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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 Downtown Survey

county: Mesa city: Grand Junction

state ID no. 5ME 4140 temporary no.

current building name: The Winery; Culture Expressions; various

address: 642/644/650 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Frank Bering, 642 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 (642)  
Robert Armantrout, 2291 Shiprock, Grand Junction, CO 81503-1189 (644)

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

historic name: Lilja Building

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

district name:

block: 105 lot(s) addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5856-14; 6837-6

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: \_\_\_ estimate 1913 actual

source: 1982 Historic Structures Survey

use: commercial present commercial historic

condition: X excellent \_\_\_ good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorating

extent of alterations:  minor  moderate  major

describe: display windows, signage, recessed entry, east side rear entrance to separate business

style: Commercial

stories: 2

original  moved date(s) of move:

materials: Brick

square footage: 12,500

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 commercial brick building with wood bracketed cornice at roofline. One-over-one double hung windows on second level with voussoirs. Clerestory is covered with wood paneling and signage. Front is recessed with columns of new brick and display windows and brick kickplates. Two recessed entries have glass doors with glass transoms. There is a recessed doorway on the right side of the front which leads to the upstairs. It has a glass transom and red awning above. The west side of the building faces an alley. Much of the building is covered with shrubbery and ivy. The entrance to a restaurant is near the rear on the side. It has a small door with an awning and florescent lighting underneath. The recessed entrance is paneled with a double glass door and glass transom leading up an enclosed stairway. Painted wood seals a large doorway or opening on the east side. Lamps are placed along the side and provide lighting. Wood beams provide connection across alley to building on west side. There is also a cement stairway to a basement with an iron railing. The east side of the building has small windows near the rear of an addition. Second level windows appear to be bricked in. A metal shed roof appears at the rear, second level.

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)  
remodeled in 1923 to house auto dealership and garage. Display windows, signage, recessed entry--1970s; rehabilitated late 1980's early 1990s.

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 1890s town building.

Hattie G. Pearson (later Murr), an early funeral director and embalmer, was headquartered at 646 Main Street by 1911. In 1918-1919, Orra topham was teaching music at the same address, then listed as part of the Centre Block. Roy A. Lilja, a dealer in Dodge Brothers Motor Cars, relocated his business in this commercial space in the early 1920s. Lilja family members were among the residents of the second-floor apartments for many years.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

Contributing, with qualifications. This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the 1890s town building and simple brick structures on Main Street.

references (be specific)  
Mesa County Assessor's Office

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date: July, 1994



