

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two stories, hip roof. Double story gable wing on east side facade. Cross gables on east and west elevations. Concrete steps with a wrought iron railing lead to an enclosed porch on west side of facade. Porch has cat slide roof. Porch walls covered with wood shake siding. Porch glazing consists of a ribbon of three double hung wood sash windows, one-over-one, on porch facade. Ribbon of three double hung sash windows on east facade and a pair of double hung on the second floor of the facade. Main door is paneled with six light window with metal storm. Windows around house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Bay with hip roof on east elevation. Red, wood shake shingle siding. Window frames and surrounds, corner boards, fascia, and raking cornices are white. Gray composition roof shingles. Brick chimney on south slope. Foundation skirted with red wood shake shingles.

Landscaped yard with small tree near street. Trimmed hedge in front yard. Mature locust tree in front yard. Mature tree on west side of lot. Rose bush next to east side of lot. Chain-link fence encloses backyard. Two mature trees in backyard.

Small house in rear.

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

Film roll no.: 42
Negative no.: 19

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Siding. Enclosed porch. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This house is listed in the lot and block books as being built in 1888. Katherine Packer of Lock Haven, PA, owned the house, ca. 1897-1901, and B.C. Packer, ca. 1902-1906. Randi and Carl Anderson, a salesman, owned the house ca. 1907-1938, and were the occupants, ca. 1907-1935. Renters during this time, ca. 1928-1938, were Hannah and Joseph Laurent, a fireman with the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. The Laurents later owned the house, ca. 1939 to at least 1947. At this time, Mr. Laurent was a railroad engineer.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, 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: Architecture

Contributes to a potential district:
yes no
 District name:

Period of significance: 1888

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A house updated with 1950s style shingle siding, and a catslide. Surrounded by commercial development. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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