

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with cross gables. Concrete front steps and front terrace on west facade with a white brick half wall, lead to flush front door with four small lights. Projecting gable entry is wood shingled and has a lower, west eave in the English style. Gabled wing on east half of facade is white painted brick, with a white brick fireplace chimney on the gable wall. Windows are steel casement with multi-panes. Siding of house is primarily white clapboard and white brick. Bargeboards, window muntins, and shingled entry are russet. Red composition shingle roof. White brick chimney on south slope.

Landscaped with lawn, low rounded fir at east elevation, and barberry, burning bush, and Juniper across facade. Three ash trees in parking area. Original garage at rear, ca. 1938, with clapboard siding, side gable roof, original garage door, and six light window.

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

Film roll no.: 1
Negative no.: 25

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): An open porch was added in 1983, and a deck was added in 1992.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Originally the residence of Vern Meyerotto, a building contractor, from approximately 1938 to 1940. It then became the home of John H. Ponsford of Harris Auto Company, ca. 1941. He was still living in the house in 1949.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership 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

National Register eligibility:
Individual yes no
Criteria: A B C D
Area(s) of significance: Architecture; Social History

Period of significance: 1938; 1904-1940

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

Contributes to a potential district:
yes no
District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This English/Norman style house provides a variety of wall surfaces to provide architectural interest. A white painted brick wall with fireplace chimney fronts the street. Beside it is a secluded entry terrace with brick half-wall. The door is in a shingled wing with a low eave. These varied elements are combined harmoniously. 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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