

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8206

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

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

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Lewis, Walter, House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 954 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3448

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: John Fleming, 2542 Amber Dr., Loveland, CO 80537-6981

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE¼ of SE¼ of section 14

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 711460
Northing: 4327140

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Queen Anne

Block: 86
Lot(s): 19 and 20
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved
Date of move(s):

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

HISTORIC USE: Domestic
PRESENT USE: Domestic

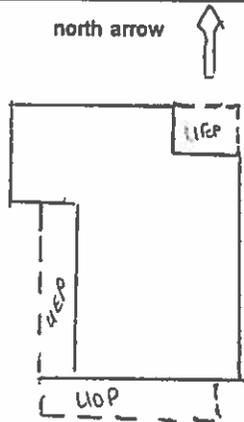
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1224

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1909 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: C.E. Ross
Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with pyramidal hipped roof which covers the body of the house has a hip roof projecting wing on the west elevation. Concrete block foundation painted green. Wood steps with metal railings lead to a large screened, hip roof wraparound porch which curves around the southwest corner of the facade. Simple drop siding on half wall. Six full height, squared posts. Porch door is fully glazed. Window screen frames of 2x4s. Main door is flush with three horizontal lights of diminishing size. Double hung wood sash windows, one over one, with metal storm windows around the house. A Chicago window appears in the west elevation. Simple drop wood siding and window frames painted white. Porch posts, water table, corner boards, fascia and window and door surrounds are grey-blue. Grey composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. Cross gable with kick in center of facade. Gable face has alternating fishscale and sawtooth shingles painted white, green and blue, and small double hung sash with twelve lights over one. Brick chimney on east slope.

Landscaped with lawn. Two raised garden beds, each with a small tree, in parking area. Many small shrubs. Border of vertically placed paving bricks along front edge of lawn, with planting beds of roses. Arched trellis over entrance of walk leading to house. Side and back yard enclosed by wood fence.

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

Film roll no.: 32
Negative no.: 9

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Open porch modified to unfinished enclosed porch, open porch in rear modified to unfinished enclosed porch, 1988. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records. Storm windows.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): John M. Fritz, who moved to Caldwell, Idaho ca. 1909, was the first owner/occupant of the house. (Note: a small cottage is shown at this location in the 1904 Sanborn Maps.) Lydia L. Ross, widow of Thomas, was the resident ca. 1910, and Charles E. Ross, the owner. Mary and George Cline, the owners ca. 1919-1920, were the occupants ca. 1918. Sallie E. and Willard H. Lewis, a railroad conductor, were the occupants ca. 1926, and Emma S. Lewis, the owner ca. 1922-1934. Mary I. and Walter H. Lewis, Interstate Cigar Store, were the occupants ca. 1928-1934. Walter died in 1934, and Mary is listed as owner/occupant of the house ca. 1935-1938 until ca. 1939-1946 when it is owned by Walter Lewis, et al. Mary continued to occupy the house through 1946.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction.

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: 1909

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The massing of this house is unconventional for this town. It is like a classic cottage with a wing and a wraparound porch. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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