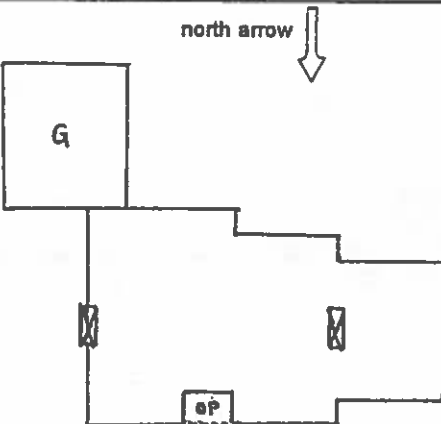


<p>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</p>		<p>SITE NO.: 5ME7451</p> <p>Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <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: _____</p>
<p>COUNTY: Mesa</p>	<p>CITY: Grand Junction</p>	<p>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: _____</p>
<p>HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Kurtz, W.C., House</p>		<p>Period of significance _____ Needs data ___ date _____ initials _____</p>
<p>CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Schwan Residence</p>		<p>LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A</p>
<p>ADDRESS: 1259 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4448</p>		<p>P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 13</p>
<p>OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Richard J. Schwan, 1259 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4448</p>		<p>UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711900 Northing: 4327570</p>
<p>STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival</p>		<p>USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'</p>
<p>BUILDING TYPE:</p>		<p>Block: 1 Lot(s): 12-16 Addition: Lincoln Park Year of addition: 1900</p>
<p>MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Stucco Frame; Asphalt Shingles; Mission Tile</p>		<p>[X] original location [] moved Date of moves(s): _____</p>
<p>STORIES: 2</p>		<p>HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic</p>
<p>SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1746</p>		<p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1925 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records</p>
<p>PLAN SHAPE:</p> 		<p>ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information: _____</p>
		<p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information: _____</p>
		<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: W.C. Kurtz Source of information: Lot and Block Books</p>
		<p>ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [] yes [X] no Type: _____</p>

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story Spanish Colonial Revival. Concrete step. Small recessed front entry porch has archway outlined with red brick. Batten front door with arched top. Corners of facade have short, one story wing walls, similar to buttresses. Steel casement, multi-pane windows. First story windows of facade and second story window over the entry have wrought iron balconets. Second story windows have russet plank shutters. All windows have red brick rowlock sills. Buff stucco walls, hip roof with variegated red clay Spanish tile. Full height fireplace chimney on east eave wall, and chimney on west slope, are buff stucco.

Landscaped by Sacco R. deBoer of Denver. Twin walks in front flank a sunken lawn, outlined by a hedge. Four pines east of house. Spruce and large ash west of house. Clusters of large honeysuckle and hawthorns on lawn. Large elms, three oaks and new ash tree in parking areas. Back yard has high stucco wall.

Two car garage with tile hip roof and batten doors. It is in a two story wing, on the south elevation.

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

Film roll no.: 1
Negative no.: 10

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): Kurtz, William C.: Born: 1 Sept. 1889, Stewartstown, PA. Died: 11 June 1979, Colorado Springs. Married: Edna Biggs, 30 June 1915. Children: William C. Kurtz, Jr., James Biggs Kurtz, and Frances Carlson. Career while living in house (1925-1953): President of Independent Lumber Company; Vice President, Biggs-Kurtz; helped organize First National Bank in 1933, and chaired Board, 1933-1965; Chairman of Valley Federal Savings and Loan Board for 40 years; Board, Public Service Company of Colorado, 1943-1971. He also assisted in establishing the VA hospital in Grand Junction. During World War II, he chaired the Mesa County Draft Board, earning a commendation from the governor for operating the most outstanding board in the state. Organizations: Director, Chamber of Commerce; Mountain States Lumber Dealers Association; Elks, and Rotary Club.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction. Museum of Western Colorado Archival Collection: William Kurtz Biographical File Daily Sentinel Newspaper, June 13, 1979, p. 35. Denver Post, June 1979.

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; Commerce

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no

District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

Period of significance: 1925; 1904-1940

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Mr. Kurtz had a significant impact on business, finance, government and transportation, in the Western U.S., during the time he lived in the house, ca. 1925-1953. He impacted the history of Western Colorado and adjoining states, not only through his presidency of the Independent Lumber, a successful regional lumber business headquarters in Grand Junction from 1904-1978, but by membership on a number of regional boards. Among these were serving as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank, Public Service Company of Colorado, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, Western Airlines, and the First National Bank of Denver. In 1941, he was presented an honorary degree by the University of Colorado when he was named outstanding Colorado businessman.

Spanish Revival enjoyed great popularity in the 1920's. This house is the largest and best example in Grand Junction. The original tile roof and the rest of this excellent house remains intact. Landscaping by Sacco de Boer, leading landscape architect from Denver. This building is also located in the proposed Merchant/Professional Residential District.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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