

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with gable and wing. Foundation of house and porch are skirted with flush siding overlaid with trelliswork. Wood step leads up to open porch with shed roof extending across facade. A cross gable on the west over the step. Three full height Tuscan columns across porch and two responds. Door is paneled and has a large light. Storm door. Windows are mainly double hung wood sash, one-over-one, and have metal frame storm windows. On the facade are four vertical lights over one. A bay on the west elevation has three small single light windows and a pentagonal hip roof. White simple drop siding. Gray door and window surrounds. Wood shingle roof. Boxed eaves and comices. Porch gable is pedimented with two corbels. Other gables have return comices. Brick chimney on ridge.

Landscaped with lawn. Spirea and lilacs across facade. Elm trees on west lawn. Locust tree in parking area. Chain link fence around front yard and wood fence around backyard.

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

Film roll no.: 24
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): Storm door and windows. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This house was owned/occupied by Mary and John E. Ryan, a railroad conductor and at one-time a vice president of Ryan Mercantile, ca. 1902-1946. By 1946, Mary is listed as the widow of John. The house is listed as the St. Joseph's Convent in 1949.

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): The foundation with its trelliswork overlay is a rarity in town. The house has managed to be unmodified. 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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