

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. SME 6182 temporary no.

current building name: Melrose Hotel

address: 337 Colorado, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Marcus Jones, 337 Colorado, Grand Junction 81501-2411

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

historic name:

USGS quad name: Grand Junction, CO 1962 X 7.5' 15'

district name:

block: 124 lot(s) 9, 10, 11 addition: City

yr. of addition 1911

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 6943-14; 6837-21

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: _____ estimate 1908 actual

source: 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction
Hotel Melrose Informational Sheet

use: hotel present hotel historic

condition: excellent X good fair deteriorating

extent of alterations: X minor moderate major

describe: Addition added in 1911. Building has been restored to original facade (date unknown).

style: vernacular commercial

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: 9375

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: yes no

Contributing to district: yes no

local landmark designation: _____ name _____ date

associated buildings? yes type: concrete and wood frame
garage

if inventoried, list ID nos.

architectural description: Two-story, painted brick, rectangular, commercial building with one-over-one double-hung windows. Wood shutters are on the front windows and wood flower boxes are on upper level front windows. Cement steps lead to the recessed entrance with wood door with glass panel. A canvas awning is over the entrance. Canvas awnings are over the windows on the front of the east addition and on the west side of the original building. There is a wood addition at the rear on wood pilings. A ladder leads to the second level. A stairway leads down to the basement door at the rear of the building on the east of the wood addition. Two three-over-three, wood framed windows are on the lower level. A sealed wood door is on the second level. There is also one, three-over-three window. A brick addition on the east of the original building extends to the south. A small alleyway separates the two buildings at the rear. A small gravel patio area has two trees, benches, and potted flowers. At the rear of the hotel is a deteriorating, detached garage. It is concrete with wood garage doors and a wood service door on the east side.

architect: unknown
source:

original owner: James William Ponsford
source: Hotel Melrose informational sheet

builder/contractor: James William Ponsford and sons
source: Hotel Melrose informational sheet

theme(s): Plateau Country/commerical

construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)
1908 - two stoies high and one-room wide. 10 rooms, including families' quarter. Full basement dug with hand-shovels by William J. Ponsford & two sons; 1911 - Lot next door (livery stable) bought and matching structure added; 1938 - one story

annex added (5 rental rooms; 2 private bath); 1965 - Four new rooms added to back of annex; Restoration of facade since 1981 survey, date unknown.

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

The original hotel was built in 1908 by James William Ponsford and his two older sons. It was a small, one-story building with ten rooms. A livery stable was purchased in 1911 and served as the second half of the hotel. Rooms with running water were added in the late 1920s. The first customers were cowboys, sheep men and farm families coming to town for supplies. The hotel doors have never been locked and is reported to be the oldest, continuously operating hotel in Grand Junction.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

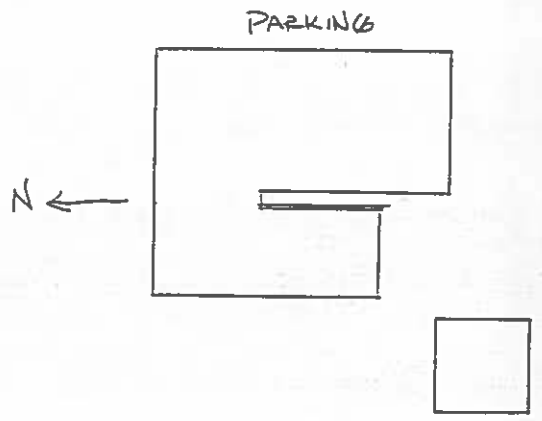
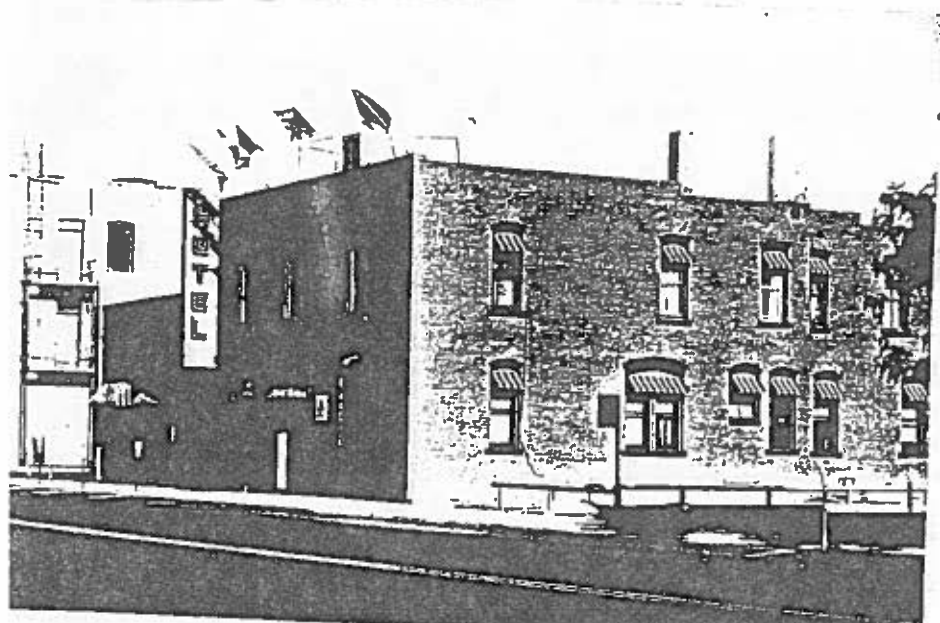
architectural significance:
___ represents the work of a master
___ possesses high artistic values
X represents a type, period or method of construction

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

statement of significance: Contributing. This structure is located within the original platted area of the town and is representative of the building at the turn of the century.

references (be specific)
Hotel Melrose informational sheet
Mesa County Assessor's Office
1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction

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





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Hotel Melrose

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Resolution No. 33-97

DESIGNATING THE HOTEL MELROSE
IN THE CITY REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES, STRUCTURES, AND DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City Council has established by Ordinance 2765 a City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts in order to officially recognize historic resources of local significance; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of the Hotel Melrose are aware of and consent to the designation of this property as a local historic resource; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board has reviewed the Hotel Melrose for conformance to the adopted criteria for designating historic resources and finds that the building meets the following criteria: structure is at least 50 years old; exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; enhances the sense of identity of the City; and is an established and familiar visual feature of the City; and, therefore, is a significant local historic resource that merits recognition and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of the designation at its April 7, 1997 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That the Hotel Melrose located at 337 Colorado Avenue is hereby designated a historic building in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts.

PASSED and APPROVED this 16th day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

President of Council