

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story, hip roof with cross gables. Concrete block foundation. Step leads up to screened porch with hip roof extending across facade. The porch has four tapered doric piers and drop siding on half-wall. Screen Door. Front door is paneled and has a light. Windows contained within the porch are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. The side door on the east elevation of the house is a French door with 15 light, wood casement, sidelights. The east and west side gables have red fishscale shingles in the peaks, with square openings directly below filled with wooden louvers. White simple drop siding with simple doric corner boards. Window and door surrounds, friezes and cornices are dark green. Green composition shingle roof. Two cross gables on the facade have red, fishscale and notched, wood shingles on the faces. The east gable has a small window with diamond panes. A small, blond brick chimney located in the central ridge of the roof and a full height blond brick fireplace chimney located on the east elevation of the house. A shed roof wing in the rear continues the simple drop siding with slightly smaller double-hung wood sash windows.

Several trees on the front lawn and a pine tree in the rear. A red wooden fence encloses a small area to the east of the house. Combination of wooden and chain link fences enclose rear.

One car garage at rear with front hip on gable, green composition shingle roof, white simple drop siding, and a metal door.

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

Film roll no.: 26
Negative no.: 12

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): East elevation French door. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The house, constructed ca. 1905, was first owned by Charles Nichols. Ida and Ernest Iik, a C.D. Smith clerk, were the owners/occupants ca. 1914-1919. Rose and Dr. Peter Holden, a chiropractor, were the owners and residents ca. 1922-1928. The residence was owned by Modern Building and Loan ca. 1929-1942. Tenants during that time included a widow, a railroad conductor, and ca. 1937-1941, Brad J. Oldham, an assistant city engineer. Maxine and Jack Lund, an engineer with Western Slope Broadcasting, were the owners/occupants ca. 1945-1949.

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: 1905

THEME(s):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The tapering porch columns are uncommon on a 1897 house. The four gables with their red shingles are the most distinctive feature of the house. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

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