

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 7134 temporary no.
current building name: Author's Gallery Bookstore
address: 537 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501
owner: Shari A. Raso, P.O. Box 2328, Grand Junction, 81502-2328
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: 117 lot(s) 10 addition: City
yr. of addition
film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.
negative nos. 6942-11
location of negatives: City of Grand Junction
date of construction: _____ estimate 1900 actual
source: 1981 Historic Survey of City
use: commercial present
commercial historic
condition: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorating

extent of alterations: minor moderate major

describe: display windows, recessed door, signage, brick kickplates

style: Commercial

stories: 1

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: 2,500

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: One-story commercial brick building with brick kickplates and brick detail on upper level. Display windows are framed with painted wood. Offset recessed entry has a glass door with glass transom. Clerestory above intact. Projecting sign over entry.

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)
Display windows, kickplate, recessed entry and door--date

unknown.

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 1900s town building.

The earliest Sanborn map shows a small church on this site in 1886. The building's owner is the First National Bank. Josephine Rich owned the building by 1903; her son Charles, was the City treasurer in 1904, and the building's occupant in 1905, as owner of Rich-Hutchinson Realty. A.R. Sampliner acquired the building in 1918, and added his cousin Joseph to the title about 1933. By 1920, Mutual Savings & Building Association occupied 5437, with W.A. Marsh as its chief officer. O.D. Williams' Independent Abstract was listed at 539 Main, 1920-1930. Arcieri and Sons' flower shop occupied 539 Main for a short time in the 1930's. From at least 1937 to about 1949, Palmer's Clothing gave its address as 537. It was combined with Lot 9 in 1952, but, at least for taxing purposes, appears as a separate entity again by 1955, with its occupant Paul Stout's, The Squire Shop. Like several other buildings in the Main Street corridor, 537-539 Main is listed on the assessor's books as part of the Sampliner estate from 1940 on through at least 1957.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

statement of significance:

Contributing, with qualifications. This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and represents the 1900s town building and simple brick structures on Main Street.

references (be specific)

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Company

affiliation: Winter &

date: July, 1994

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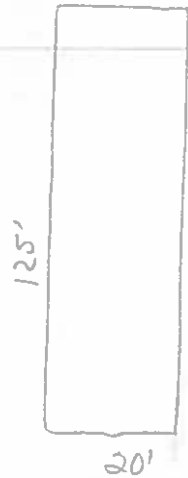
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