
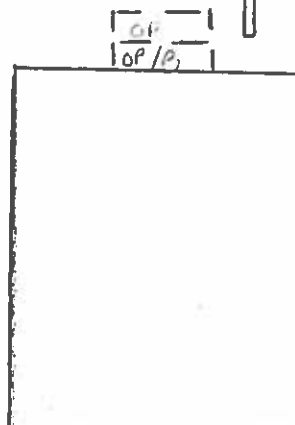


<b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203  <b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b>		SITE NO.: 5ME7816
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Nafe, A.M., House		Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____ _____ Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no  Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 946 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3519		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: James L. McEvoy, 2112 N. 1st St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-7457		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711450 Northing: 4326800  USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction  Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
STYLE: Vernacular Masonry		Block: 113 Lot(s): 19 and 20 Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved  Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick On Brick - Asphalt Shingle Roof		HISTORIC USE: Domestic  PRESENT USE: Domestic
STORIES: 2	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 3800	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1909 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: A.M. Nafe Source of information: Lot and Block
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no  Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** Vernacular Masonry apartment, two stories and basement. Hip roof. Foundation of rusticated concrete blocks, now partially covered with cast stone. Concrete steps with rusticated concrete block piers with stone coping. Porch extends across center half of facade. Brick columns with stone capitals at each corner, and flanking front steps. Front porch has second floor deck with wrought iron railing, and access from door on second floor. Front door is paneled, with large beveled light and beveled single pane side lights. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Brick relieving arches over every window, and stone sills. High basement has double hung windows, 4' high, with relieving arches. Brick walls, stone coping and sills are painted mauve. Window and door casings, boxed eaves and cornices are brown. Gray composition shingle roof. Hip roof dormer on south slope has walls with yellow shingle siding. Small window on face of dormer, flanked by louvered wood vents. Yellow brick chimney on east slope.

A cedar tree on each side of steps and elm on east yard. Two elms and a clump of evergreen in parking area.

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

Film roll no.: 15

Negative no.: 6

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Cast stone on foundation. Additional construction or modifications not noted on Assessor's Records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** This building was constructed ca. 1909 and known as the Colorado Apartments by 1941. A. M. Nafe was the first owner/resident ca. 1909-1918. Ethel and Charles H. Wilkinsen, treasurer of Western Shale Oil Company, were the next owners, ca. 1919-1927. The Wilkinsen's were occupants in ca. 1921-1922. Although the directory does not identify the house as a rooming house or apartment by 1926, there were four residents listed as living in the house in addition to the owners. Minnie and Otto Brutsche, a meatcutter, were the owners, residents, and landlords from ca. 1931-1946.

**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:

Period of significance: 1909

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** In the early community development years, there were few apartment houses in Grand Junction. This large masonry structure is especially impressive in its size and solidity, as well as being a rare apartment building. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

**INVENTORY COMPLETED BY:** Museum Group Staff

**DATE:** 3/29/96

**AFFILIATION:** Museum of Western Colorado

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**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2







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