

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7670

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: _____

Period of significance _____

Needs data date _____ initials _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Erwin, J.H., House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Ransier Residence

ADDRESS: 521 Fairview Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505-1626

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Cris Ransier, 521 Fairview Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505-1626

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

Date of designation: N/A

Designating authority: N/A

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 15

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 709720
Northing: 4326540

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 4
Lot(s): E 75' lot 25 lots 26 and 27

Addition: Crawford
Year of addition: 1887

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s): _____

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Wood Frame; Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

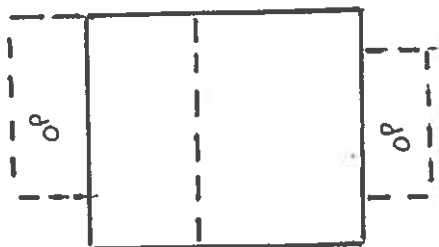
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 686

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1906 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: J.J. Raber

Source of information: Lot and Block Book

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: _____

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete front steps and stoop with black pipe railing lead to screened porch with dropped hip roof extends across three-quarters of facade. Half-wall on porch has vertical siding. Three full length squared columns on porch corners and center have cushioned capitals. Front door is paneled with large light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one over one. Gray aluminum siding simulates lapped siding and is narrow enough to be harmonious with the period of the house. Window surrounds, two corner porch columns, foundation, steps, cornice and chimney are also gray. Light gray composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and a gray painted chimney on west slope.

Chain link fence around lawn and a tall wood fence around back yard. Bulb plants along facade and two large elms, a small pine and a rose bed on west lawn. Gravel parking with newly planted evergreens.

Large new carport at rear.

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

Film roll no.: 12

Negative no.: 3

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Aluminum siding, screen door and storm window frames. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): From ca. 1906 to 1910, the owners of this house changed yearly; the residents are unknown. James Pinkard owned the house, ca. 1909 to 1916. Owners and residents from ca. 1911 to 1915 were J. Horace Erwin, a shipping clerk, and Sadle Erwin. Mark A. Craig, a railroader, and Stella Craig, owned the house, ca. 1918 to 1931, and lived there until 1922. John N. Craig, also a railroader, lived here from ca. 1928 to 1929. A barber was the occupant ca. 1929 to 1930. Residents and owners were Richard, a laborer, David H., a machinist for the City Highway Department, and Lela Mantio. The house was vacant in 1946.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Appraisal Card, Ownership 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: 1906

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Classic Cottage with updating which is not intrusive. This house is quite original, including the screened porch. The new siding is of a scale which is appropriate for the house. Although not eligible for the National Register, his house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2





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