

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8232

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: Shell, George, House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 540 Teller Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2624

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NW ¼ of SE ¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Luther M. Garber, PO Box 68, Whitewater, CO 81527-0068

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710800
Northing: 4327820

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 16
Lot(s): 21 and 22
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

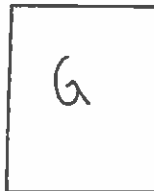
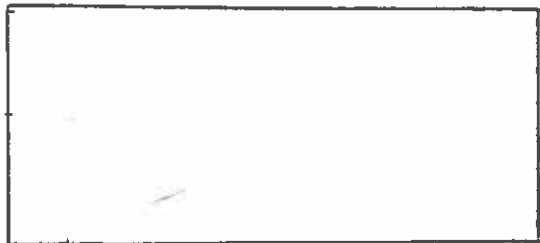
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1218

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1907 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: Benjamin M. McElroy

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete steps lead up to sunporch integral in east half of facade. Simple drop siding on half-wall. Full height squared column on porch corner. Porch enclosed by combination of screens and fixed pane windows. Aluminum screen door. Main door is paneled. Double hung wood sash windows, one-over-one, around house with metal frame storm windows. Cross gable with kick and louvered opening in west side of facade. Exposed concrete foundation. White simple drop siding. Corner boards, window frames and surrounds, foundation, raking cornice and louvered openings in gable are maroon. Brown composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. Shed roof wing across rear with white wood shingle siding. Brick chimney on roof ridge.

Landscaped lawn with two large and two moderately sized trees in front yard. Chain link fence around back yard and along east lawn. Single car garage in rear with wide gable roof, brown composition shingles and white simple drop siding.

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

Film roll no.: 28
Negative no.: 2

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Storm windows. Glazed porch. Open porch modified to enclosed porch, 1983. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Benjamin McElroy, superintendent of manual training at the high school, was the original owner/occupant ca. 1907-1910. William G. Hiron was the absentee owner ca. 1910-1914; and Gertrude and George B. Shell, a post office clerk, the owners/occupants ca. 1919 to at least 1951.

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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1907

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Cottage which is basically original, except for porch glazing. 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

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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