, addition bathroom and enlarging kitchen Sunburst & porch railings				
style		stories		
Queen Anne Victorian		2		
materials		square footage		National Register Eligibility
Wood Frame.		2,294 sf + basement		Individual: _____ yes X no
architectural description				Contributing to district:
Steep pitched roof, polychromatic clapboard siding with overlapping fish scale shingles, a round tower with decorative finial in the northwest corner, a wide covered porch that extends from the front (west) around to the north side.				_____ yes _____ no
				local landmark designation
				_____ name _____ date
				associated buildings? No yes type
				if inventoried, list ID nos.
additional pages				
_____ yes		X no		

plan shape 	architect Unknown source	original owner James W. Bucklin
	builder/contractor Unknown source	source Mesa County Clerk & Recorder Book 31, Page 2
		theme(s)

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

It is not known who designed the house, who the builder was, or when it was built. County Assessor records indicate the house was constructed in 1890. However, this date is not verified. On October 1, 1889, Grand Junction Town and Improvement Company sold Lots 1 - 4, Block 51, to James W. Bucklin for \$400, as shown in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 31, Page 2. A Sanborn Map Company map for 1904 shows the completed house on the site. The 1904 footprint is similar to the present house with the exception of a bathroom addition (circa 1950) on the north side and the kitchen that was enlarged in 1985.

continued yes no

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

The original owner was James W. Bucklin, one of the founders of Grand Junction. He assisted platting the new town and was the first attorney. He served three terms in the Colorado legislature, was Grand Junction's mayor, county attorney and city attorney. He was married first to Margie Champion who died in 1885. In 1895 he married Mary Lapham and they had two children, James W., Jr. and Louis Lapham. The house remained in the family until Louis L. Bucklin and Eljah Bucklin deeded it to Mesa County Building and Loan Association in 1934. T. J. and Myra Treece bought the foreclosed property from the re-named Mesa Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1937. (Treece owned a furniture store downtown.) Assessor records indicate they owned it until 1955. Polk directories indicate Treece occupied the house until 1953 when it appears to have been converted to a duplex. The next owner-occupant was Ernest and Nancy Kendall who bought it for \$26,000 in 1974. Richard and Elizabeth Fulton bought it in 1975 for \$35,000. Elizabeth Fulton is owner at present.

continued yes no

significance (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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statement of significance

The carefully restored Queen Anne Victorian is one of only a few of this architectural design remaining in Grand Junction. The steeply pitched roof, clapboard and fish scale siding and the tall, round tower are distinctive in the downtown area. James Bucklin was a significant force in the early commercial and political life of the community. Both as a "founding father" and as an elected official, he has historical significance.

continued yes no

references (be specific)

Mesa County Assessor Records
 Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Records
 Sanborn Map Company
 Polk City Directories
Progressive Men of Western Colorado, (Chicago, Bowen, 1905)
 MacKendrick, Donald A., "Thunder West of the Divide", *Essays and Monographs*, Colorado Historical Society, 1984.
 Elizabeth G. Fulton

continued yes no

surveyed by Linda Rose	affiliation Museum of Western Colorado	date 3/15/95
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Addendum - 634 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY:

It was converted into a duplex, probably in the early 1950's. The entry hall was a common area with one apartment on the ground floor and a second apartment on the upper floor. It was restored to a single family residence in 1975 when Richard E. Fulton III and Elizabeth G. Fulton purchased the house from Ernest W. and Nancy G. Kendall. The present owner, Elizabeth Fulton, is responsible for much of the aesthetic restoration.

In restoring the house, the owner has either refinished the original materials or replaced with materials comparable to the original construction. Two original stained glass windows are in the front parlor and over the front door. Woodwork is either original painted, refinished, or reproduced. Other original materials include softwood floors and stairs, plaster walls, and single-pane double hung wood windows.

The electrical and plumbing systems have been modernized. The only additions are functional improvements: adding a bathroom on the ground floor and enlarging and modernizing the kitchen.

The owner reports finding layers of paint on exterior siding that suggest the house was originally painted white. By 1974 the exterior had been covered with shingles and painted grey with white trim. Those shingles have been removed and the exterior is now painted yellow with trim in gold, white and three shades of purple. The sunburst over the front steps and the porch railings are recent additions.

