

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with cross gables. Painted concrete block foundation. Wood steps with wood railings lead to wraparound open porch with hip roof extending across facade. Six squared full length fluted columns are spaced along porch. Lapped siding of the porch base, ribbed balustrades of porch and steps, treads and porch floor are unpainted, treated wood. Front steps flanked with small black cannons. Enclosed back porch has open balcony on top with wood balustrade. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Second floor of facade has a window with a large oval light. East side of second floor facade has a shallow oriel window under a pedimented gable. Shed roof projecting bay on west elevation. White drop siding and trim. Gable faces shingled with rows of fishscale, notched and square cut wood shingles. Both front gables are pedimented. New cedar shingle roof with boxed eaves, raking comices and cornice returns. Brick chimney on west slope.

Side and rear lawns are heavily planted with clusters of aspens. Two blue ash trees and two locusts in parking area. Large rose bushes and lilacs.

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

Film roll no.: 15
Negative no.: 17

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The original owners and first occupants, ca. 1905-1956, were Catherine and Louis B. Schmidt. Schmidt, the senior partner in L. Schmidt and Sons, died in 1938. Catherine lived there until ca. 1956.

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, 16 Aug 1938, p9; 18 Aug 1938, p15; 13 Jan 1956, p2; 14 Jan 1956, p3.

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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1905

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A large, fine Queen Anne style house in original condition. New roof is cedar shingles, appropriate to the style. The interesting architecture, cedar roof, and fresh white monochromatic color, combine to make a very striking appearance. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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