

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8308

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: The house at 541 Belford Avenue

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Murphy Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

ADDRESS: 541 Belford Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2617

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Beatrice B. Murphy, 541 Belford Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2617

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

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710775
Northing: 4327870

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 16
Lot(s): 8 and 9
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[X] original location [] moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

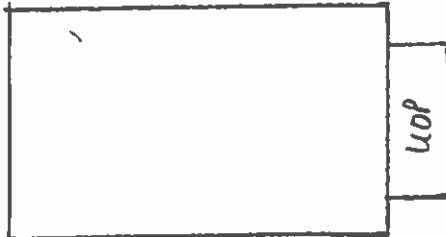
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 960

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 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.T. Winter

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof with cross gable. Concrete coated foundation. Concrete steps lead up to porch with shed roof across center of facade. Porch floor is a thick concrete slab. Four full height, slender turned posts across porch. Black wrought iron balustrades. Storm door over paneled door with large light. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one, with metal frame storm windows. Shed roof wing across rear has sliding single light windows. White narrow drop siding and trim. Roof is dark red composition shingles, green on south slope. Boxed eaves and fascia boards. Cross gable on west third of facade is pedimented, with a kick. A single light window is on the gable face. Gable is sided with white wood shingles.

Forsythia, arborvitae and spirea on west lawn edge. Gravel in parking area. High wood fence and chain link around backyard. One car garage with front gable, dark red composition shingle roof, white simple drop siding, and white metal door. Alley access.

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

Film roll no.: 30
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): Concrete slab porch, storm door and windows, sliding windows. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): J. T. Winter was the first owner, ca. 1908-1910; and Charles F. Boyd, the absentee owner, ca. 1914-1919. The first known occupants were owners Sarah and Matthew M. Cottingham, a rancher, who resided in the house ca. 1921-1926, and were the absentee owners ca. 1927-1942. Tenants through ca. 1942 included an office secretary at the YMCA, a barber, a grocer, and a salesman. Muriel L. McCriles was the absentee owner ca. 1943-1946, and Hattie Clark, a teacher, the renter in ca. 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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1910

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A 1905 Cottage with turned spindlework porch posts from an earlier style. The narrow drop siding is an uncommon width. 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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