

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: SME7769

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

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

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

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Ventura, Benjamin, House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

ADDRESS: 321 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2414

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Harvey E. Bradley, 1097 Wallace St., Fruita, CO 81521-2006

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 14

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710520
Northing: 4326530

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction
Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'

STYLE: Queen Anne Cottage

Block: 146
Lot(s): 4 and W2 of Lot 5
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[X] original location [] moved
Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

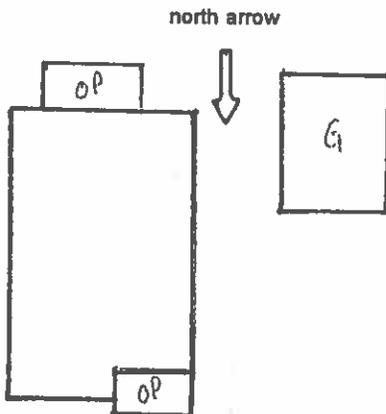
HISTORIC USE: Domestic
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 872

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1904 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Rocco Bonsignore

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with pyramid roof with cross gables. Red painted concrete steps lead up to screened porch with shed roof on west half of facade. Porch has vertical siding on half-wall and slender chamfered corner posts. French door on portico. Paneled front door has a large light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. White simple drop siding. Window and door surrounds, corner boards and cornices are blue. Red foundation. Red composition shingle roof with blue cornices and raking cornices. Gable faces on facade and west elevation have notched wood shingle siding. Small single light window in front gable. Brick chimney near apex of pyramid roof.
 Landscaped with lawn and locust tree in parking area. Chain link fence around lawn.
 Small house at rear with front gable, simple drop siding, various roofing materials and sliding garage door.

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

Film roll no.: 19
 Negative no.: 00

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This house, constructed ca. 1904, is one of two buildings located on lot 4 and the W2 of lot 5 in block 146. Benjamin F. Jay, an early Mesa County Commissioner, owned the property ca. 1904-1914. There are no tenant listings for this house prior to 1919, when it was the home of Rocco and Rosa Bonsignore. They owned the house from ca. 1915-1940, renting it to "Sunday" and Benjamin Ventura, a carpenter/laborer, from ca. 1924-1941. The Venturas occupied/owned the house ca. 1941-1945, after which they sold it to the next owner/occupants, Lucille and Fritz Becker, a detective with the Grand Junction Police Department.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grantor/Grantee Index, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction.

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: 1904

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Queen Anne style house in original shape. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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