

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete steps lead to entry with small gabled portico supported by large knee braces on west half of facade. Front door is paneled with three vertical lights. Screen door. The two windows on facade are double hung wood sash, five vertical lights over one. Windows around rest of house are one-over-one. White simple drop siding on house. Simple drop siding on gable and portico faces is blue. Door and window surrounds, water table, cornices and knee braces are blue. Green composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and cornices. Small pedimented gable with kick on east half of facade roof.

Landscaped with lawn and locust tree in parking area. Chain link fence around lawn. Wood fence around back yard. One car garage at rear with front gable, corrugated metal roof and white simple drop siding.

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

Film roll no.: 19
Negative no.: 1

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Porch may be enclosed. Front door portico. 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. 1914, was first owned by Antonio Stranges. From ca. 1919-1922, there were a series of absentee owners. The first known renters Arvilla and Addison E. Smith, a baker's helper. The Smith's, owners ca. 1927-1935, lived there until ca. 1931 when they rented it to Mrs. Bessie Kling, the widow of Frank. Ella and Michael Stranger, Modern Shoe Repair, lived in the house ca. 1937-1946. They acquired the house from Modern Building and Loan in ca. 1939, owning it until ca. 1946.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction, Obituary Index, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 27 May 1963, p3.

SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories)

Architectural significance:

- represents the work of a master
 possesses 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: 1914

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Classic Cottage which is mostly original. Facade may have had some updating in the 1920s. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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