

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8198

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: Kelleher, Michael, House

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Vigil Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

ADDRESS: 726 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3632

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Irene R. Vigil, 726 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3632

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

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 711120  
Northing: 4326600

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 137  
Lot(s): 26 and E2 of 27  
Addition:  
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood/Asbestos Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic  
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 660

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1907 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: W.W. Wilson

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type: Storage Unit

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with hip roof and concrete foundation. Narrow concrete front walk widens near door to make a small stoop, flush with the ground. Screen door over paneled front door with a large light. Gabled portico with a low pitch has knee braces. Symmetrical facade has a window on each side of door. All windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one, with screens. Gray asbestos shingle siding. Door and window surrounds, corner boards, knee braces, cornices and narrow frieze are white. Light gray composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and cornices. Addition across rear has a continuous shed roof.

Lawn. Sumac tree on east lawn. Elm trees along east and west elevations. Wire fence around back yard. Small metal storage building in back yard. Square concrete ashpit by alley.

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

Film roll no.: 32

Negative no.: 15

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Composition shingle siding. Addition across rear probably is an enclosed porch. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** W. W. Wilson originally owned the house, ca. 1908-1910. The residence was then owned by a series of absentee owners until ca. 1926. Mary and Michael C. Kelleher, a miner, were the first known occupants in ca. 1926, and the next owners, ca. 1927-1932. Mae and William B. Reeser, a ranch hand, were the owners/occupants ca. 1933-1943. Lena and Plagrey Coca were the next owners/occupants. Harry Coca, a ranch hand, was also residing at this address, ca. 1944-1946.

**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:

**THEME(S):**

Period of significance: 1907

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A small house which probably has lost its wide porch, which were standard on classic cottages. The portico now there is not typical. Siding probably is simple drop, now covered by composition shingles which was a frequent 1940s update. 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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