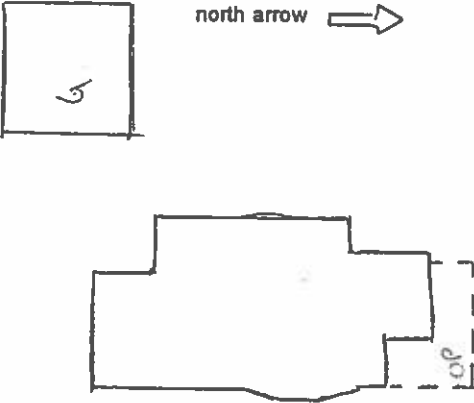


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COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Willsea, Charles A., House CURRENT BUILDING NAME: _____ ADDRESS: 811 White Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3442 OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: David C. Burt, 678 36 1/4 Rd., Palsade, CO 81526-8617 STYLE: Queen Anne Cottage BUILDING TYPE: _____ MATERIALS: Mud Sill Foundation - Stucco Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof STORIES: 1.5	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SW ¼ of NE ¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 14 UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711240 Northing: 4327080 USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15' Block: 92 Lot(s): 3 and W21' of 4 Addition: Year of addition: [X] original location [] moved Date of moves(s): _____ HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1904 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> north arrow → </div> </div>		SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1263 ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information: _____ BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information: _____ ORIGINAL OWNER: James Johnson Source of information: Lot and Block Books ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no Type: Garage	

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with a hipped roof with deck and cross gables. Basement covered with stucco siding. Painted wood steps lead to wraparound porch with a hip roof extending across 3/4 of facade. Four full height squared porch posts fluted on top. Lattice like porch base. Ribbed balustrade and porch frieze. Newer, metal paneled door has small fan light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one, and have light blue window frames. On the west facade wing is a large fixed transom window. North and east gable faces have small double hung wood sash windows with two lateral lights. Cutaway bay under eave of east gable. Door and window surrounds, porch posts, balustrade and lattice, cornice and raking cornices are light blue. Facing is textured stucco painted light grey. Gray composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. Beige fishscale and diamond shingles in both gable with kicks hip roof wing across rear. Brick chimney on deck of hip roof.
 Evergreen and small tree along facade. Wood fence enclosed back yard.
 One car garage at rear with front gable. Gray composition shingles and blue simple drop siding.

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

Film roll no.: 32
 Negative no.: 13

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Stucco surfaces, metal door. Open porch incorporated into house, 1988. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): James Johnson was the first owner of the house, constructed by 1904. There followed a series of absentee owners until ca. 1920-1924, when Lenoir and Edmund Cartensen, a salesman, were the owners/occupants. Mary (Jewell) and Charles Willsea, proprietor of Central Chevrolet, were the owners/occupants ca. 1924-1937. The Willseas were absentee owners ca. 1938-1941. Mildred and Robert Kimmel, a railroader, were the occupants ca. 1942-1946, and Anna and Henry Thompson, the absentee owners. (Note: The Willsea's are better known for their connection to 639 N. 7th Street.)

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, Obituary Index, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction. Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 13 Apr 1979. Museum of Western Colorado Research Library: "The Fabulous Old Houses of N. 7th Street."

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: 1904

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This house was stuccoed in recent years, covering the simple drop siding. Little else was disturbed, including shingled gable faces, and lattice-like porch base. 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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