

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof with cross gables. Battered foundation. Concrete steps with brick planters along sides lead up to gabled sunporch/entry extending across center 3/4 of facade. Battered half-wall and porch piers are shingled. Porch is glazed with metal framed windows in pairs and ribbons on three sides. French front door. Storm door. Another sunporch on west elevation is glazed. Windows on main body of house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. White siding is milled with narrow, horizontal ribbing. Battered foundation has white wood shingles. Shingling continues up the wall to sill level on house and porches. All trim is white. Light red composition shingle roof with flared eaves, exposed rafter ends, knee braces under eaves on gables and bargeboards with shaped ends. Gable faces are shingled with wood louvered ventilators. Landscaped with lawn. Elm and ash trees on parking area. Wood fence around backyard and evergreens near west elevation. Garage by alley with front shingled gables. White drop siding and shingled battered foundation. Red cedar shingle roof. Contemporary metal door blocked by fence.

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

Film roll no.: 15
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Photographer: Carolyn Howard
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Metal framed porch windows, storm door. Re-roofed with asphalt in 1983. Aluminum carport, and enclosed porch modified to open porch in 1984.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The original owner of the house, constructed ca. 1910, was M.J.E. Matthews. Olive and W. Guy Boyer, first president of Settlers Insurance Company and then involved in real estate, were the owners/residents ca. 1911-1918. Alma and Theophilus Reed, a laborer/carpenter, were the owners/occupants ca. 1919-1924, and absentee landlords ca. 1926-1927. From ca. 1928-1934, August Branca, a foreman, was the owner/resident. Amelia and George Schmidt, a welder, were the tenants in ca. 1937, and Mary and Bernardo Marasco, a railroader, the owners. The Marascos were the owners/occupants from ca. 1935 to Mary's death in 1969.

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, 15 Jun 1964, p3 and 12 Nov 1948, p2.

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

Period of significance: 1910

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):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This Bungalow is well built and well maintained. The corner location encouraged sunporches on two sides of the house. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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