

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7686

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

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

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Ella Morris Rooming House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

ADDRESS: 339 Ute Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2418

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW1/4 of SW1/4 of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Peter J. Atkinson, 3171 1/2 Bookcliff Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81504-6051

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 711518
Northing: 4326625

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Queen Anne Cottage

Block: 141
Lot(s): E2 of 9 all of 10 - 11
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

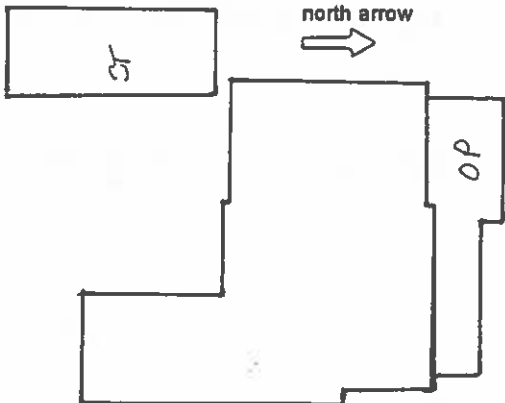
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 2492

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1901 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Ella G. Morris

Source of information: Lot And Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, hip roof with front gable. Concrete block foundation and concrete steps. Open porch with hip roof across facade. Wood shingled half-wall. Eight white turned half columns across facade, paneled door with large light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Drop siding is gray buff. Window and door surrounds, corner boards, porch columns, friezes, cornices and return cornices are white. Roof is light green composition shingles with boxed eaves and cornices. Front gable has Palladian style window and return cornices. Brick chimney on south slope.

Landscaped with gravel around building, small front lawn and rose bush on lawn. Two maples, two Trees of Heaven by west elevation, Sign board near sidewalk announces the business within. Two car shotgun garage at rear with white asbestos shingle siding, gray composition roof and wood swinging doors on each end.

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

Film roll no.: 14
Negative no.: 13

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Roof materials were changed from wood shingles to asphalt shingles in 1992.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Originally owned by Ella Morris, ca. 1901-1913. More commonly known as the "Dallas Rooms," this building has always served the community as a rooming house. Benjamin Snyder, a county commissioner, owned it from ca.1914-1920. The property was owned by Lewis and Herminia Shubina from 1921 to 1931. In 1935, Antonio Coscorroza, a Basque sheepman, and his wife Toribia, purchased the property.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal 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: 1901

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The southwest quarter of town used to have many large rooming houses, often with board. This area was near the depot, which was convenient to railroaders. Grand Junction had many railroad employees. It also was near downtown, and single business people often roomed in these houses. Redevelopment has razed nearly all of them. The Morris house, now used for business, remains very original.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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