



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story, with flat roof and parapet. Low concrete stoop flanked by piers supporting a curved portico roof. Shaped parapet over entry. Front door is batten with a single light. Sun face plaque is set into wall above front portico. Facade has a picture window on each side. Other windows are six light, wood casement, all windows having deep reveals. Stucco walls are peach, with turquoise window frames. Coping on top walls is painted coral. Fireplace chimney on north wall is stuccoed.

Landscaped with lawn and pots and planters with annuals placed around foundation. Rockery near front sidewalk. Two ash trees on front lawn. Garage at rear is stucco with a shed roof and swinging garage doors, ca. late 1930's.

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

Film roll no.: 7  
Negative no.: 1

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

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

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** Holt, Edward Lee: Born ca. 1907; death date, unknown; married: Alvine E. Career highlights while in house (1939-1941?): Holt, a 1920 graduate of Coe College (Iowa), was an instructor at Mesa College in 1939-1940. In 1939, he was also teaching Geology at Grand Junction High School. While Holt was working on his masters degree in 1937, through the University of Colorado, he was shown a potential paleontological site by local collector Ed Hansen. Skeletons of Stegosaurus, Allosaurus, and perhaps a partial Brachiosaurus were found at this site. Holt's thesis "The Morrison and Summerville Formation of the Grand River Valley and Their Vertebrate Fauna" is a significant work on regional dinosaur paleontology.

**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  
 possesses 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; Science

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
District name:

**THEME(S):**

Period of significance: 1938

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** The Morrison formation, a prominently exposed geologic feature in Western Colorado, is of world-wide scientific interest to those studying the geology and paleontology of the Jurassic period, 200-130 million years ago. Mr. Holt's thesis, approved in 1940 by the University of Colorado, was completed while he was in the house. He also conducted much of his fieldwork and writing while living in the residence.

This Pueblo Revival house is a good example of depression era economical building practices. Economy, plus Southwestern design, was appreciated in Colorado in the 1930s. Unadorned stucco wall surfaces, deeply set windows, and shaped parapets are typical motifs which this house has incorporated. The house still has its original appearance, without intrusive modifications.

**INVENTORY COMPLETED BY:** Museum Group Staff

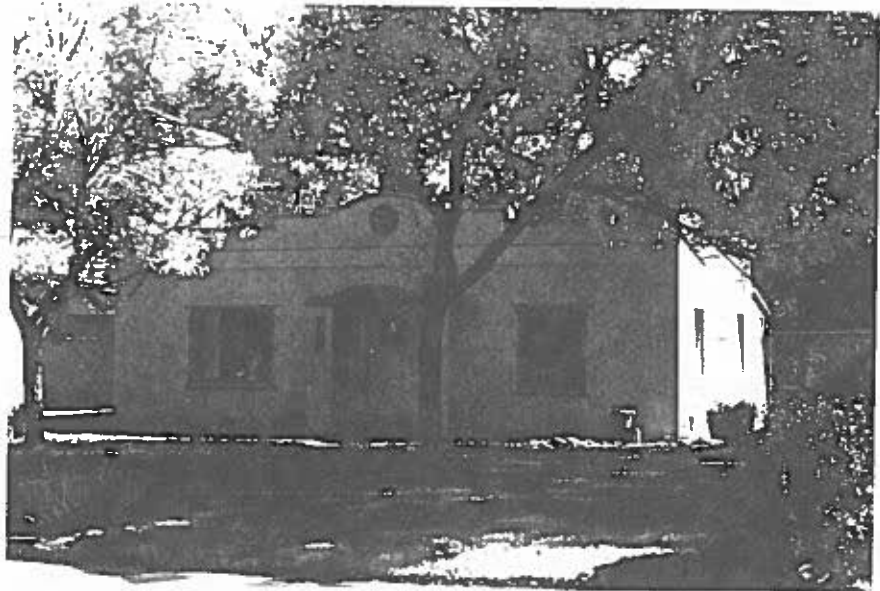
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