

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with cross gables. Small concrete stoop under small gable portico supported by two squared columns and two knee braces. Paneled front door with large single light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Ribbons of three windows on south facade, and south elevation. Large transom window on north facade, under cross gable. Drop siding is yellow; window and door surrounds, barge boards, and corner boards, are light brown. Light gray composition shingle roof. Brick chimney on south slope of front gable.
 Landscaped with chain link fence around lawn and one spirea.

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

Film roll no.: 8
 Negative no.: 18

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): 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. 1946, this house was owned in 1947 by Genevieve and Merton Smith, an aircraft communicator with the FAA in 1949. 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: 1946

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Vernacular Wood Frame with windows and doors of an earlier period than the 1946 indicated construction. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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