

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Apartment, two story, flat roof with small crenelles. Foundation skirted with siding. Carpeted concrete steps with wrought iron railings at the center and at ends of porch. Gabled porch across center half of facade. Siding on half-wall. Four columns across porch are sheathed with shingles. Openings on east and west sides of porch have segmental arch heads. Four paneled doors, each with six lights. East third, and west third of facade project as shallow, full height wings. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Two transom windows, one on each side of the facade. First and second story facade each have two small windows with a pair of single lights in metal frames in center of facade. Siding is light gray wood shingles. Door and window surrounds, steps and roof coping are white. Small enclosed entrance to basement apartments on east elevation with paneled door. Gabled porch roof, with asymmetrical slopes, has gray composition shingles. Eaves close to the wall. Eave and rake boards. Main roof is flat with even parapet with crenellations. Coping on parapet. Brick chimney coated with concrete on north end of flat roof.

Landscaped with lawn. Ornamental concrete urns flank front steps. Two locust trees in parking area.

Two, two car garages at rear with shed roofs, gray composition roll roofing, gray simple drop siding and batten doors. One garage has swinging doors, the other sliding doors.

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

Film roll no.: 24
Negative no.: 12

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Wood shingle siding added circa 1950. Simple drop siding shows on rear. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This house, constructed ca. 1899 and first appearing in 1904 on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, is one of the few remaining examples of early duplexes in Grand Junction. Ellen Elliott was the absentee owner of the property ca. 1897-1916. Charles and Christine Laffer, the owners ca. 1917-1934, lived next door in apartment 402 ca. 1921-1924. John W. and Helen Van Horn were the absentee owners ca. 1937-1941, and Edna and Moulton Chambers the owners ca. 1942 at least through 1951. The Chambers occupied apartment 418 ca. 1946, with renters in 410, 412, and 414. Remodeled from duplex to four rental units, date unknown.

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: 1899

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): One of a pair of apartment buildings. Not identical, but similar to each other. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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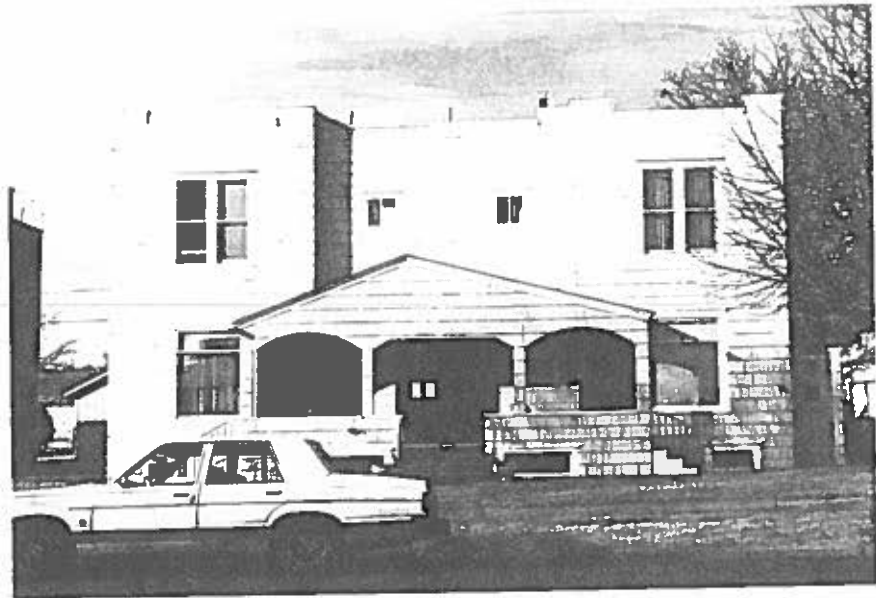


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