

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8255

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: Lee, Verner B., House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 552 Chipeta Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2636

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Dorothy M. Sublett, 552 Chipeta Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2636

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

STYLE: Edwardian

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710860
Northing: 4327480

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

BUILDING TYPE:

Block: 51
Lot(s): 19 and 20
Addition:
Year of addition:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Stone Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

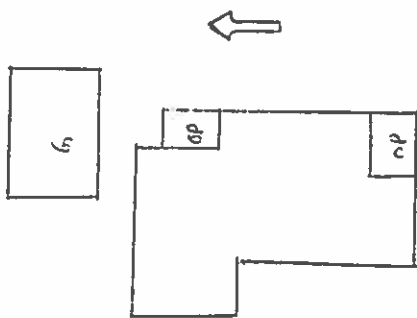
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1036

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1903 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: J.A. Munson

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Barn

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with pyramidal hip roof and cross gables. Painted concrete block foundation. Concrete steps and stoop with wrought iron railings lead up to gabled screen porch integral in the east half of facade. Pedimented gable over porch has board and batten face and metal louvered ventilator. Four full height, squared, fluted columns around porch and wood ribbed balustrade. Storm door. Paneled front door. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one, with storm windows. White lapped wood siding. Yellow window surrounds and gables faces. Red composition shingle roof with wide, boxed eaves. Wing on west elevation has a gable on hip roof. Face of small cross gable on west facade is filled with a wide, wood louvered ventilator. Gables have raking cornices. Rusticated concrete brick chimney on south slope with metal extension. Landscaped with lawn and spireas by facade. Sycamore, locust and sumac trees on lawn. Arched trellis over front walk by sidewalk is covered with vines. Hedges surround east and west lawns and parking. Very large sycamore, ash and evergreen trees in parking area. One and a half story barn at rear with side gable, red corrugated metal roofing, white simple drop siding, and batten swinging doors.

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

Film roll no.: 25
Negative no.: 14

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): James A. Munson, a bookkeeper, was the original owner/occupant of the house, ca. 1903-1905. After two absentee owners, the house was owned/occupied by Verner Lee, Lee Realty, ca. 1912-1915. Lee was an absentee owner ca. 1916-1919. Alice and Charles Rarden, a railroader, were the owners/occupants ca. 1920 through 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:

Period of significance: 1903

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The gabled porch and the other facade gable with full width wood louvers are unusual. 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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