



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with pyramidal hip roof. Concrete foundation. Concrete steps, flanked by rusticated stone piers with concrete coping, lead to open porch with hip roof in center of facade. A ramp with a wood railing approaches the porch from the south end. Square, 6 x 6 half posts on stone piers flank the steps in center. Full height stone piers are on the porch corners. Rusticated stone half-wall. Front door has a full glazed light. Windows around the house are double hung wood sash, one over one, with rusticated stone sills and lintels. Cross gables with a kick on facade and north elevations with single pane windows in wood frames. Brown wood shingles on gable faces. Brown rusticated coursed stone exterior walls and trim. Brown composition shingle roof. Brick chimney on south slope.  
Lawn with moderately sized tree along street in north section of lot. Remainder of property is paved with asphalt and used for parking.

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

Film roll no.: 38  
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):** Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** Maria and George Trongo, a miner for the Book Cliff Railroad, a teamster, and at times listed as a laborer, were the original owners/occupants ca. 1911-1927. Mary and Antonio Trongo, a laborer, were the owners/occupants ca. 1927-1937. Josie and Nunzio Grasso, a contractor, and son Louis were the owners/occupants ca. 1941 to at least 1951.

**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: 1911

THEME(S):

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** This house has well laid walls of light tan stone from the Bookcliff Quarry, north of town. Believed to have been constructed by the Grasso family, master masons, this building should be considered for the National Register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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