

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7548

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: Fender, Alvin, House

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Balko Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

ADDRESS: 1434 Rood Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4527

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W  
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 13

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Theresa A. Balko, 1434 Rood Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4527

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 712160  
Northing: 4327010

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: English/Norman

Block: F  
Lot(s): 23-24  
Addition: Keith  
Year of addition: 1890

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

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

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

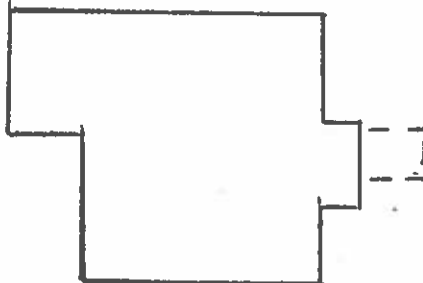
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 928

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1946 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: Alvin and Evelyn Fender

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type: Garage

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with cross gables. Concrete steps and stoop with wrought iron railings lead to small projecting front entry wing with gable. East eave is somewhat lower and slightly flared. Screen door over paneled front door with three vertical lights. Picture window on east of facade. Metal awnings over door and picture window. Other windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Wood shingle siding is gray. Brown composition shingle roof with eaves close to wall. Rake boards. Brick chimney on north slope.

Landscaped with minimal front lawn, large arborvitae by west facade. Roses along lawn edge by front sidewalk. Small junipers along west lawn. Parking area is gravel.

Garage at rear, ca. 1946, with wood shingle siding, front gable, and fiberglass garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 5  
Negative no.: 21

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):** This house, constructed in 1946, was owned by Alvin Fender. The Grand Junction City Directory does not list a tenant prior to 1951 for this house.

**INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific):** Plat Map, 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

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** An English/Norman with one lower eave on entry porch which is not as low as most other examples. Most builders favored a more pronounced cat slide. 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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