

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8334

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 _____

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

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

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

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710670
Northing: 4327870

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'

Block: 15
Lot(s): N2 of 12 and 13
Addition:
Year of addition:

[X] original location [] moved

Date of moves(s):

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

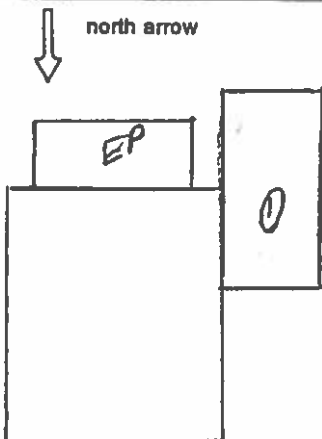
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1127

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1924 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: J.W. Osborne

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [] yes [X] no

Type:

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: The house at 459 Belford Avenue

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: McLain Residence

ADDRESS: 459 Belford Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2525

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Dean L. McLain, 459 Belford Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2525

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

BUILDING TYPE:

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One and a half story with cross gables. Concrete foundation. Deep, low rise concrete steps with wrought iron railings enter from the west side of the stoop. Metal frame storm door over flush front door with an ornamental diamond plaque. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. On the facade is a large, fixed wood sash windows with twenty lights and slat shutters. Yellow simple drop wood siding. Door and window surrounds, corner boards, frieze, cornices and shutters are white. Dark green composition shingle roof with boxed eaves and cornices. Steep pitch gables on the facade and rear, and steep cross gables. All gables have a full size window. The facade gable peak has a scroll sawn wood ornament. Wing on the west elevation has a shed roof. A brick chimney is at the crossing of the ridges.

Lawn and two firs by the stoop. An ash tree in the parking area. A high, brown, wood fence is around the backyard.

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

Film roll no.: 29
Negative no.: 25

Photographer: Carolyn Howard
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Low rise concrete steps for the handicapped. Open porch modified to enclosed porch, 1985. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): J. W. Osborn was the first owner of the house, ca. 1924, when it was described as "unfinished" in the ownership records. John C. Jacobs was the absentee owner, ca. 1926-1927. Carl Fren was the absentee owner, ca. 1928-1930, and Bertha Sutherland, widow of Edward, the tenant. The house was owned ca. 1931-1944 by absentee owners, the longest being Henry Burns, ca. 1936-1942. Tenants included a mechanic at Grand Valley Auto Company, a driver, a stenographer, and a waitress at the Avalon Cafe. Mary Norton, occupation unknown, was the owner/occupant ca. 1946.

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: 1924

THEME(s):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This house has steep gables on all four elevations. Little change is visible, aside from the twenty pane window on the facade, which is a circa 1950 modification. 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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