

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7439

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

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Miller, Reed G., House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Murray Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 1313 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4449

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

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Allen J. Murray, 1313 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4449

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 711950
Northing: 4327570

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: English/Norman Cottage

Block: 2
Lot(s): 4-5
Addition: Lincoln Park
Year of addition: 1900

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s): _____

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Stucco Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

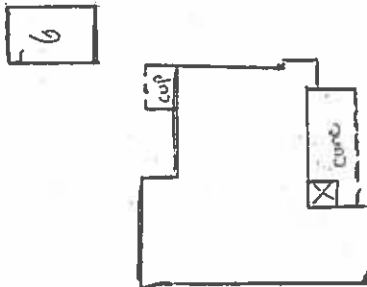
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1840

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1928 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: Reed Miller

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with cross gables. Gabled wing on east facade has a flared eave over small entry porch. Squared full height column on porch corner. Screen door over mahogany batten arched front door with a small light. Windows are multi-pane steel casement. Dining room window, near the center of the facade, is under a wide, low wall dormer with shed roof. West corner of facade has a pentagonal tower with a window on each elevation. Steep octagonal tent roof on tower has a weather vane. Exterior walls are buff stucco. Russet composition shingle roof. Eaves close to the wall. Rake boards. Fireplace chimney on east eave wall, and chimney on rear slope, are buff stucco.

Originally landscaped by Sacco R. deBoer of Denver. Remnants include large tamarisk and evergreens. Curving annual beds surround the front lawn. Two ash trees in parking area.

Original narrow garage, ca. 1926, at rear of house is stucco with a front gable roof and paneled garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 1
 Negative no.: 12

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): The residence of Reed G. Miller, Jr., from 1926 through 1955. Mr. Miller was one of Western Colorado's earliest and most prominent Ford Automotive Dealers. The house in which Mr. Miller was living when he founded Western Slope Ford (1915), is still standing at 537 N. 4th St.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction.

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

Period of significance: 1926; 1904-1940

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Detailed architecture of this house includes a pentagonal tower, with steep roof and weathervane. Belgian lead glass window panes and mahogany batten doors are typical of the quality construction visible in this residence. Elements remain of landscaping by Sacco de Boer, a prominent Denver landscape architect. This 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.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

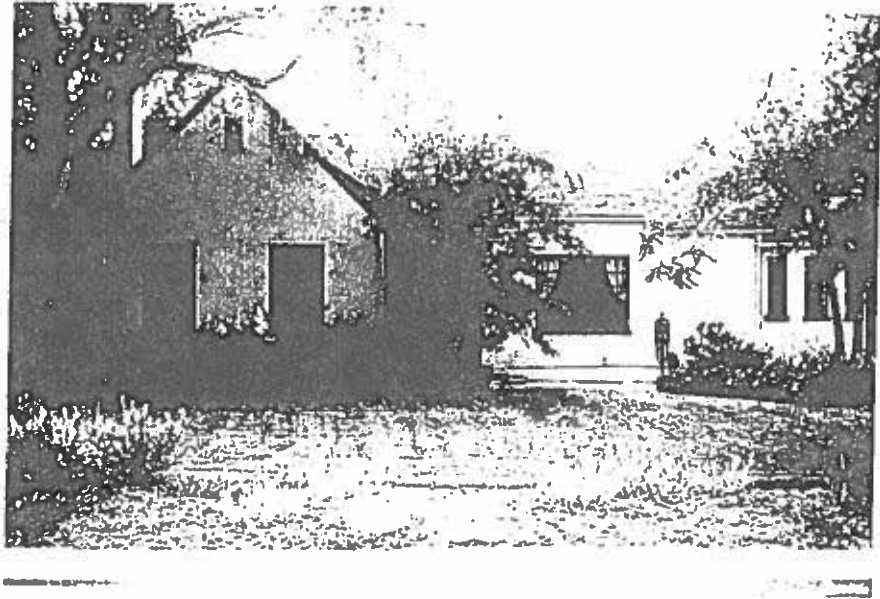
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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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