

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7927

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_

Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Ross, Charles, House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no

Date of designation: N/A

Designating authority: N/A

ADDRESS: 858 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3454

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Cynthia M. Hand-Treese, 1037 Main St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3540

UTM REFERENCE-12

Easting: 711325

Northing: 4327260

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 70

Lot(s): 17 and 18

Addition:

Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[X] original location [ ] moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Block Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 2

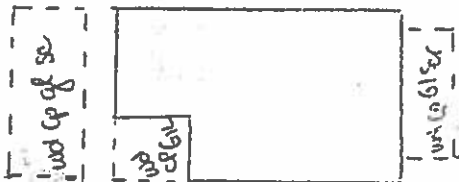
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 880

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1901 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: Jonathan Fidel

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [ ] yes [X] no

Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** Two story with front gable with cross gables. Concrete block foundation. Concrete steps with concrete block piers and pipe railing lead to sunporch/entry with shed roof extending across seven-eighths of facade. Siding on half-wall. Four squared, full height columns across porch. Fenestration is pairs of double hung wood sash windows, three vertical lights over one. Paneled front door has nine lights. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Some first floor windows are transom with lozenge pattern leaded glass in transom. Projecting bay window with hip roof on east elevation now is supported by two posts which reach to concrete pad on ground. Yellow narrow lapped siding. Door and window surrounds, corner boards, string courses, cornices, water table and step piers are white. Brown composition shingle roof. At apex of gables are scroll sawn wood ornamentation. Gable faces are sided in yellow wood shingles and have return cornices. Demi-lune window in facade gable. Ventilators in east and west gables. Brick chimney on ridge.

Landscaped with lawn, evergreen trees on east facade and locust tree on east elevation. Ash trees in parking area. Wood sign in lawn states: "The Nickel Want Ads." Backyard is asphalt parking area.

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

Film roll no.: 22  
Negative no.: 8

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Porch may have been glazed later. Posts under projecting bay. Porch and roofline modified to accommodate use as business. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** The house, constructed ca. 1908, was first owned/occupied by Anthony Fidel, a bookkeeper with U. S. Bank and Trust. There were a succession of absentee owners until ca. 1923 when the house was owned/occupied by Emily C. and Charles Ross, manager of Biggs-Kurtz Hardware Company. Josephine and Frank Prinster, one of the four brothers who founded the City Market chain, were the owners ca. 1925-1937. Carrie E. and Charles H. Libby, real estate, were the owners/residents ca. 1939-1944. Fern and Cecil Knight, Knight Appliances, were the owners and occupants ca. 1945-1946.

**INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific):** Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction.

**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: 1901

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** This substantial house has been put to commercial use. However, it still retains its original appearance. 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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