COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY		SITE NO.: 5ME7552
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203  HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY		Eligible for National Registeryesno dateinitials Criteria A B C D Contributes to a potential National Register districtyesnodistrict name:
County: Mesa	City: Grand Junction	Eligible for State Register
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Leahy, Phillip, House		Period of significance
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Hills Residence		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no
ADDRESS: 1410 Main St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4641		Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SW ¼ of SE ¼ of NW¼ of SW¼ of section 13
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Rick A. Hills, 1410 Main St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4641		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 712140 Northing: 4326920
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction
		Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'
STYLE: Bungaloid		Block: I Lot(s): 29-30 Addition: Keith Year of addition: 1890
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] 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: 884	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1925 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE:	north arrow	ARCHITECT: Unknown
	4	Source of information:
1		Builder/contractor: Unknown
	#	Source of information:
	15	ORIGINAL OWNER: Frank Hall
<u> </u>	18	Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X ] yes [ ] no
		Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with front gable and battered foundation. Stone steps with wrought iron railings lead to screened porch with dropped gable. Siding on half-wall. Four six by six half columns across porch. Screen door. Paneled front door has large single light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Projecting bay on the west elevation under eave. False bevel siding and trim is white. Gray composition shingle roof with brick chimney on west slope. Landscaped with lawn, junipers by facade, beds of annuals in parking area. Original garage at rear, ca. 1925, with shiplap siding, front gable, and original garage door. PHOTOGRAPHS (include photographs showing each side of building and any associated buildings) Film roll no.: 6 Photographer: Carolyn Howard Negative no.: 17 Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (Include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): An open porch was modified to a finished enclosed porch on rear, no date indicated, HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Leahy, Phillip C.: Born: Ca. 1913 Living Married: Vera L. Career while in house (1943-1946): During World War II, he was the Colorado Area Engineer for the Manhattan Engineer District. Upon arriving in Grand Junction in 1943, Lt. Leahy, later a captain was ordered to meet with Blair Burwell of U.S. Vanadium to begin a top-secret uranium procurement program. While running the Colorado Area Engineer Office, of MED, he located the site for a MED refinery on the Gunnison River, later the local AEC Compound. Under his command the Colorado Area Office acquired 2,698,000 tons of uranium for the Manhattan Project which was 14% of the total. On January 1, 1947, the newly created U. S. Atomic Energy Commission took over the work and facilities of MED, including the Gunnison River site. Leahy, then retired from the army, returned to become the first manager of the Grand Junction Office, also known as the Colorado Raw Materials Office. INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block Book, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction. Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Directories: 1943, p. 25; January 1945; July 1945; January 1946; March 1948. SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories) THEME(S): Architectural significance: Historical significance: I represents the work of a master [X] associated with significant person(s) [] associated with significant event possess high artistic value [] represents a type, period, or method of [] associated with a pattern of events construction [] contributes to an historic district National Register eligibility: Individual [X] yes [] no Contributes to a potential district: Criteria: [] A [x] B [] C [] D Tyes [X]no Area(s) of significance: Military District name: Period of significance: 1925;1943-1945 also located the site for a MED refinery on the Gunnison River which later became the local Atomic Energy Commission compound. In 1947, he returned

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Phillip C. Leahy is significant for his role in procuring a significant amount of uranium for the Manhattan Engineering District's Manhattan Project (the ultra secret program which developed nuclear fission and the atomic bomb). He as the first manager of the AEC Grand Junction Operations Office. The complex was the national center for uranium exploration, mining and milling, which became and is still a major factor in the regional economy.

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