

<p><b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>                  Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation                  1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p><b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b></p>		SITE NO.: 5ME7438
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	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: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Graves, Dr. Herman, House		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: _____ _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Alpha Residence		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
ADDRESS: 1303 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4449		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Kappa Rho Alpha, 1303 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4449		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 13
		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711940 Northing: 4327570
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
STYLE: International Style		Block: 2 Lot(s): 1-2 Addition: Lincoln Park Year of addition: 1900
BUILDING TYPE:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s): _____
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Stucco Frame; Built Up Roof		HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic
STORIES: 2	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1716	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1936 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: Dr. Herman C. Graves Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Type: _____

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** Two story house with concrete foundation and flat roof with parapets. Semi-circular, green painted concrete front steps with curved portico overhead, lead to front door paneled with fan light. Second story is set back on north and west sides and opens to rooftop terraces with green pipe railings on terraces. The asymmetrical facade has three windows to the east. To the west, a ribbon of windows. The west corner of house is curved. The glass panes of the corner window also curve. Metal awning frame around curved corner. Windows throughout are multi-pane steel casement. Walls are white stucco, trim is sage green, including window muntins, painted brick rowlock window sills, garage doors, and narrow coping atop walls. North terrace has full canvas awning in green and white stripes. West terrace has smaller awning in same material.

Landscaped with a curved planting area on east lawn and around foundation, with evergreen, barberry and annuals. Curving front walk. Back yard enclosed with high cedar fence. Elm trees in parking area.

Two car garage built into rear of house.

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

Film roll no.: 1  
Negative no.: 11

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): Graves, Herman P.: Born: 8 January 1893, Chicago, IL Died: 12 November 1973, Longmont, CO. Married: Alma Rosalind Keehin, 26 June 1919, died 12 August 1963; later married Rose Billings. Education: University of Colorado with additional training at Harvard University's Medical School. Career while in house (ca. 1936-1946): Graves came to Grand Junction in 1934. He was an active and influential member of the Mesa County Medical Association, and served as Colorado delegate to the American Medical Association during the time when the AMA began to broaden its field of interest. He helped establish the cancer detection unit at St. Marys, and served as the medical consultant to the draft board during World War II.

**INFORMATION SOURCES** (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block/Tract Books, Daily Sentinel, Nov. 12, 1973, p. 10., Obituary Index, City Directory

**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;  
Health/Medicine

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

Period of significance: 1936; 1904-1940

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): One of the few International style houses in Grand Junction and the most ambitious. Plain stucco surfaces, curved corner with a curved window, roof terraces, and garage incorporated into house are features that identify this International style.

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

**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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