

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with cross gables. Concrete foundation. Concrete front steps and stoop with wrought iron railings. Gabled wing on west half of facade. Entry is an extension of the front wing with its own shed roof which extends from the principal roof. Front door is paneled with two tall lights of leaded stained glass. Door is flanked by fluted wood pilasters and door surmounted by frieze with metopes and cornice, all in dark green. Windows are double hung wood sash with six over one and eight over one. Storm windows around house. Louvered shutters on all but west elevation. White siding is aluminum in appropriate clapboard width. All trim is white except for shutters and dark green classical details around the front door. Door and storm door frame are white. Light green composition shingle roof. Eaves close to the wall with rakeboards. Brick fireplace chimney on east gable wall. Another brick chimney on south slope.

Lawn is landscaped with ground cover plantings along facade and taller bushes on east elevation. Six ash trees along Chipeta and 14th Street parking. Wood fenced back yard with red leaf crab apple.

Two car garage by alley faces 14th Street. Front gable and two garage doors are recent paneled metal style, which roll upward in sections. Same aluminum siding and green roof as main house. Rakeboards and door surrounds are dark green.

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

Film roll no.: 1
Negative no.: 20

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Metal frame storm door. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Originally the residence of Robert H. Houdaselt who lived here from ca. 1937 to 1944. He became president of Cities Oil Company in 1935. Haller Wittbeck, occupation unknown, was residing in the house by 1946.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block Book, Obituary Index, Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 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; Social History

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no

District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1937; 1904-1940

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This Minimal Traditional house has a rather informal plan with formal classic ornamentation on the facade. The entry has classic details. The 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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