

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: SME8202

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 555 Teller Avenue

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 555 Teller Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2623

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NW ¼ of SE ¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Leonard Lang, PO Box 4182, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4182

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710840
Northing: 4327740

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 29
Lot(s): 13 and 14
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Block Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1388

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

PLAN SHAPE:

north arrow

ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

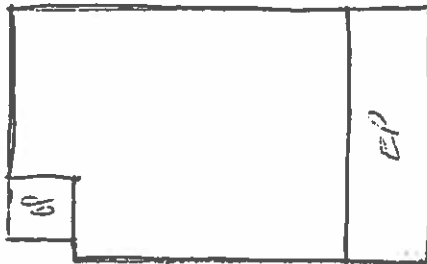
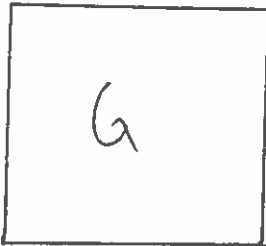
Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: O.E. Bannister

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: 2 Car Garage



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One and a half story with cross gables. Concrete foundation. Wide concrete steps with smooth concrete block piers lead up to full width sunporch/entry under an extended flared roof. Siding on porch half-wall. Storm door. Glazing is ribbons of double hung sash windows, one-over-one, in metal frames. Squared piers on porch corners. Four half height squared columns across porch facade. Roof has a second story balcony. Low half-wall with wood shingles on the ends. Front of the balcony has ribbed balustrade. Another balcony is on the west elevation on the pent roof. Front door inside porch is paneled with a large light. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. First story windows have narrow hoods with a row of small corbels. Basement door, at grade, also has a narrow corbeled hood. Second story windows, which are in gables, have a deeper, shingled hood the width of the gables with corbels. Second floor facade has a ribbon of three windows which open to balcony. Second floor of west elevation has two windows which open onto balcony. White narrow lapped siding. Door and window surrounds, columns, eave and rake boards and knee braces are green. Gable faces have white wood shingles. Green composition shingle roof. Flared porch roof has wood shingles. Eaves close to the wall on the gables. Large, full width gable on each elevation. East and west elevation have gable end pent roofs. Pent roofs, and front and back porches have boxed eaves with numerous small knee braces. Hood above second story windows on all four elevations, including east elevation which has a hood, but no windows. Each ridge end has a curved wood finial. Brick chimney on south slope with corbeled cap.

Landscaped with lawn, large cedar tree on west lawn and large juniper tree on east lawn. Circular planting areas under trees have ground cover vines. Wood fence around backyard. Small locust tree in parking area.

Two car garage with front gabled roof, green composition shingle roof with exposed rafter ends, white lapped siding, and lapped siding on sliding door.

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

Film roll no.: 27
Negative no.: 25

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Porch glazed with metal sash windows. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The house was first the property of Ollie Bannister and G. W. Stong, ca. 1910-1919. The first known occupant was the next owner, Oscar Fairley, a buyer for Palisade Fruit and later a fieldman for the Grand Junction Fruit Growers Association. Fairly resided in the house ca. 1921-1932, and was the absentee owner until ca. 1941. Goodsell Slocum, a high school teacher, was the tenant ca. 1937. Elva and Carl G. Davis, a County Agent, were the owners/occupants ca. 1943-1949.

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: 1910

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): One of the few houses around with a full width cross gable on every elevation. The pent roofs and hoods over each window are singular for this town. Aside from the porch glazing, the house is in excellent original condition. 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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