

<p><b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>                  Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation                  1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p><b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b></p>		<p>SITE NO.: 5ME7589</p> <p>Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no                  date _____ initials _____                  Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D                  Contributes to a potential National Register district  <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____</p> <p>Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no                  date _____ initials _____                  Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e                  Areas of significance: _____</p> <p>Period of significance _____                  Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____</p>
<p>COUNTY: Mesa</p>	<p>CITY: Grand Junction</p>	<p>LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>Date of designation: N/A                  Designating authority: N/A</p>
<p>HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Soderstrum, John, House</p>		<p>P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W                  NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 13</p>
<p>CURRENT BUILDING NAME: White Residence</p>		<p>UTM REFERENCE-12                  Easting: 711900                  Northing: 4327470</p>
<p>ADDRESS: 1260 Chipeta Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4436</p>		<p>USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction                  Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'</p>
<p>OWNER NAME &amp; ADDRESS: Randall E. White, 1260 Chipeta Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4436</p>		<p>Block: 1                  Lot(s): 17-18 E2 of 19                  Addition: Lincoln Park                  Year of addition: 1900</p>
<p>STYLE: Tudor</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved</p> <p>Date of moves(s): _____</p>
<p>BUILDING TYPE:</p>		<p>HISTORIC USE: Domestic                  PRESENT USE: Domestic</p>
<p>MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame/Stucco; Asphalt Shingle Roof</p>		<p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1931 actual: _____                  Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records</p>
<p>STORIES: 1.5</p>	<p>SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1516</p>	<p>ARCHITECT: Unknown                  Source of information: _____</p>
<p>PLAN SHAPE:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>north arrow</p> </div>		<p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown                  Source of information: _____</p>
<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: John P. Soderstrum                  Source of information: Lot and Block Books</p>		<p>ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no                  Type: Garage</p>

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with cross gables. Foundation skirted with siding to ground level. Concrete front steps lead up to terrace across east half of facade. Terrace has a stucco half wall. Front door is flush, with small arched light. Two steep gabled wings on east and west ends of facade. Windows around house are mainly double hung, wood sash, six over six and six over one. Steeply gabled west wing has a paired window of two tall, narrow, fixed single lights. A wrought iron balconet is across lower part of these windows. Below balconet is a stucco base from ground level to balconet. Base has a coping of red Rowlock brick. Siding is medium gray wood shakes. Trim is gray, except for white door and window surrounds, window frames, muntins and mullions. Light gray composition shingle roof. Eaves close to wall. Gray rake boards. East wing, facade and gable are stucco, with decorative half-timbering all in grey. Gray stucco fireplace chimney on west eave wall. Another grey stucco chimney on east slope.

Landscaped with lawn, terrace half covered with ivy. Arborvitae to east of facade, maple on west lawn. Ash trees along Chipeta and 13th Street parking. Wood fence around backyard in gray.

Two car garage by alley faces 13th Street. Front gable, same gray shake siding and gray roof as main house. Narrow eaves. Wide two car door is contemporary tan fiberglass, rolls upward in sections.

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

Film roll no.: 8  
Negative no.: 4

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):** Soderstrum, John P. Born: ca. 1889. Died: 3 December 1958. Married: Muriel Callahan. Children: John, Paul and William Soderstrum. Career while in house (ca. 1932-1958): Soderstrum, a licensed civil engineer, served as Grand Junction City Manager from August 30, 1930-September 1939. During that period, he supervised a variety of WPA and PWA projects through which streets and alleys were paved, sewers and gutters installed, the street lighting system was improved and expanded, the settling basin, filtration and sewage plant were built, the municipal public library was constructed, the Lincoln Park Golf Course was completed, and the football field lighted. He was also the moving force behind protection of the city's water supply, having obtained the first reservoir. Later, he served seven years as County Road Supervisor, and during World War II went to work for U.S. Vanadium to organize transportation between the mills.

**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; Social History

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
 District name: Merchant/Professional Residential

**Period of significance:** 1931; 1904-1940

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** John P. Soderstrum served as Grand Junction City Manager during the 1930s. During the decade, he supervised a variety of WPA and PWA projects that resulted in a series of important civic improvements including upgrades to local alleys and streets which are still in evidence decades later. He was also a moving force behind acquiring a reservoir to guarantee a reserve for the city's water supply. Especially active in the area of transportation, he later developed county roads and during WW II organized ore transport for U.S. Vanadium.

This well maintained Tudor with steep gables, half-timbering and terrace, is located in the proposed Merchant/Professional Residential District. Between 1904 and 1940, the city of Grand Junction expanded to the east of the original square mile. Merchants and professionals settled into this area creating a distinctive neighborhood.

**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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