

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7607

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: _____

Period of significance _____

Needs data date _____ initials _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Welch, Bert, House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

Date of designation: N/A

Designating authority: N/A

ADDRESS: 911 Santa Clara Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1853

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W

NE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW¼ of SE¼ of section 23

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Jesse E. Retherford, 2089 Broadway, Grand Junction, CO 81503-9778

UTM REFERENCE-12

Easting: 711250

Northing: 4324940

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Pueblo Revival

Block: 13

Lot(s): 7 - 10

Addition: Orchard Mesa Heights

Year of addition: 1890

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s): _____

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Stucco; Built Up Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

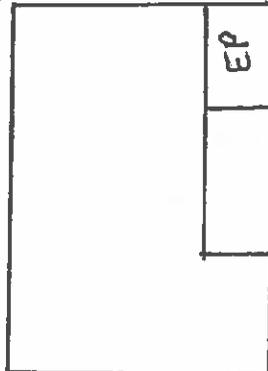
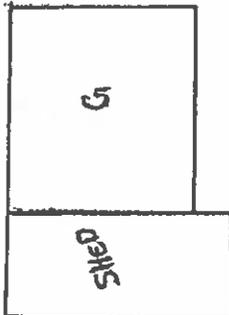
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 858

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1939 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: Bert W. Welch

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: _____

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with flat roof with parapet. Flush front door with single light. Originally a duplex, now a single dwelling. "U" shaped plan with two front wings with lower flat roofs. West wing has two large fixed windows on facade, with six lights. East wing facade has a ribbon of four, double hung wood sash windows, one-over-one. Additional windows around house are one-over-one with stucco sills. Buff stucco siding with light blue window frames and sills, and roof coping. Flat roof parapet of facade, and of each wing, step down from the center to the corners. Parapets of side walls have shallow steps, following the slope of the roof. Coping tops all parapets. Stucco chimney mid-roof with metal extension. Landscaped with lawn and many pines, firs, and cedars. Chain link fence along west and south property boundaries. Large frame garage near house with front gable, shingle siding, roll composition roof, and wood door.

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

Film roll no.: 9
 Negative no.: 6
 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. 1939, this house was first owned by Bert W. Welch, employed by the State Home and Training School, ca. 1939-1945. Georgia and Uhre Dyer, a carpenter, acquired the house ca. 1945, and were living there in 1948. 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, 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

National Register eligibility:
 Individual yes no
 Criteria: A B C D
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1939

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This Pueblo Revival, a favored style during the Depression, has a low profile and a flat roof. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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