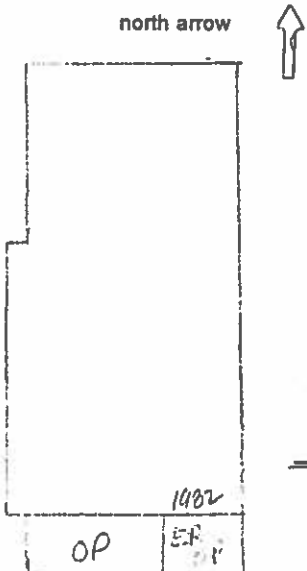


<b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203		SITE NO.: SME8160
<b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b>		Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	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: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Starks, Hugh, House		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no  Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 626 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2720		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Dorothy McCollum, 2300 W. Stuart St., Fort Collins, CO 80526-1218		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710940 Northing: 4327580
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction  Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'
STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame		Block: 39 Lot(s): 24 and 25 Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] original location [ ] moved  Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof		HISTORIC USE: Domestic  PRESENT USE: Domestic
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1068	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1897 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                     north arrow  </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> </div>		ARCHITECT: Unknown  Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown  Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: E.F. Fisher  Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [ ] no  Type: Garage



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with front gable. Foundation covered with siding. Small stoop leads to porch with hip roof extending across most of facade. West two-thirds of porch is screened. Narrow vertical siding on half-wall. Full height corner post. Screen door. East 1/3 of porch is enclosed with siding. Ribbon of three casement windows, six lights each, on facade and west elevation. The facade contains a central French door with an undecorated wooden frame. Windows vary, but predominantly double hung wood sash, one-over-one. A small opening located in the facade gable contains wooden louvers and simple wooden frame. Yellow simple drop siding. Window surrounds and fascia boards are brown. The small enclosed rear porch has yellow, flush wood siding. Green composition shingle roof. Exposed rafter ends on porch. Brick chimney on the ridge of the rear wing.

Landscaped with lawn, small spirea and roses across facade. Three small trees in the backyard.  
Garage at rear.

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

Film roll no.: 26  
Negative no.: 10

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 in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** The first record of improvements to the property occur when E. J. Fisher, a teacher, owned the property ca. 1897-1920. The house appears on the 1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, but there are no City Directory entries available for the residence before 1921. Claud Gresham, a shoe repairman and boot factory representative, was the owner/occupant ca. 1921-1923. Mary and S. J. Gook, who owned the house ca. 1924-1930, were absentee landlords ca. 1924-1928. By 1928, they are listed as living in 626 Gunnison (rear). The property was managed by three absentee owners ca. 1933-1941. Edith R. and High Starks, a dragline operator, were the occupants/owners ca. 1941-1965. Hugh was deceased by 1959.

**INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific):** Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories.

**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: 1897

**THEME(s):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A small vernacular house in a neighborhood of larger houses. It has changed very little, aside from porch enclosures. 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

**PHONE:** (970) 241-9117

**ADDRESS:** PO Box 20000-5020, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020

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



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