

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7771

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

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

Period of significance _____
 Needs data date _____ initials _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Rettig, Ludwig, House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Birt Residence

ADDRESS: 1115 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3429

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
 NW ¼ of NE ¼ of NE¼ of SE¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Donna G. Birt, 1115 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3429

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 711660
 Northing: 4327210

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Bungalow

Block: 88
 Lot(s): 3 and 4
 Addition:
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved
 Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Block Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

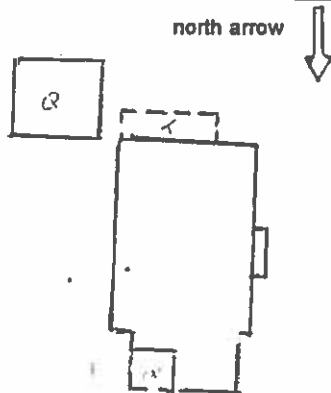
HISTORIC USE: Domestic
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1060

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1915 actual:
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown
 Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
 Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Carrie M. Dillard
 Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no
 Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof with front gabled wing. Painted concrete block foundation. Concrete steps with wrought iron railing lead up to porch extending across facade. West half of porch is glazed with large single light windows. The east half of the porch is screened. Screen door. Porch half-wall and piers are shingled. Front door is paneled. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, eight and six over one, or one-over-one. Projecting bay window on west elevation under the flared eave. Yellow simple drop siding. Door and window surrounds, foundation, bargeboards, and knee braces painted blue gray. Gray composition shingle roof. Large gable face on facade is shingled. Wood louvered ventilator. Gable has wide bargeboards with shaped ends and elaborately sawn knee braces. Brick fireplace chimney on west eave wall is painted gray. Red brick chimney on south slope.

Landscaped with desert plantings, arborvitae by east facade, and large evergreens on west yard. Along sidewalk, yard has retaining wall of railroad ties. Lawn and two sapling trees in parking area.

Two car carport off of alley has shed roof supported by white, four by four posts.

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

Film roll no.: 17
Negative no.: 3

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The first owner of the house, constructed ca. 1915, was Carrie M. Dillard. E. Grace and Ludwig Rettig, a buyer/salesman for Rettig Packing and Produce Company, were the original occupants. They lived in and owned the house ca. 1919-1930. Lucille and Dr. Victor DeWar, a surgeon, moved into the residence in ca. 1932. The DeWar family owned it from ca. 1934-1939, renting it to Frank C. Hale, the manager of Texas Oil, in ca. 1935. Mabel B. and Dorsey G. Son, then with the National Park Service, acquired the house in ca. 1939, and were living in it in 1946.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, 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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1915

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A transitional Bungalow with hip roof and concrete block foundation indicative of the older style. There are several more bungalows in the neighborhood which are clones of this house, probably built by the same contractor. 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

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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