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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 7125 temporary no.

current building name: Page Parsons Jewelry

address: 444 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Mancel & Anna Page, 746 Grand Ave.#A, Grand Junction,
81501-3423

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

historic name:

USGS quad name: Grand Jct., CO 1962 N3900-W10830 X 7.5' _15'

district name:

block: 103 lot(s) 21, 22 addition: City
yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5858-20, 5858-21

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: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorating

extent of alterations: _____ minor _____ moderate X major

describe: marbled tile, signage, awning, recessed entry, display windows

style: Commercial

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: marbeled tile

square footage: 4187

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 building with marbled tile on second level which has three large offset windows with a metal awning. Tile and glass is on the left side. The entrance is recessed with display windows with marblized tile kickplate. A metal shed awning is over the entry with a small sign. An Alpine Bank sign is on the roof.

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)

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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 late 1920s town building.

Like lots 19 and 20, James Kent owned the east 18 feet of Lot 21 in 1898. Fellow pioneer Ellen Fletcher owned the west 7 feet of Lot 21 and the east 8 feet of Lot 22. Improvements to each structure were valued at \$75 that year. Fletcher's millinery shop appears to have been in her building as early as 1890. (The Fletchers figure in early Grand Junction history. Robert was a blacksmith by 1887, and county treasurer ca. 1894-1896. Ellen's millinery shop provided hats and notions to Grand Junction the final decade of the 19th Century. One son, George, had a plumbing shop on Colorado for many years. His daughter Marian served as Walter Walker's secretary for most of her working career.) In 1909 Mesa County Loan & Real Estate had moved into 444 Main, and one of its principals, Clarence Lough, paid the building's taxes. R.E. Fletcher owned 442, renting it to Peter Mogensen's Rocky Mountain Tea Company, Mrs. J.B. Gover's restaurant, and C.S. Turner's cigar store. About 1920, A.E. Templeman may have purchased 444 from the lending agency, putting his jewelry store in the same store front, alongside apparently newly organized Modern Building & Loan Association (Charles McCary was president and D.B. Wright was treasurer). Victor Garms became an officer of Valley Building & Loan by 1930; it and his insurance agency occupied 444 Main. Fletcher's building may have undergone an extensive upgrade, jumping from \$410 to \$7500 in 1931. Soon optometrist Walter Stevens occupied 442, where he stayed through 1949. Garms continued to sell insurance and operate what had become Valley Federal Savings and Loan by 1935. In 1995, the financial institution acquired the former Fletcher building, and apparently combined the two with an extensive remodeling.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

statement of significance:

Does Not meet Nat'l. Register criteria
Non-contributing; alterations are not reversible

references (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

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date: July, 1994



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Page-Parsons
EST. 1895 JEWELER

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No Left Turn

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