

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8210

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

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

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

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: The house at 360 Ouray Avenue

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Gruber Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 360 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2450

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW1/4 of NW1/4 of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Kenneth J. Gruber, 360 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2450

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710560
Northing: 4327380

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Queen Anne

Block: 58
Lot(s): 17 and E2 of 18
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s): _____

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1441

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1902 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



north arrow

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ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Mary F. Johnson

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One and a half story with front gable roof. Skirted foundation. Concrete steps with concrete piers lead to porch with gable roof on the west side of facade. Narrow lapped clapboard siding, flared at the bottom, on half-wall. Squared corner porch posts. Porch screen frames of 2x4s. Wood screen door on porch. Double flush wood front doors with small lights. Double hung wood sash windows, one-over-one, around the house. Gable roof cutaway bay on the east facade. Simple drop siding painted gray. Porch steps, columns, door and window frames, raking cornice, fascia and corner boards are dark gray. Multi-color sun burst pattern in principal gable. Hipped dormer in the west slope. Light green composition shingle roof. Brick chimney on east slope.

Landscaped with lawn. Several trees, two evergreen trees on either side of facade. Wood fence encloses back yard. Single car garage in rear with front gable, green composition shingle roof, grey simple drop siding, and sliding garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 36
Negative no.: 15

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Assessor records indicate the first improvements to the lot were made ca. 1902, and that they remained consistent until they doubled in 1915 when the house was owned by William R. Johnson. The house shows up by 1904 on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. Owners Helen and Charles H. Lopas, a Denver and Rio Grande Railroad engineer, occupied the residence ca. 1920-1928. By 1928, Lopas was married to Martha. Oma Watson was the absentee owner ca. 1930-1936, and P. C. Watson, ca. 1946. Tenants included an employee of the White Kitchen Cafe, a meat cutter for Grand Market, and an office machine serviceman.

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: 1902

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A house in well-maintained, unmodified shape. The sunburst in the front gable is very noticeable. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 3/29/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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