

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

SITE NO.: 5ME8188

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

Eligible for National Register yes no
date _____ initials _____
Criteria A B C D
Contributes to a potential National Register district
 yes no district name: _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

Eligible for State Register yes no
date _____ initials _____
Criteria a b c d e
Areas of significance: _____

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Biggs, Clinton and Lina May, House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 724 N. 5th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2612

Date of designation: N/A
Designating authority: N/A

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: George F. Weickert, 3119 Amerclana Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81404-5987

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 14

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710760
Northing: 4327630

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Craftsman

Block: 38
Lot(s): S2 of 1 - 5 inc.
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

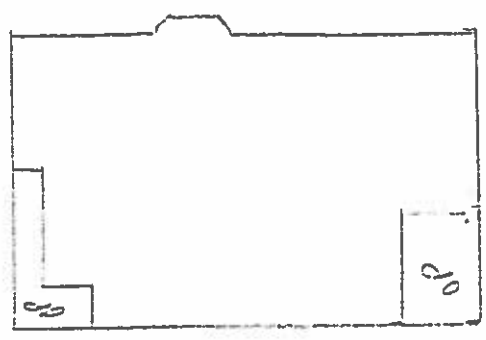
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 2018

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Thomas Rader

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One and a half story with side gable roof. Exposed rusticated concrete block basement. Concrete steps framed by stepped, rusticated block piers, lead to a partially enclosed porch extending across the facade. Porch has extended flared roof. Three quarters of porch is enclosed. Porch is partially glazed with large fixed pane lights. North side of porch is open with half walls and trios of wood 2 x 6 half post boards with decorative patterns cut lengthwise from the center of each board. False bevel siding on half-wall. Front door is paneled with transom of diamond pane glass. Majority of windows are double hung wood sash, one over one. Two large fixed diamond pane windows in north elevation. A projecting bay appears in center of south elevation. Bay has two double hung sash windows and a central fixed diamond pane window over an indented wood panel of simple geometric design below. Large gabled projecting dormer in center of upper facade has two narrow double hung sash windows framing a flush floor with diamond pane light that leads to parapeted balcony. Small dormer with gable roof in east elevation. A modern addition with continuous shed roof in rear. Semi-circular concrete steps lead to glazed door. Addition has projecting bay with four double hung sash windows with vinyl frames, also large sliding window. Siding of house is false bevel painted red. Window surrounds, porch posts and frames are white. Knee braces and rafter ends are black. Light red composition shingle roof. Brick chimney in east slope.

Landscaped with lawn and six moderately sized trees. North portion of lot partially enclosed by a tall wood fence.

Two story single car garage with gable roof at rear has gray composition shingle roof, red simple drop siding, and metal door.

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

Film roll no.: 26

Negative no.: 5

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Enclosed porch, new wing on rear. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Thomas Rader, agent for Wallace Creek Nursery, was the first owner/resident, ca. 1910-1911. The house is known for its connection to Lillian and educator Sidney C. Hoel, Sr., who founded and was president of Hoel's, and later Hoel-Ross Business College. Hoel, who resided in the house ca. 1912-1932, was connected to the College until the 1920s when he sold his share to Charles Ross. He was then listed as a "promoter." Clifford Ames, an auditor, was the tenant ca. 1935, and Lina May and Clinton A. Biggs, secretary of Biggs-Kurtz, were the owners/occupants ca. 1938 through 1951. (Note: Clinton was the grandson of C. A. Biggs and the son of Arthur. Arthur was the brother of Clyde Biggs, long-time president of Biggs-Kurtz. Clinton was later president of Biggs-Kurtz.)

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, Obituary Index, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 21 Feb 1964, 12 Jun 1991. Clinton Biggs Biographical File, Museum of Western Colorado. "History of Colorado," illustrated, pl. IV, 1919.

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: 1910

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): An Arts & Crafts influenced house with unusual clusters of triads of boards, instead of the usual half columns. Diamond panes are a repeated motif. This house may be eligible for the local register due to its connection with Sidney G. Hoel.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 3/29/96

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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