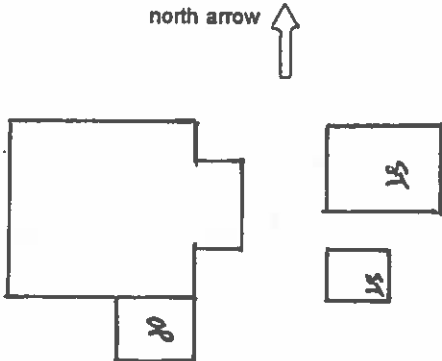


COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203		SITE NO.: 5ME7591
HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY		Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____ _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Larson, Jim, House		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Melton Residence		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 1740 Escalante St., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1820		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of section 23
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Richard K. Melton, 1740 Escalante St., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1820		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711030 Northing: 4324860
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'
STYLE: Pueblo Revival		Block: 11 Lot(s): 27 - 28 Addition: Orchard Mesa Heights Year of addition: 1890
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] original location [] moved Date of moves(s): _____
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Frame Stucco; Roll Roofing		HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 917	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1938 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: <div style="text-align: center;"> north arrow ↑  </div>		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information: _____
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information: _____
		ORIGINAL OWNER: Jim Larson Source of information: Lot and Block
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no Type: Garage Shed

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with flat roof and parapet with step in corners and in center of facade. Low concrete entry terrace with wrought iron railing lead to flush, front door with single light. Screen door. Small corrugated metal shed roof over door, with full height wrought iron supports on front corners. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. White stucco siding; window and door surrounds are brown. Three squared tiles protrude through facade to vent attic. Composition roll roofing. Stucco chimney mid-roof with steel extension.
Catalpa, mulberry, and small fruit trees on lawn. Cobblestone planter in center of lawn. Chain link fence around lawn. Garage at rear.

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

Film roll no.: 8
Negative no.: 22

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): A building permit was obtained in 1981. Scope of work not indicated in Assessor's Records. Metal awnings over windows.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Orchard Mesa is a triangle of desert land between the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers and the Grand Mesa. By 1890, orchards were planted by homesteaders as they settled into the area. Today, the orchards are receding under the pressure of subdivisions. Constructed ca. 1938, the home was first owned by Jim Larson, a driver, from 1939 to 1944. Walter Polson, a construction worker, owned it from 1945 to 1947. Through the early 1950s it is difficult to determine where residents lived on Orchard Mesa as numbered street addresses did not appear in the Grand Junction City Directories with any regularity. Grand Junction did not begin to annex Orchard Mesa into the City until 1968.

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

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

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
District name:

Period of significance: 1938

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Pueblo Revival house from the 1930s, in a regional style and still in original shape. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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