

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with side gables and concrete foundation. Concrete front steps lead to porch with steep gable with asymmetrical pitches. The west catside slope has a lower eave. Steps wrap around porch on south and east sides. Entry to porch on south and east sides is through round arches. Batten front door is arched, with a hexagonal light and black wrought iron hinges. Windows are double hung wood sash, four vertical lights over one. Several single lights. Metal frame storm windows. Buff stucco siding with brown trim on rakeboards, narrow window frames and muntins. Gray composition shingle roof. Eaves close to walls. Buff stucco fireplace chimney on east gable wall with random bricks inset. Another stucco chimney on north slope.

Landscaped with lawn and large arborvitae, lilac, and Tree of Heaven across facade. Hedge across lawn frontage. Large, new metal garage at rear.

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

Film roll no.: 9
Negative no.: 16

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (Include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Solar panels added in 1984. Metal frame storm windows.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Orchard Mesa is a triangle of desert land between the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers and the Grand Mesa. By 1890, orchards were planted by homesteaders as they settled into the area. Today, the orchards are receding under the pressure of subdivisions.

Constructed ca. 1929, William Geary was the owner from ca. 1929-1946. He was an employee of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. Through the early 1950s it is difficult to determine where residents lived on Orchard Mesa as numbered street addresses did not appear in the Grand Junction City Directories with any regularity. Grand Junction did not begin to annex Orchard Mesa into the City until 1966.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Grantee Index, 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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1929

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): An English/Norman style house with a distinctive entry porch with a lower west eave and wrap around steps. 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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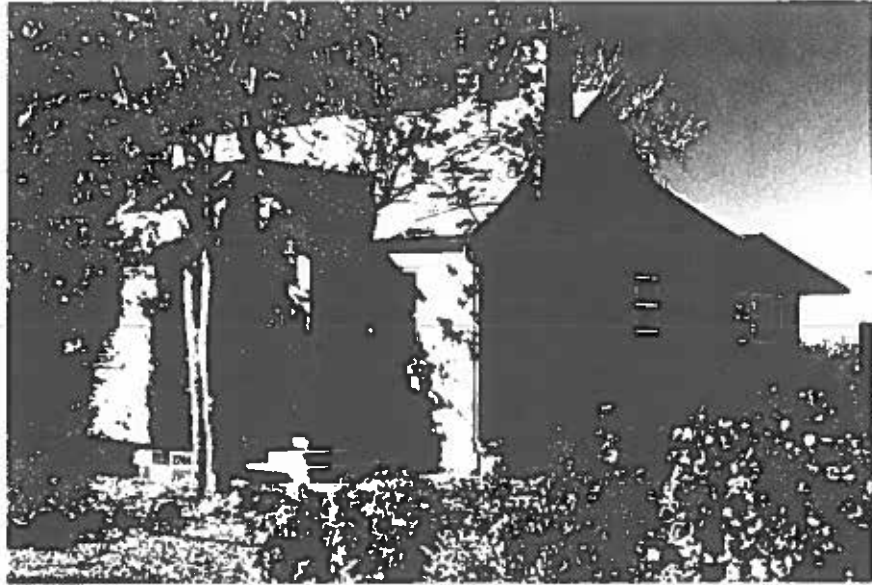
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