

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: SME7784

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: Decker, Andrew, House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Brown Residence

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
 NW ¼ of NE ¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 14

ADDRESS: 816 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3443

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 711230
 Northing: 4327140

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Linnie Brown, 816 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3443

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

Block: 85
 Lot(s): 27 - 28
 Addition:
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Mud Sills - Wood Frame - Wood Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

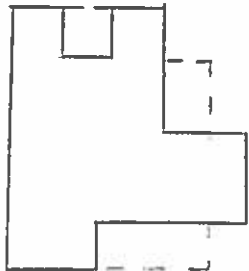
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1060

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1890 actual:
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:

north arrow



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Charles H. Mayo

Source of information: Lot and Block

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof and gabled front wing. Foundation is skirted with brick patterned composition siding. Wood steps lead up to porch with hip roof in center of facade. Two full height squared posts and a half-wall of vertical siding along porch facade. Two doors open onto porch, both are paneled and have a large light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. On facade of front wing is a shed roof projecting bay, supported by four knee braces, with a large window. Yellow simple drop siding with white window and door surrounds, posts, cornices and knee braces. Dark gray composition shingle roof. Cornices. Two brick chimneys on ridge and one on west slope.

House set toward back of lot. Landscaped with large lawn and large silver leaf maple tree on west lawn. Chain link fence around backyard. Locust tree in parking area.

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

Film roll no.: 17	Photographer: Carolyn Howard
Negative no.: 1	Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Garage moved to 2945-144-14-010, date indetermined.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The first owners of this residence, constructed ca. 1890, were absentee landlords. Charles H. Mayo owned it from its construction until ca. 1900, and Mrs. Sarah B. Howard from ca. 1902-1907. The first known occupant was Mrs. E. L. Gray, widow of Joshua, who also owned the house ca. 1908-1910. Andrew Decker, an engineer, owned and lived in the residence ca. 1914-1923, but from ca. 1923-1935 was an absentee landlord. The next owners until 1946, including Valley Federal Savings and Loan, ca. 1936-1940, also used the property as a rental. Renters from ca. 1923-1946 included a public stenographer, two railroaders, a clerk for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and a salesman.

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

National Register eligibility:
 Individual yes no
 Criteria: A B C D
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

Contributes to a potential district:
 yes no
 District name:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1890

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Vernacular house with plain details. The projecting bay window on the facade, however, has strong styling with the large knee braces under the bay, and under eaves of shed roof. 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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