

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 7117 temporary no.

current building name: il Bistro Italiano

address: 400 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: AMICI LLC, 2240 Knollwood Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81505

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) 31, 32 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 5854-7, 5854-9, 5854-10, 6942-30; 6837-18

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ estimate 1906 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: Original facade changed. This includes painted stucco, rounded window, signage, awnings, display windows, tile kickplates. It is assumed this occurred in the 1940s or 1950s.

style: Commercial

stories: 2

original  moved date(s) of move:

materials: stucco

square footage:

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 stucco structure with large display windows and tile kickplates and large striped awnings. Neon lettering and signage is on second level. Recessed entry is on corner at angle. A rounded window is on left of glass door. West side of building is stucco with same lettering and signage. Newer brick is on the rear of the building.

architect: unknown

source:

original owner: unknown

source:

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builder/contractor: unknown

source:

theme(s): Plateau Country/commerical

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 early 1900 town building.

The forerunner of the City Market grocery chain was started in the back of this building in the mid-1920s by the Prinster family, founders of today's multi-state enterprise. Mesa Drug, the building's longest occupant, was located here from around 1918 until 1987. John and Bobbie Cesario, owners of B & J's Coffee Shop, one of the present building occupants, met and worked at the drug store soda fountain while in high school.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

<input type="checkbox"/> architectural significance: _____ represents the work of a master	<input type="checkbox"/> historic significance: _____ associated with significant persons
<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:

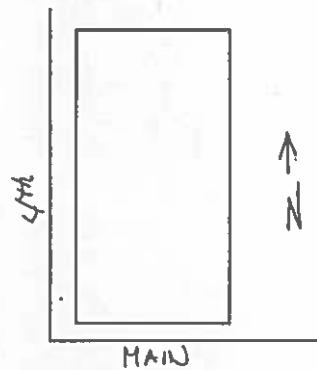
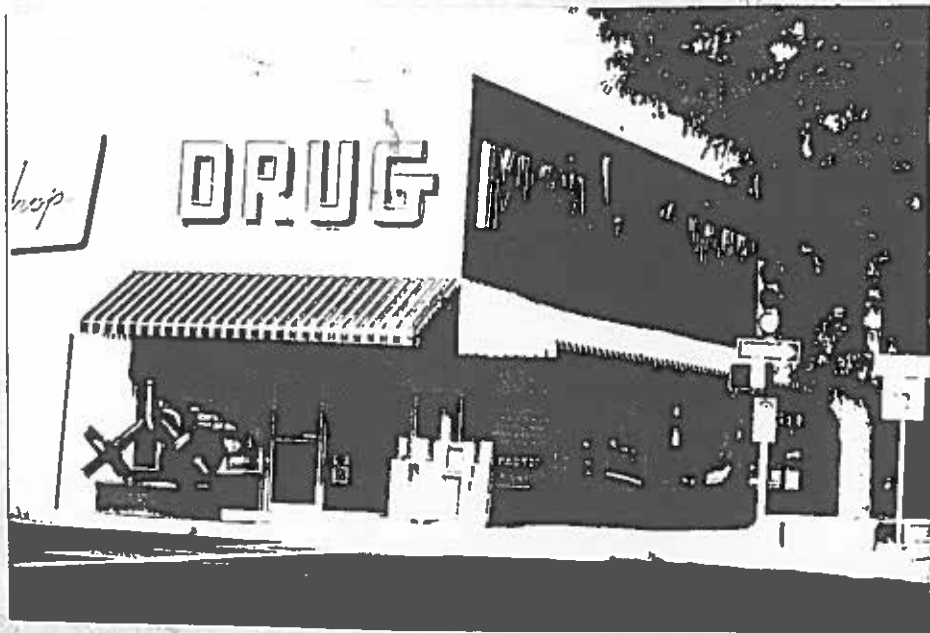
Contributing; the later alterations on this building convey a consistent character and have taken on a significance of their own. They convey the continuing vitality of the downtown over several decades.

references (be specific)

1981 Historic Survey of City

surveyed by: Marty Alexandroff affiliation: Winter & Company

date: July, 1994







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