

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7926

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: Wells, Bertha, House

Period of significance _____
 Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 844 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3454

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
 SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: 844 Grand Ave., Joint Venture, 336 Main St., #206, Grand Junction, CO 81501-3454

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 711290
 Northing: 4327260

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 70
 Lot(s): 21 and 22
 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

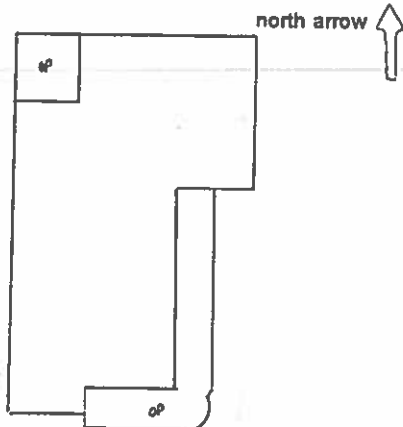
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1628

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1901 actual:
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Bryan Bryant

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete block foundation. Wood steps, with piers, lead up to wraparound porch with hip roof on east half of facade and along east elevation. Vertical siding framed by rails and stiles on half-walls. Six squared, full height columns along porch. Paneled door on facade, two more paneled doors on east side of porch. Screen doors. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Gray simple drop siding and foundation. Window and door surrounds and cornices are darker gray. Pale green composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and cornices. Hip roof dormer on south slope has three sets of louvered ventilators across face. Gable on east slope. Brick chimney on north slope. Cluster of small aspen trees west of steps. Evergreen trees and annuals. One elm tree in parking. Crushed red sandstone in yard and parking area. Gray granite sign in yard announces "Clavonne & Associates, Inc., Landscape & Planning Architects." Back yard is asphalt parking area.

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

Film roll no.: 22
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): Rear open porch modifications, date undetermined. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The first owner of the house ca. 1901 was Bryan Bryant. Carrie A. Brooks was the owner ca. 1902-1907; and Bertha and Dr. F. H. Wells, a physician, ca. 1908-1930. The Wells resided in the house until ca. 1921. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Wells, a clerk at the Fair Store, rented the house. Tenants ca. 1926-1928 were Emily and Charles Ross, district manager of Salt Lake Hardware; and ca. 1929-1930, Mary and Walter Hiron, principal of Grand Junction High School. Katherine Willis Lake acquired the house ca. 1931, and owned it until ca. 1945. The Rosses, who had rented the house previously, were still the renters ca. 1935-1941. Ross was a member of the Grand Junction City Council, 1933-1943, and president of the Council and acting mayor in 1940.

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:

Period of significance: 1901

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The unusual porch continues along most of the east elevation. Three original doors open onto the porch, which must be useful to the business firm using the house. They have changed it little. 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

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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