

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7596

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_  
Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Pitts, Hazel, House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

ADDRESS: 1620 Dolores St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-1812

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [  ] yes [  ] no

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W  
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 23

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Andrew Gross, 621 33 3/4 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81520

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 710785  
Northing: 4325080

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

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

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

Block: 10  
Lot(s): Beg. 95' s of nw cor. lot 10 blk 3 e125' s50'  
w125' n to Beg.  
Addition: Orchard Mesa Heights  
Year of addition: 1890

BUILDING TYPE:

[  ] original location [  ] moved

Date of moves(s): Pre 1949

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

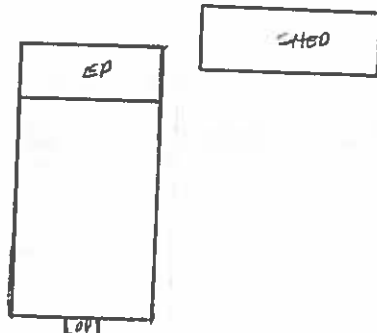
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 776

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1948 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: Hazel and Chris Dunn

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [  ] yes [  ] no

Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with front gable. Small concrete stoop. Two picture windows on facade flank paneled front door. Metal awnings over windows and door. Other windows are double hung wood sash one-over-one, and two-over-two. These windows are tall and narrow, with two tall lights, over two tall lights. Gray asbestos shingle siding and white trim. Light gray composition shingle roof with a brick chimney on south slope. Exposed rafter ends.

Landscaped with chain link fence around lawn, mulberry tree at north wall of house, planter across facade, lilac, and roses.

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

Film roll no.: 8  
Negative no.: 17

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Rear enclosed porch may be a later addition. House was re-roofed in 1988, modified from wood shakes to gray composition shingles.

**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. 1948, the first resident is currently unidentified. 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 1966.

**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: 1948

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A Vernacular Wood Frame, with the gables and fenestration of a house older than the 1948 construction date. 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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**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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