

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8332

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: The house at 342 Belford Avenue

Period of significance _____
 Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 342 Belford Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2428

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
 NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW¼ of NW¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Aggie R. Stephens, Jr., 846 22 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81505-9700

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 710525
 Northing: 4327930

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Minimal Traditional

Block: 9
 Lot(s): 21 and 22
 Addition:
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved
 Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

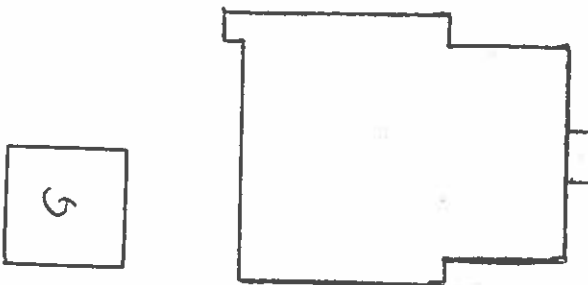
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 861

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1939 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. A. Switzer
 Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no
 Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with basement apartment. Side gables and front wing. High concrete foundation. Concrete steps and stoop with wood railing leads up to small gabled portico over the stoop with full height, 4 x 4 posts. The gable face is a wide bargeboard, cut in a segmental arch. The sides of the stoop are enclosed with lattices. A stair to basement apartment is along the west side of the stoop. The basement entry is sheltered by a short flared shed roof with a 4 x 4 post on the corner and lattice enclosure on the west. A wood railing along the basement stairs terminates with a high post on which is mounted the mail box. The door to 340 in the basement is French. The door to 342 is paneled with three vertical lights. Both doors have screen doors. Windows on the main floors are double hung wood sash, four and five vertical lights over one. The basement windows are 3' high wood casements with three vertical lights. Buff wood shingle siding. The gable faces are buff, wood, narrow lapped siding. Red/gray composition shingle roof. Eaves are close to the wall with cornices and return cornices. Brick chimney on the east slope. Lawn and wide gravel parking area. High wood fence around backyard. Two large elm trees are on the west edge of the lawn. One car garage at rear. Front gable roof has gray composition roll roofing. White simple drop siding and metal door.

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

Film roll no.: 29
 Negative no.: 17

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): Jen A. Switzer was the first owner/occupant of the house, ca. 1939-1941; and Albert Cox, a bookkeeper for Citizens Finance, the first tenant, ca. 1941. Emma B. Mead was the absentee owner, ca. 1946, and Bert Ogler, Jr., a railroad mechanic, the tenant.

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: 1939

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): An unornamented and basically original house from the late Depression Era. The high, full basement of the period is often seen in this neighborhood and sometimes converted to an apartment. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 5/31/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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