

STATE INVENTORY FORM

SME. 4913

NAME: Historic Osgood mansion Common Coit house
gate house

LOCATION: Ute Meridian
County Mesa T. 1 S R. 1 W S. 11

ADDRESS (Street Address, if town; distance and direction from highway, river, crossing or other reference point, if rural.)

2502 North 1st Street

Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

OWNERSHIP

Federal City Private
 State County

Paul A. & Frances L. Hack
Name of Owner

2502 North 1st Street
Street and Number

Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
City/Town

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Enclose photos

A two story stone and frame house, it is set in an extensive lawn. The notable feature of the house is the facade, which is red and buff sandstone. The tudor arch is the original main gateway to the Osgood mansion at Redstone, and the wrought iron gates are splendid examples of fine ironwork, with a wrought iron lantern overhead. The sandstone wall continues across the front of the house, forming a portico which is pierced by more arches framed in buff stone. The stuccoing is cream.

CONDITION:

Occupied Excellent Condition Vandalized
 Unoccupied Good Condition Alterations
 Ruins Poor Condition Moved From Original Site

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: (Please list on back of sheet)

DATE: 1902 originally, then 1945 Architect: Terry Boal, Denver

Data Sources: Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Coit, Mr. Paul Hack, the
Grand Junction "Daily Sentinel", Mesa County
Assessors Office. "Denver Post".

RATE SIGNIFICANCE: Local State National

DATE: Feb. 20, 1976 SIGNATURE: David Sundaal

John Cleveland Osgood, founder of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, built his grand estate called Cleveholm at Redstone, Colorado 1898-1902. There were two gate houses and other auxiliary buildings on the grounds. During and right after the Second World War, several of the estate buildings as well as most of the coke workers cottages in the town of Redstone were dismantled and moved by Grand Junction building contractor Earl Barber.

The main gate and its gate house were moved down in the early 1940s by Barber for the late Grand Junction attorney Lincoln Coit and his wife Dorothy. Reconstruction was not finished until 1945, according to Dorothy Coit and corroborating in the county assessors office. (Parcel # 2945-112-13-017)

The exterior of the house is basically as it was in Redstone, and the interior used the old partitions and even the original plumbing which was premium quality, as was everything about the Cleveholm estate. But the interior plastering, woodwork, remodeled kitchen, and wall to wall carpeting are all in the style of the 1940s. It does not look 1902 at all.

The notable feature is the facade of red and buff sandstone with its arch and elegant wrought iron gates.

The Osgood mansion is now owned by Kenneth Johnson, publisher of the Grand Junction "Daily Sentinel". In the "Colorado West" magazine section of the paper on July 6, 1975, there was an extensive illustrated article about the estate and its history.

More data on the estate can be found in "Gaslight and Gingerbread" by Sandra Dallas, Sage Books, Denver, 1965, the chapter on "Redstone: John Cleveland Osgood's Utopia", p.175

Information included here comes in part from conversations with Mr. and Mrs. Coit in the Spring of 1965, and with Mr. Paul Hack on February 18, 1976.

The architect was Terry Boal of Boal and Harnois, Denver. This firm also did the Grant/Humphreys mansion and the Crawford Hill mansion in Denver, according to the "Denver Post", April 18, 1976









