

**COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

**HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY**

SITE NO.: 5ME7638

Eligible for National Register  yes  no  
 date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_  
 Criteria  A  B  C  D  
 Contributes to a potential National Register district  
 yes  no district name: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible for State Register  yes  no  
 date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_  
 Criteria  a  b  c  d  e  
 Areas of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Jaynes, Lester, House

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

ADDRESS: 2112 N. 1st St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-7457

Date of designation: N/A  
 Designating authority: N/A

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W  
 SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 11

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: James L. McEvoy, 105 Hillcrest Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81501-7443

UTM REFERENCE-12  
 Easting: 710185  
 Northing: 4329030

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 1  
 Lot(s): 2

Addition: Hillcrest Manor  
 Year of addition: 1936

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

Date of moves(s): \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic  
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

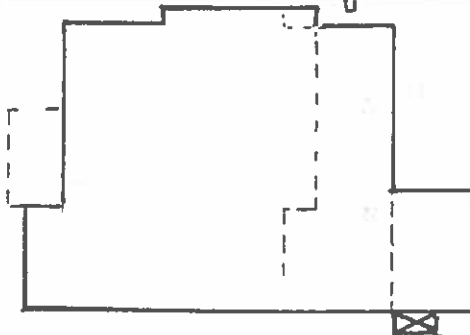
STORIES: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 3204

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1906 actual:  
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:

north arrow



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL OWNER: Lester Jaynes

Source of information: Lot and Block Book

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type: Garage

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** Two story, hip roof with cross gables. One concrete step leads up to screened porch with side entry which occupies the center half of the facade. Two square columns on each front corner of porch have paneled sides and modillion courses just below square cushioned capitals. Half-wall on porch. Front door is paneled with large light. Porch has a second story balcony on top, with wood balustrade. Narrow French windows on second floor open onto balcony. West, north, and east wings have pedimented gables with a kick. Arched openings with louvers on gables the same size and shape as Palladian. Windows are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Additional windows include several small leaded glass windows. Large eyebrow window on west slope, filled with thirty-nine small lights. White simple drop siding and trim, except for black window screen frames. Gray composition shingle roof with mildly flared boxed eaves. Brick chimney on east slope of roof.

Landscaped with lawn. Side entry sidewalk leads to porch from gravel driveway. Large ash trees on front lawn and south. Large elms to the north have masses of woodbine up the trunks. Overgrow pfitzers across facade.

Garage at rear with front gable, drop siding, and original wood swing-out doors.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (include photographs showing each side of building and any associated buildings)

Film roll no.: 22  
Negative no.: 22

Photographer: Carolyn Howard  
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): House has been modified into five apartments.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Jaynes, Lester E. Born: 1 December 1871, Joliet, IL. Died: 20 April 1936 Married: Nanna Rose, 1895. Children: Bryson Jaynes. Career while in house, ca. 1895 to 1936: Jaynes, a prominent resident of the Fruitridge area for 40 years, was closely identified with many many of the important community improvements. These included building and keeping up the original road to the community, and working to have telephone facilities and city water extended to the area. He was County Horticulturist for 5 years, a member and at one time chairman of the Grand Valley Water Users Association, a former president of the Farmers Union, and a member of the Fruit Growers Association. He was a board member of the Grand Junction Methodist Church, and an active member of the IOOF for 35 years, a time during which he held all of the local offices. Mr. Jaynes was also a Republican committeeman for the Pomona District for a number of years. According to an obituary, this house was built in 1896.

**INFORMATION SOURCES** (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Grand Junction City Directories.

**SIGNIFICANCE** (check appropriate categories)

**Architectural significance:**  
 represents the work of a master  
 possess high artistic value  
 represents a type, period, or method of construction

**Historical significance:**  
 associated with significant person(s)  
 associated with significant event  
 associated with a pattern of events  
 contributes to an historic district

**National Register eligibility:**  
 Individual  yes  no  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 Area(s) of significance: Agriculture

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
 District name:

Period of significance: 1906

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): This house is historically significant because of its association with Lester Ellsworth Jaynes. Mr. Jaynes and his wife Nanna Rose, farmed here from 1906 until his death in 1936. During this time he was a prominent resident of the Fruitridge area, serving in a variety of organizations and active in bringing improvements to the community. From ca. 1941 to 1946, this residence was modified to serve as the Hillcrest Convalescent Home.

This house is an imposing presence on North 1st Street. Classic details, such as modillion course and pedimented gables enhance the design. The front roof slope has a large eyebrow window with thirty-nine small panes. The house is still essentially original.

**INVENTORY COMPLETED BY:** Museum Group Staff

**DATE:** 2/14/96

**AFFILIATION:** Museum of Western Colorado

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**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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