

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7452

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

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Biggs, Homer, House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Darley Residence

ADDRESS: 1202 Chipeta Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4435

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 13

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Patricia M. Darley, 1202 Chipeta, Grand Junction, CO 81501-4435

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 711800
Northing: 4327470

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: English/Norman

Block: 1
Lot(s): 31-32
Addition: Lincoln Park
Year of addition: 1900

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s): _____

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Shake Siding; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

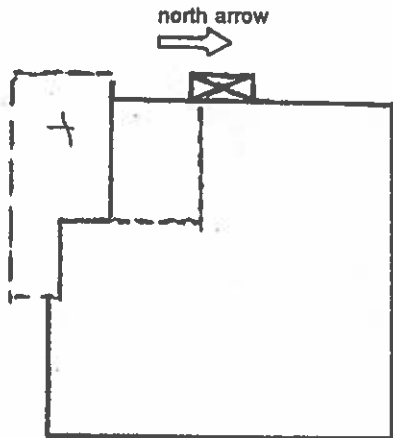
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1124

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1935 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information: _____

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information: _____

ORIGINAL OWNER: John P. Soderstrom

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story house with cross gables. Concrete front steps and stoop with white painted wrought iron railing lead to flush, arched front door with three lights. Front gable, English style, has one cat-slide eave lower than the other. Entry is under the lower west eave. Windows are double hung wood sash, six-over-one. Wood shake siding is painted gray. Window and door surrounds, and bargeboards are white. Concrete foundation painted buff. Tan composition shingle roof. Brown, brick fireplace chimney on west eave wall and brick chimney on ridge of facade wing. Gabled dormer on south slope.

Landscaped with lawn, pfitzer foundation plantings and a fir tree at east corner of house. Ash trees in parking area.
Original two car garage at rear, ca. 1935, is wood frame with shingle siding, side gable roof, and new aluminum door.

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

Film roll no.: 2
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): Biggs, Homer J., Jr. "Joe": Born: 15 April 1917, Durango, CO. Died: 13 May 1943. Education: Grand Junction High School & Colorado College. Career while in house (1937-43?): During his senior year in college, he was captain of the football team and was nominated to "Who's Who Among College and University Students." From 1938 to 1940 he worked with his father in the Mesa Lumber Company in Grand Junction. Retaining this as his address, he moved to California in 1940 to work for the Lockheed Corporation & to take pilot's training. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in 1942. In 1943, he was made deputy commander of a B-17 bomber group. He was killed during a mission over France. Grand Junction High School still awards an athletic trophy in his name each year.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, City Directories, Archival Collection: Joe Biggs Collection, MWC 1989.40

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

THEME(S):

National Register eligibility:

individual yes no
Criteria: A B C D

Area(s) of significance: Architecture; Social History; Military; Education

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no
District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

Period of significance: 1935; 1937-1943

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Biggs, a gifted high school and college athlete and a World War II casualty, is still remembered in the Grand Junction community. In his memory, Lockheed built a plane and named it in his honor, and the Grand Junction Rotary Club established a "Joe Biggs" trophy for the outstanding Grand Junction High School athlete. The award is still presented annually. This English/Norman 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

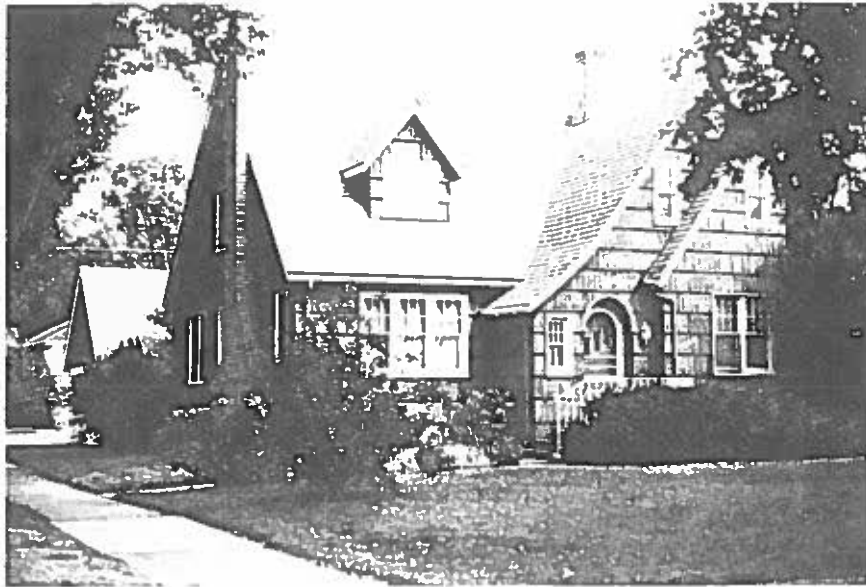
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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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