

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One and a half story, side hip on gables. Slightly battered cobblestone foundation. Concrete terrace across center half of facade has a cobblestone half-wall with concrete coping. Concrete steps at each end. Large hip on gable portico has large wall beams and corbels. French front door with fifteen lights. Side entry on east elevation has concrete steps with wrought iron railing. Sunroom wing on east facade has dropped hip on gable roof. Ribbons and pairs of windows on three sides are double hung wood sash, three vertical lights over one. Windows around house are similar, with three and four lights over one. All sills are cobblestone. Bay on west elevation has shed roof. Tan brick walls are laid in Flemish bond with black mortar. Window and door frames, bargeboards, and knee braces are russet. Gray composition shingle roof. Bargeboards have shaped tails. Brick chimney on south slope.

Lawn. Some plantings, ash trees in parking.

Two car garage at rear, ca. 1950, has front gable, yellow wood shake siding, metal door.

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

Film roll no.: 2

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Negative no.: 4

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Former attached garage now family room, ca. 1950. Enclosed porch added in 1985. Greenhouse added at unknown date.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Coe Van Deren who lived in the house, ca. 1926, until his death in 1956, was secretary of the School board for many years and a co-owner of several orchards.

Van Deren, Coe: Born: 13 Feb 1898; died 20 April 1956. Married Margaret Crawford (she died 1943); and Gladys Crawford, July 12, 1946. Children: sons, Wallace and Raleigh. Education: Paonia High School, Colorado A & M. WWI veteran. Career while in house (1926-1956?): Associated with Shaw Motor Co., Western Slope Auto Co., and New York Life Insurance. From 1930-1950, served as business manager of school/secretary to the Board of Education. While with Board, supervised building of several schools. Associated with brother-in-law in major Palisade and Paonia orchards. Organizations: Elder, Presbyterian Church; past president Grand Junction Lions Club & District Governor; master mason: member of Mesa Blue Lodge 55 and GJ; member Last Squad (WWI). (Note: Van Deren-Ford Construction in 1950; company built many apartments and entire subdivisions of houses.)

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Obituary Index, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction.

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; Social History

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no

District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1925; 1904-1940

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The craftsmanship of this Bungalow is seen in the cobblestone foundation and window sills, brick walls laid in a precise Flemish bond. The portico with its large hip on gable and substantial beams is an example of high quality construction.

This house is located in the proposed Merchant/Professional Residential District. Between 1904 and 1940, the city of Grand Junction expanded to the east of the original square mile. Merchants and professionals settled into this area creating a distinctive neighborhood.

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