

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8191

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: The house at 552 Gunnison Avenue

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_  
Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no  
Date of designation: N/A  
Designating authority: N/A

ADDRESS: 552 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2647

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Marjorie L. Montgomery, 661 Highway 50, Lot A, Grand Junction, CO 81503-4943

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 710840  
Northing: 4327580

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction  
Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 38  
Lot(s): S50' of 17 - 20 inc.  
Addition:  
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[X] original location [ ] moved  
Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

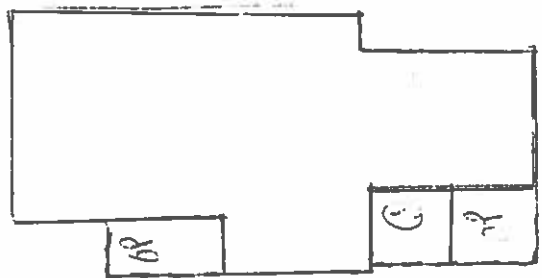
HISTORIC USE: Domestic  
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1201

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1897 actual:  
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown  
Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown  
Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dora Steele  
Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [ ] no  
Type: Garage

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One and a half story with cross gables. Concrete foundation is partially skirted with wooden planks. Gabled wing in center of facade is flanked by porches. Wood steps lead to screened porch on east side. Narrow vertical siding on half-wall. Three-quarter height Doric column in corner. Concrete steps lead to porch on west facade with narrow siding on half-wall, with full height Doric pier. Porches have shed roofs. Aluminum screen doors, and entrance doors are paneled with single lights. A newer flight of wooden steps with 2x4 railing ascends to a landing on the second floor of the east gable. This entrance door is paneled. Windows are varied: the majority are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Two sliding windows appear in the south elevation. An asymmetrical arrangement of different size fixed pane windows in the north elevation. Simple drop siding and corner boards are yellow. Window frames, surrounds and fascia are brown. Brown fishscale wood shingles on gable faces on all four elevations. Combination of tan and gray composition shingle roof. Boxed eaves and fascia boards. Two brick chimneys in north slope.

A small enclosed gable roof vestibule attached to west elevation leads to a two car garage with front gable roof, with tan and gray composition shingles. Garage and vestibule have simple drop siding painted yellow with brown trim. Batten swinging doors. Minimally landscaped with small yard with four large trees.

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

Film roll no.: 26  
Negative no.: 7

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Exterior stairs. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** Sanborn Fire Insurance maps show the house was constructed by 1912 as 703 N. 6th. It was later subdivided into 552 Gunnison and 703 N. 6th. The first known owner of the property, ca. 1897-1904, was Dora L. Steele/Steele Estate. The first known occupant of 552 Gunnison, ca. 1930, was tenant Arthur Burgess, foreman for Nuckolls Packing. The tenant, ca. 1931-32, was Jennie Peterson, widow of Edward. Walter Buniger was the absentee owner ca. 1937-1944; Allan Wasson, a projectionist at the Klva Theater, the tenant ca. 1937; and Clarence Shifflet, a linotype operator for the Daily Sentinel, the occupant ca. 1939-1940. Maude and Homer Woods, a salesman, were the owners/occupants ca. 1945-1950.

**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:** 1900

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** This house has been remodeled into apartments. The exterior is little changed aside from the outside stairs to second floor. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

**VENTORY 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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