

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete block foundation. Concrete steps, with wrought iron railings, lead up to large gabled sunporch/entry extending across center third of facade. Wood shingle siding on battered half-wall. Glazed on three sides with ribbons of wood, single light, casement windows, one square casement over one casement. Squared half column on each front corner. Storm door. Front door is paneled with a small light and flanked by fluted pilasters. Architrave over door has a cornice. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Window heads have a small cornice. Plank shutters. Light green simple drop siding, foundation and steps. Door and window surrounds, friezes, cornices, corner boards and shutters are medium green. Red/brown composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and cornices. Front gable has return cornices. Brick chimney on north slope is set on the diagonal.

Landscaped with lawn, large evergreens, arborvitae, blue spruce and ground cover across facade. Locust tree and sapling in parking area. Green picket fence around backyard.

One car garage with front gable, brown composition shingle roof, green board and batten siding, and swinging doors. Alley access.

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

Film roll no.: 28
Negative no.: 7

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The house, constructed ca. 1910, was owned and occupied by Charles Horahau (sp?), District Manager of North West Mutual Life Insurance Company, ca. 1910-1913. C. W. Davis was the absentee owner ca. 1914-1915, and members of the Laffer Family ca. 1916-1938. Ira E. Largent, Manager of the Mutual Creamery, was the tenant ca. 1926-1928; Thelma and Ray Cheedle, a carman for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, ca. 1930-1923; and Verne Graham, ca. 1937. Helen and Virgil Graham, manager for Safeway, were the owners/occupants ca. 1939-1944. Mabel and Charles Holesworth, a railroad helper, were the owners and occupants ca. 1945 to at least 1946.

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: 1910

THEME(s):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A house which combines a classic door surround and gable with return cornices; with a Bungalow style battered porch base. 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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