

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story duplex with a full, high basement and side gable roof. Wood steps and railings lead to the south side of a full width cantilevered balcony extending across the facade, under the principal roof. The balcony has a half-wall with vertical siding. Six full height squared 4 x 4 posts are along the balcony facade. Two posts underneath have been added to support the balcony. The door to 520 is paneled with a light and a metal framed screen door. The door to 522 is paneled with a wood screen door. A shed roof screen porch is at ground level across the rear. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. The basement windows are 4' high double hung, one-over-one. Light gray wood shingle siding. Door and window surrounds, posts, knee braces, string course along lower edge of the balcony are medium gray. Gray composition shingle roof. Very wide eaves with many knee braces on facade and both gables. The northwest eave corner has a tall support post at the tip. A circular ventilator on the north gable peak. Brick chimney on the center of the ridge.
 Minimal lawn.

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

Film roll no.: 39
 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): Two posts under the cantilevered balcony and a post to prop the sagging eave. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Originally a duplex, this structure first appears in the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in 1912. It is numbered as 520-522 N. 5th. J. W. Osborne was the first absentee owner, ca. 1910-1917. Signa and Vernon Shoup, a salesman, were the renters ca. 1926. Anna and Archie Craig, physician for the town of Mesa, were the absentee owners, ca. 1927-1938, with the exception of when the widowed Anna lived in the house, ca. 1935. Other occupants during that time included an auto mechanic, an electrician, and a plumber's helper. Absentee owners continued through at least 1951 with renters including a painter and a waiter at Santy's Cafe. (Note: 520 first shows up in the 1926 City Directory; 522 is not listed. For nearly every year, 1926-1951, there are occupants listed in each side of the duplex.)

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: 1910

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Duplexes were not usual in 1910 Grand Junction. The high basement, cantilevered balcony, very wide eaves and multiple knee braces are distinctive and uncommon design features. 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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