

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 7147 temporary no.

current building name: (Contains several businesses)

address: 634 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: Sentinel Square Inc., P.O. Box 4003, Grand Junction 81502

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) 21-24 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5856-15, 5856-16, 5856-17; 6837-7

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

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date of construction: \_\_\_ estimate 1915 actual

source: Mesa County Assessor's Office

use: commercial present commercial historic

condition: X excellent \_\_\_ good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorating

extent of alterations: \_\_\_minor \_\_\_moderate Xmajor

describe: Some building(s) removed, area turned into a plaza in 1956 with buildings toward rear and modern building at west

style: Commercial/modern

stories: 2

X original \_\_\_moved date(s) of move:

materials: brick

square footage: unknown

National Register Eligibility:

Individual: \_\_\_yes Xno

Contributing to district: \_\_\_yes Xno

local landmark designation: \_\_\_\_\_name \_\_\_\_\_date

associated buildings? \_\_\_\_\_yes type:

if inventoried, list ID nos.

architectural description: Two level brick plaza with brick columns and rod iron railings which are contiguous with the columns at 646/650 and the 634 office building. (The office building and plaza have the same address.) There is an alleyway on the east side of the plaza leading to a business on the side near the rear. Awnings are over the recessed windows, antique replica light fixtures are along the wall, a wood sign extends from the entrance, wooden flower barrels are on walkway, and wood beams are above connecting with the building to the west. A stairway at the front side of the plaza leads to offices below ground. Trees are planted in the lower level which extend above the brick columns on the street level. There is a walkway on the west side of the plaza which leads to the rear building (possible original, but no information available) which has a glass door and display window. The 634 law office is a modern brick structure with recessed front and display windows, brick kickplates, recessed offset entry with brick columns. The door is glass.

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.

The Daily Sentinel, established in 1893, occupied the site from 1922 to 1971 when it moved to its present location on South 7th Street. Before the World Series was broadcast on radio, fans followed the action by watching a small baseball diamond with movable figures mounted on the front of the newspaper building. Sentinel Square, an office and retail complex, was developed during the early 1970s by Ken Johnson, then publisher of the Daily Sentinel. Above ground, the remaining sections of the former newspaper building were incorporated into the current design.

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statement of significance:

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Non-contributing; alterations are not reversible

references (be specific)

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