



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story, block stucco, with cross gables and concrete foundation. Open porch with gabled roof occupies center third of facade with squared columns on front corners with small cushioned capitals and bases. Concrete porch floor. Screen door over French front door. Symmetrical facade has a double hung wood sash window, eight-over-eight, on both sides. Windows around house are the same. The exception is a shed roof glazed porch on the south elevation where windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. No surrounds on porch windows, only a narrow wood sill. Stucco half-wall. House has light yellow stucco siding. Gable face asbestos shingles and trim is light yellow. Red composition shingle roof with brick chimney on north slope.

Landscaped with lawn, no sidewalk. Arborvitae and evergreens across lawn frontage. Two large elms south of house. Garage at rear with front gable, wide siding, and metal garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 10  
Negative no.: 4

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Metal frame storm door and windows. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

**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.

Built ca. 1947, the house does not show up on the city directories at that time. The owner was Edith Halstead. 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): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Ownership Card, Lot and Block Books, Grantor and Grantee Indexes, 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: 1947

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): A stucco house with a symmetrical central porch, columns and gable. 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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