

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 7119 temporary no.

current building name: Off the Wall/Western Slope School of Music

address: 411/411-1/2 Main, Grand Junction, CO 81501

owner: James Purcell Heirs LLC, 207 Country Club Park, 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: 118 lot(s) 3 addition: City

yr. of addition

film roll by: Marty Alexandroff no.

negative nos. 6942-23

location of negatives: City of Grand Junction

date of construction: _____ estimate 1895 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: new glass windows on second level, recessed entry, awning, display windows, brick kickplates; painted plywood applied to transom area.

style: Vernacular Commercial Storefront

stories: 2

original moved date(s) of move:

materials: 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: Two story commercial building with frosted glass windows encompassing entire upper level with wood trim painted pink. Painted wood plywood is above first level and includes signage. An offset recessed entrance to the second level business has a side door. A black canvas awning is over the offset recessed entrance to the lower level business which has display windows and a wood door. Brick is along the sides of the building and below windows.

architect: unknown

source:

original owner: unknown

source:

builder/contractor: unknown

source:

theme(s): Plateau Country/commerical

construction history: (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

Glass windows on second level, recessed entry, awning, display windows, brick kickplates, painted plywood--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 1890s town building. Ownership of this property may have stayed within only two families since the community's founding. James Cameron may have had his tin shop on this lot as early as 1883. Certainly there was a tin shop on Lot 3 in 1886 (Sanborn), and the Camerons (James and Stella) were in the tin and hardware business as early as 1883. About 1914, James Purcell purchased the property next door to his Senate Cigar Store at 413 Main Street. The Empire Cafe occupied 409 Main Street for a number of years, under a number of owners. In the adjacent 411, John B. Russell and his successors ran the OK Barber Shop from the mid 1920s into the 1950s. After Purcell's death, his children, Margaret Golden and Carl Purcell, were the property owners. Tom Golden, Margaret's husband, managed the Senate after the senior Purcell's death.

significance: (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

architectural significance: historic significance:
 represents the work of a master associated with
significant persons

possesses high artistic values associated with
significant events
or patterns

represents a type, period or contributes to an
method of construction historic district

statement of significance:

Non-Contributing; irretrievably altered

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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