

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8335

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 _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: The house at 820 Rood Avenue

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

ADDRESS: 820 Rood Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3462

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Jim Fisher, 554 Court Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81501-4928

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 711245
Northing: 4327010

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

Block: 92
Lot(s): 27 and 28
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

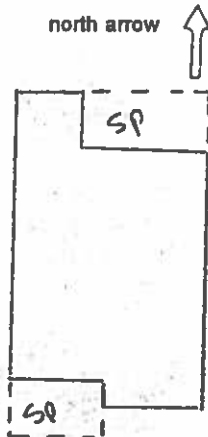
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1904

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1905 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: E.A. Atwood

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with a basement apartment. Hip roof with a front porch wing. Concrete foundation. Wood steps and piers lead up to gabled, screened porch extending across west half of the facade. Vertical siding on half-wall. Two full height, squared, fluted columns on the front corners of the porch and two responds. A frieze just below the cornice of the porch is cut in a modillion course on the lower edge. On the east facade is a metal awning over a flight of steps with pipe railing leading to the basement apartments. Basement door is white, paneled, and has a light. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Full basement has pairs of 2' high, wood casement windows, with two vertical lights each. Metal awnings over windows on west elevation. Simple drop wood siding and foundation are gray. Door and window surrounds, water table, corner boards, columns and frieze are darker gray. A screen porch with shed roof extends across the rear. Two white doors open to the front porch. One is paneled with an oval light, the other is paneled with three vertical lights. Gray composition shingle roof. The porch gable is pedimented with a kick. The gable face has white, fishscale wood shingles. Eaves are boxed with cornices. The brick chimney is on the ridge.

Lawn with gravel in parking area. A few volunteer saplings. Wood fence partially enclosed the backyard.
Five mailboxes indicate there are five apartments in this house.

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

Film roll no.: 39
Negative no.: 2

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Poured concrete basement. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Property records indicate the house was constructed, ca. 1907, and E. A. Atwood was the first owner. There were a number of absentee owners until ca. 1923 when it was acquired by Ida L. Mace, widow of Eugene. Mrs. Mace owned and resided in the house ca. 1926-1928, but was the absentee owner, ca. 1923-1925, and 1928-1939. Olin Mace was the owner, ca. 1940-1942. Renters, ca. 1929-1939, included a mine operator, Morgan William and his wife, Anna. Henry and Anna Thompson were the owners, ca. 1943 through at least 1947. The house was listed as vacant in the 1946 Grand Junction City Directory.

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: 1905

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Five apartments have been fitted into this house. The full, concrete basement probably was done in the 1930s or 1940s. It is not a style seen in small houses in 1910. Otherwise, the house looks unmodified on the main floor. 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

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



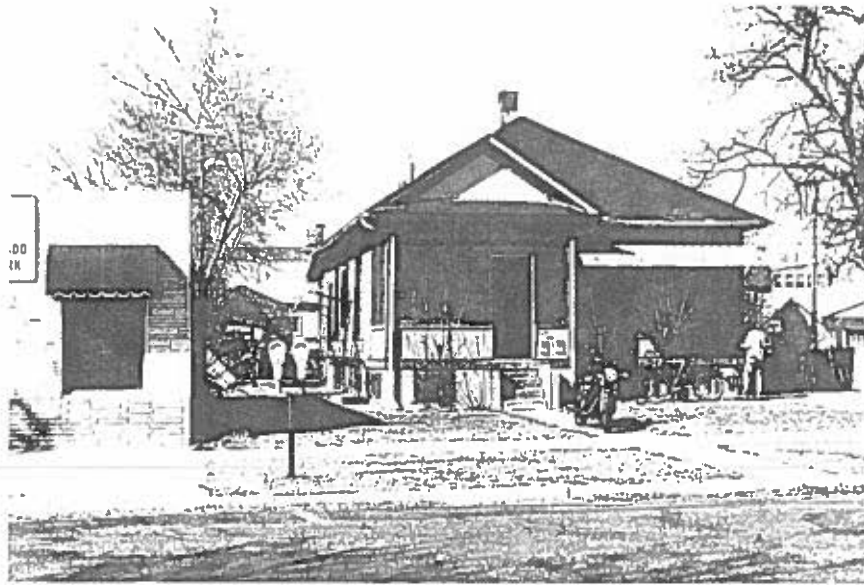
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