

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7496

Eligible for National Register yes no
date _____ initials _____
Criteria A B C D
Contributes to a potential National Register district
 yes no district name: _____

Eligible for State Register yes no
date _____ initials _____
Criteria a b c d e
Areas of significance: _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Adams, E.B., House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Martinez Residence

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

ADDRESS: 1360 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4512

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 13

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Max Martinez, 1360 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4512

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 712080
Northing: 4327240

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

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

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 5
Lot(s): 17-18
Addition: Dundee Place
Year of addition: 1909

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: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1552

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1904 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: George Ridley

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, with concrete block foundation and cross gables. Concrete front steps, flanked by red brick piers, lead to front door paneled with large light. Full-width sunporch extends across facade, glazed with rows of single lights. Siding on half-wall. Three brick piers across porch, topped with squared wood columns. Open, second story porch, with wood ribbed railing. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Some windows are transom with leaded glass in lozenge pattern in transom. Narrow, lapped siding is yellow. Porch columns, porch window surrounds, and second story deck railing which are white; additional trim is yellow. Gray composition shingle roof. Principal roof has flared eaves. Front gable is shingled and large dormers on east and west slopes have wood shingled gables. Brick fireplace chimney on the east eave wall. Another brick chimney toward rear of east slope.

Landscaped with hedge around two sides of lawn, large fruitless mulberry obscuring facade and two small blue spruces on lawn. High wood fence around side and back yard. Ash trees in parking area.
Large new garage at rear.

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

Film roll no.: 3
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 awnings on windows, metal frame screen windows. Fire damage in 1986 repaired. Open front porch enclosed, date not indicated.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Adams, Ethelbert (E.B.): Born 28 Nov 1879; died 21 Aug. 1968. Married: Elizabeth Fonda. Education: Sterling, CO; University prep school and law degree (1904), University of Colorado. Children: Mary (Mrs. Richard Conour), Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Erdman). Career while in house (1926-1968): Adams, an expert in mining law, represented miners for many years. After arriving in Grand Junction in 1924, he became associated with Lee Burgess. In 1935, he joined Scott Heckman in what later became Traylor, Kladder, Harshman, and Palo. He was chairman of the Mesa County Democratic Party during the Depression. From 1931-33, he was City Attorney, and from 1937-1953, Mesa County Attorney. Organizations: Board member of the Grand Junction Rotary Club for many years, serving as president from 1930-31. Member of Mesa County, Colorado, and National Bar associations. He served as past exalted ruler of the local Elks Lodge (575) in 1937-1938. Prior to coming to Grand Junction, he lived in Telluride. While there, he served as city attorney and as deputy district attorney of San Miguel County. In 1947, he represented Mazie Lightfoot McMullin in one of Grand Junction's most sensational murder trials.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block Books, Obituary Index, Daily Sentinel Newspaper, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction. Museum of Western Colorado, Archives: "The Colorado Lawyer," July 1969, p. 1298.

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; Law

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

Period of significance: 1904

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): E.B. Adams was regionally known for his expertise in mining law, an area of jurisprudence always of strategic importance to the Mountain West. He was also a public servant, retained in San Miguel County as Deputy District County Attorney and as Telluride City Attorney. While living in Grand Junction, he served as City, and then as Mesa County Attorney; participated in local, state and national bar associations; served as chair of the Democratic Party during the 1930s; and participated in a variety of local fraternal and civic organizations. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register or conservation district.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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