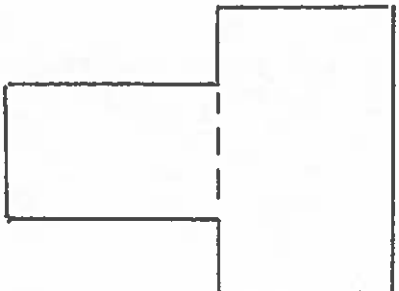


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| <p>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</p> | | SITE NO.: 5ME7675 Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____ 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: _____ Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____ |
| COUNTY: Mesa | CITY: Grand Junction | LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE¼ of SE¼ of section 15 |
| HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Billings, J.U., House | | |
| CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Sisneros Residence | | UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 709995 Northing: 4326410 USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15' |
| ADDRESS: 417 Lawrence Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505-1632 | | |
| OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Alfred C. Sisneros, 417 Lawrence Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505-1632 | | Block: 1 Lot(s): N2 lot 19 all lot 20. 6.47' of lot 21 Addition: Crawford Year of addition: 1887 |
| STYLE: Italianate | | |
| BUILDING TYPE: | | [X] original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s): |
| MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Brick Veneer; Asphalt Shingle Roof | | |
| HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1883 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records |
| STORIES: 2 | SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1388 | |
| PLAN SHAPE: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> north arrow  </div> | | ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information: |
| This cell is shared with the plan shape diagram | | BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information: |
| | | ORIGINAL OWNER: J.U. Billings (traced back to 1888) Source of information: Lot and Block Book |
| | | ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Type: |

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story brick with hip roof. Large stoop covered with gold indoor/outdoor carpeting. Flush front door with solid transom and stone lintel. Symmetrical facade with a door at the center of both first and second floors and a window on each side of door. Upper door is paneled, with large single light. Rows of empty slots along foundation and half way up facade are evidence that joists once were fitted in them for a porch floor, with a balcony on the roof. Second floor door opened onto balcony. Windows around house are tall and mostly narrow, double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Stone sills and lintels are painted white. Storm window evident. Walls of main body of the house are red brick, laid in common bond: five rows of stretchers and one row of headers. Light gray composition shingle roof. The west, one story wing, is frame with gabled roof. Exterior walls have composition siding with pattern of simulated random coursed stone in varied colors. Brick chimney on second story ridge is laid with alternating courses of yellow and red brick. Another brick chimney in ridge of wing.

Wire fence around front yard with no landscaping. Brown wood fence around back yard.

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

Film roll no.: 12
 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): Metal framed storm door and windows. Porch missing. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Jonathan and Elizabeth Billings owned and resided here from ca. 1896 to 1957. Mr. Billings, engineer and foreman on the Little Bookcliff Railroad and a plasterer, died ca. 1925. Mrs. Billings, who came to Grand Junction as a bride, lived in the house for 61 years prior to her death in 1957.

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

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

Period of significance: 1883

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A two story brick structure, built in pioneer Grand Junction when most were small frame or log houses. This house is traceable to 1888, in a town established in 1881-1882, making it one of the oldest remaining buildings. The tall narrow windows regularly spaced, and low pitched hip roof are Italianate influence. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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