

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 7126

temporary no.

current building name: The Plaid Rabbit / *Law Offices*

address: 446-448 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Danta C. Raso, Trustee/Virginia C. Raso Living Trust, 507 Bookcliff Drive,
Grand Junction 81501

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) 20 addition: City
yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5858-17/18/19, 6942-17/18

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: _____ estimate 1891 actual

source: 1981 Historic Survey of City

use: commercial present commercial historic

condition: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorating

extent of alterations: _____ minor X moderate _____ major

describe: new recessed entries; metal canopy, display windows; new brick at ground level

style: Vernacular Commercial storefront

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: unknown, possibly 3125

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 brick detail on upper level and one-over-one double hung windows. Brick has been added on either side of the entry. A recessed doorway on the left of this leads to the second level which is 446. It has a glass door. Inset brick panels in upper facade are similar to those at 306 Main.

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)

recessed entries; shed roof, display windows--date unknown

historic background:

This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and is representative of the early 1890s town building. Like the building on Lot 19, the one on Lot 20 appears in records in 1899 as owned by James Kent. Kent and Campbell were partners in a hardware business in 1886, including agricultural implements in 187 and 188; in 1889 the business specialized in lumber and implements. It is possible that the Boston Shoe Store was downstairs ca. 1905-1907, or a combination of Grand Union Tea Company, C.C. Lamb's furniture store, and Moser Brothers notions. Fleming and Lamb owned both buildings (Lots 19 and 20) ca. 1909-1915. It appears that the two may have split their partnership because, by 1916, Lamb ran a furniture store on Lot 20 with title to that building, while J.W. Fleming owned lot 19 and rented it to Joseph Moser for a tea, coffee and chinaware shop. Joseph Quinn purchased the building at 448 Main Street in 1920 and rented it to the Luther and Milo Brown. Clerk of the District court, he also managed Quinn Poster advertising Company out of his home. Although Quinn kept his court job, he moved his poster business into 448 Main Street by 1930 and rented part of it for a ladies' clothing store. The Raso family purchased the building about 1943; apparently from this time through the 1950s, the space was rented (along with Lot 19) to the F.W. Woolworth Company.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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| <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; alterations may be reversible

references:

1981 Historic Survey of City
Mesa County Assessor's Records

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

446/448 main

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references (be specific)

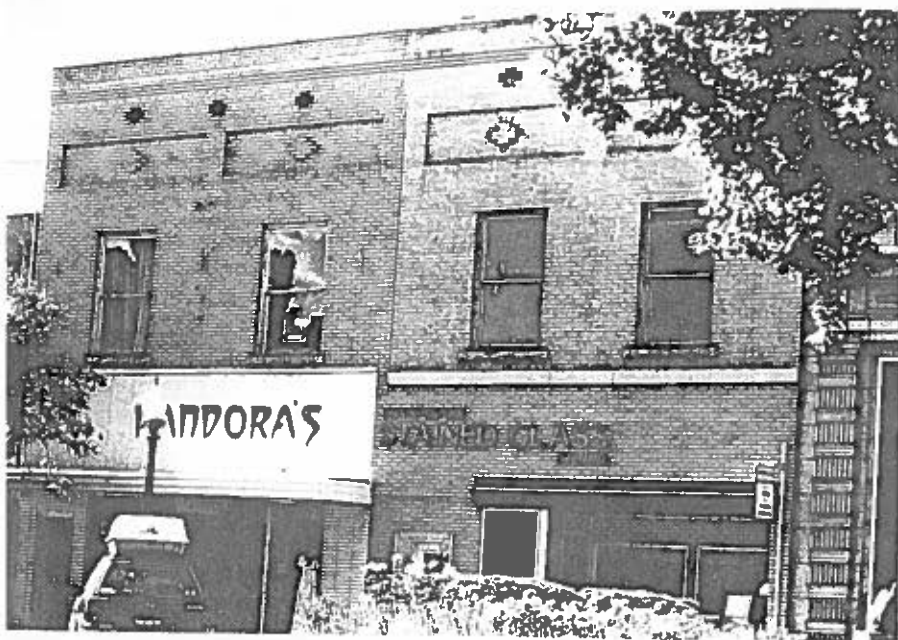
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