

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story, with hip roof and battered foundation. Concrete steps with wrought iron railings lead to wide screened porch extending across half of facade. Entry flanked by full length, buff brick columns. Cross gable with half-timbering over entry. East half of porch is screened; west half is glazed with twelve light ribbon casement windows. Front door is paneled, with three tall, vertical, beveled glass lights. Three sided shallow bay window on east wall with hip roof. Ribbon windows are a recurring motif around the house, primarily as double hung wood sash, one-over-one. White, false bevel siding and trim, except for window screens trimmed in black. Cedar shingle roof. Fireplace chimney on west wall, and chimney on east slope, same buff brick as porch columns.

Landscaped with lawn, junipers on west elevation, spirea on east elevation. Woodbine on column and screen near front entry. Six ash and one elm on parking area.

Original garage at rear, ca. 1926, with false bevel siding, hipped roof, original sliding door.

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

Film roll no.: 6
Negative no.: 10

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): Schmidt, Alonzo: (1926-1955) Born: 29 January 1877, St. Clair County, MO. Died: 14 July 1955. Married: Dora Jane Rightmire 1 January 1903. Children: Mark and Leland Schmidt. With his father and brother, founded L. Schmidt and Sons a local hardware store in Grand Junction in 1905. Around the time of his first occupancy, Schmidt was serving as general manager of the hardware company, and was also completing service as president of US Bank, a position he had held from 1914-1926. After the merger of the bank with US Bank in 1926, he served as chairman of the board until 1948. He was also on the board of Modern Savings and Loan for many years, and also served as a vice president of the Colorado Hardware Dealers Association. Locally, he was a member of the school board for 10 years, serving as president for two of those.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block Books, Obituary Index, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction. Daily Sentinel Newspaper: July 14, 1955, p. 1, 11; July 15, 1955, p. 5; Special Supplement "Colorado West," October 19, 1975, p. 3.

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: Commerce

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

Period of significance: 1926

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Alonzo Schmidt was a successful long-time Grand Junction hardware dealer and financier. He co-founded Schmidt's Hardware in 1905, and served as president of US Bank from 1914-1926. Locally, he was a member of the school board for 10 years, serving at a time when there was significant expansion.

This Bungalow with screened porch defined by brick columns. Ribbons of windows, a frequent bungalow motif, is repeated around the house. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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