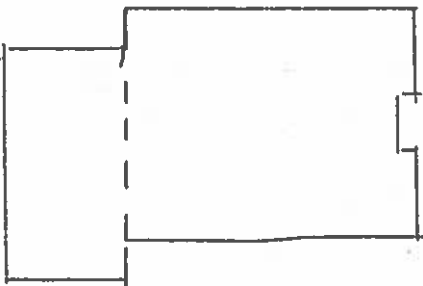


COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203		SITE NO.: 5ME7665
HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY		Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____
COUNTY: Mesa	City: Grand Junction	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: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: First Church Of The Brethren		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Riverside Community Center		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 520 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-1614		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 15
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Riverside Southern Baptist Congregational Church, 520 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505-1614		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 709700 Northing: 4326760
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame		Block: 9 Lot(s): 1 and 2 Addition: Mobley Year of addition: 1901
BUILDING TYPE:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s): _____
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Rolled Roofing		HISTORIC USE: Religion PRESENT USE: Social
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 996	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 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: Church Of The Brethren Source of information: Lot and Block Book
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Steep front gable. Concrete front stoop with a wrap around concrete step on three sides and wrought iron railing lead to inset entry at center of facade. Double paneled doors with five light transom. Front of facade is completely plain, except for entry. Windows on the sides of the building are tall, double hung wood sash, two-over-two. White simple drop siding with blue window surrounds. Window screen frames are black. Addition across back of the building has wider siding, a shed roof with exposed rafters and a paneled door with single light. The principal roof is steeply pitched, with medium blue metal roofing. Roof of addition is green composition roll roofing.

Landscaped with lawn. Gravel and flagstones in parking area.

Garage at rear with shiplap siding and swing-out garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 11

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Negative no.: 21

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (Include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Rooms added across back (north side) of building, date unknown. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The Riverside Community Center, which adjoins the Bethel Church at Riverside, was constructed ca. 1910 as the Church of the Brethren. Since before the turn of the century, members of the Brethren congregation had been attracted to Mesa County. At the time the church was constructed, there were two other Brethren churches in the County, one in Appleton and one in Fruita. Almost a century later, the building functions as an annex to the adjoining brick church building which was constructed ca. 1964. By 1946, the building had been sold to the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The adjoining church is now the Bethel Church at Riverside.

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: Religion

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no

District name:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1910

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): An original Vernacular Wood Frame Church. Plain architecture favored by a denomination which practiced plain living. The facade has a symmetrical, formal appearance. The steep roof afforded a high ceiling inside for better acoustics

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

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