

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7609

Eligible for National Register  yes  no  
date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria  A  B  C  D  
Contributes to a potential National Register district  
 yes  no district name: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

Eligible for State Register  yes  no  
date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria  a  b  c  d  e  
Areas of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Wales, G.E., House

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_  
Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Parko Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

ADDRESS: 1756 Palmer Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1840

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Frank A. Parko, 1756 Palmer Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1840

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W  
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 23

STYLE: Vernacular Masonry

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 711230  
Northing: 4324850

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

BUILDING TYPE:

Block: 13  
Lot(s): 18 - 20 N20' of 21  
Addition: Orchard Mesa Heights  
Year of addition: 1890

original location  moved

Date of moves(s): \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIALS: Concrete and Mud Sills; Brick; Wood Siding; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic


PRESENT USE: Domestic

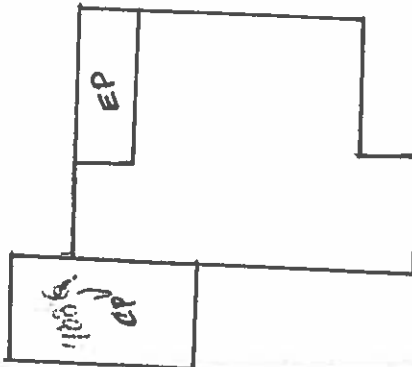
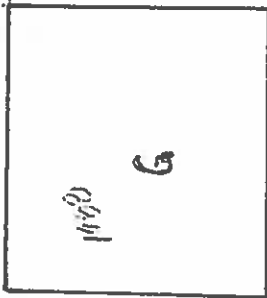
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 730

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: George E. Wales

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type: Garage Carport

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with front gable. Concrete front step leads up to porch integral in south side of gabled front wing. Storm door over paneled front door. Picture window on south facade. Additional windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one with aluminum storm windows. Light red brick siding with gray door and window surrounds, barge boards, steps and foundation. Gables have russet vertical wood siding. Red composition shingle roof with brick chimney on south slope.

Chain link fence on north and west sides of property. A poplar stands on each side of lawn.

Carport on north elevation is concrete block with shed roof. Two car garage at rear with side gable and batten siding doors.

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

Film roll no.: 9  
Negative no.: 5

Photographer: Carolyn Howard  
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Garage and carport added in 1988. Storm windows.

**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.

This house was constructed ca. 1939. The owner from ca. 1939-1944 was George Wales, and from ca. 1945-1947, Ray and Della Bell. 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 1968.

**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:

**THEME(S):**

Period of significance: 1939

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** Vernacular Masonry with well laid brick walls. Vertical siding in gables is a 1930s detail. 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

**AFFILIATION:** Museum of Western Colorado

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**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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