

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

**HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY**

SITE NO.: 5ME7774

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: Taylor, Julia, House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

ADDRESS: 1158 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3448

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W  
 NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Julia Harris, 1158 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3449

UTM REFERENCE-12  
 Easting: 711750  
 Northing: 4327140

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 88  
 Lot(s): 19 and 20  
 Addition:  
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

Date of moves(s):

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

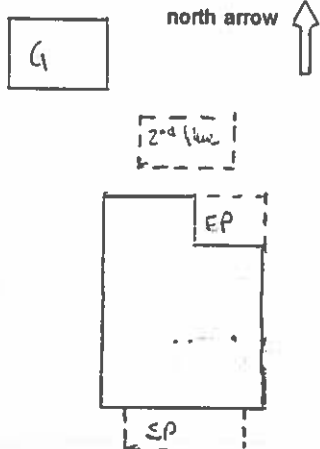
HISTORIC USE: Domestic  
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 848

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 actual:  
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown  
 Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown  
 Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: John F. and Mary Griffin

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type: Garage

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One-and-a-half story home with cross gables. Foundation is concrete blocks cast to look like rusticated, coursed stone. Wood steps lead up to screened porch with hip roof extending across two-thirds of facade. Porch has wood paneled half-wall and three full height squared posts across porch facade. Screen door. Lattice-like porch base. White front door is paneled and has three vertical lights. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Two windows on east and west elevations and two windows on second floor facade gable have plank shutters. Metal awning on second story facade. Pale gray simple drop siding. All trim is pale gray except for plank shutters and narrow framing on porch screens which is apple green. Light green composition shingle roof with boxed eaves with raking cornices. Gables have return cornices. Gables have simple drop siding identical to lower walls. Principal roof has side gables. Large gabled wall dormer on south slope. North second story wing has hip roof. Brick chimney on north slope.

Landscaped with lawn, spirea in front of porch, and lilac and pyracantha on west elevation. Chain link fence around backyard. Large sycamore in parking area.

One car garage at rear with hip roof, green composition roll roofing, white simple drop siding, and paneled door which folds into three sections.

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

Film roll no.: 16  
Negative no.: 11

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Metal awning. Open porch removed, date undetermined.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** The first owners/occupants of this house, constructed ca. 1908, were John J. and Mary Giffin. Harriet J. Moulton, a music teacher, owned/resided in the house ca. 1911-1914. Julia Taylor, a high school teacher, owned the house ca. 1916-1929. She lived in the house ca. 1912-1924, and was an absentee landlord ca. 1924-1929. Tenants included in ca. 1926, Helen and Helen and Aylmer Reeves, Jr., a salesman; and in ca. 1928, Reg L. Townsend, assistant secretary of the Grand Junction Fruit Growers Association. Emma and John A. Davis, a driver, owned/occupied the house ca. 1930-1932. Owners/occupants from ca. 1936-1943 were Bernice and Jessie Beattie, a high school principal. The owners/occupants after 1943 were Joseph, Jennie, and Julia Harris, long-time Plateau Valley ranchers. Julia, the daughter, owned/occupied the house until 1995.

**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:

Period of significance: 1910

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A clean lined Edwardian style house in very original condition. The concrete block of the foundation is novel. 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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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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