

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
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**HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD**

project name: Grand Junction Downtown Survey

county: Mesa city: Grand Junction

state ID no. 5ME 7144 temporary no.

current building name: Shannon Optical

address: 618 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Breezeway LLC, 2514 Oleaster Ct, Grand Junction, 81506

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: 105 lot(s) 26 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5856-18

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: 1920 estimate \_\_\_ 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: new painted brick facade, shed awning, windows and door

style: Commercial

stories: 1

original  moved date(s) of move:

materials: painted brick

square footage: 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: One-story commercial brick building covered with painted brick. The front of the building is slightly recessed on a curve with a central glass doorway, glass transom, and window on either side. Clerestory is covered with painted wood. A shed awning is above windows across the front. Evidence of original brick is on the side.

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:

This structure is located within the original platted area of Grand Junction and was representative of the 1920s town building. A steam laundry operated on this site as early as 1899. By 1912, however, the structure was vacant with a "badly cracked" west wall. For a few years in the 1920s, W.H. Merwin's Buster Brown Shoe Store occupied a building on the site but it is unclear whether it was the building that exists today. Woolverton's women's clothing store was located at 618 Main in the 1930s, before Walter and Lulu Belle Kurtz purchased the structure in 1942. Kurtz moved his Grand Junction Canvas & Leather Company to the building from its 605 Main location where it remained through the 1950s.

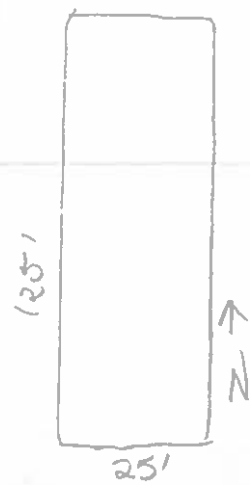
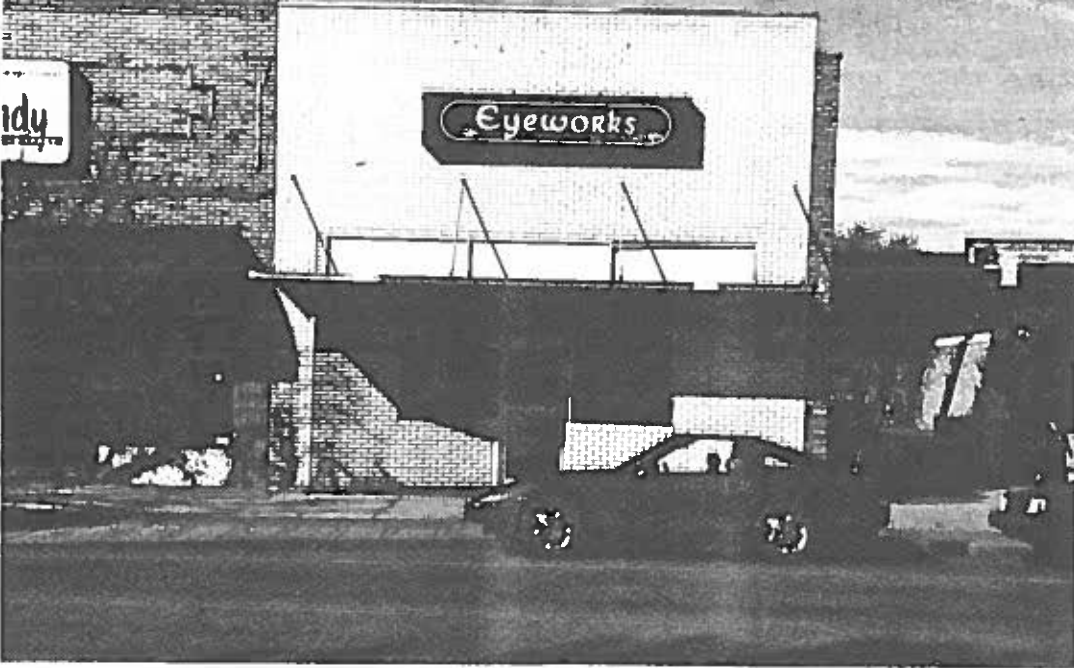
significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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

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



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