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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8349

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 537 N. 4th Street

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Burtard Residence

ADDRESS: 537 N. 4th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2549

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Brian Burtard, 537 N. 4th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2549

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710570
Northing: 4327440

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction
Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 58
Lot(s): N50' of 12 to 16 inc.
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

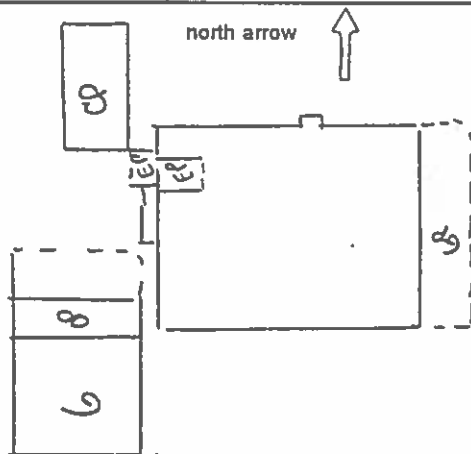
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1270

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: E.M. Gaylord

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete foundation. Concrete carpeted steps with curvilinear wrought iron railings. An integral sunporch extends across the facade. Siding on half-wall and four square, tapered half columns are across the porch facade. On each side of the symmetrical facade is a large fixed sash light, with a three light transom. Each are flanked by two taller single light, swinging wood casement windows with narrow transoms. On the north and south elevations of the porch are a large light, a single swinging casement and five light transoms. The porch storm door has a transom and sidelights and a wood slat awning. The front door, inside the porch, is flush with a beveled glass light. Windows around the house are mainly double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Some replacements are pairs of single light sliding windows. On the north elevation are two small windows with leaded diamond panes, flanking the fireplace. Also, a shallow projecting bay with a hip roof and a picture window. White, narrow lapped, wood siding and trim. The foundation and steps are red. Red composition shingle roof. Fascia boards. The lower half of the rafter ends are exposed. A hip roof dormer on the facade has two, single light windows. A brick chimney on the west slope. An interior fireplace chimney on the north elevation.

Lawn, with evergreens across the facade. Trellises with vines and evergreens on the north elevation. Japonica and flowering plum tree on the south lawn. Boxelders in parking area. The backyard has Japonica and roses. A chain-link fence along the south lawn edge, and a white picket fence around the backyard.

One car garage at rear with bowed roof, gray composition roll roof, and white, wood board and batten siding. Attached to the facade of the garage is a one car carport with bowed roof of corrugated fiberglass, and red 4 x 4 post supports.

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

Film roll no.: 25
Negative no.: 7

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): It would appear from the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps that the residence now known as 537 N. 4th, was not constructed until after 1907. In the maps, it appears at its present location in 1912. An earlier house was constructed on the same lots prior. Absentee owners, ca. 1906-1909, included W. M. Jennings and Dr. Heman Bull, Sr. Lois and Dr. C. N. Needham, a physician, were the owners/occupants ca. 1914-1917. Pioneer automobile dealer Reed G. Miller, Jr. and his wife, Lila, were the owners/occupants ca. 1917-1927. Marie and Ted J. Treece, Treece Furniture, were the owners/occupants ca. 1928-1933, and the absentee owners, ca. 1934-1936. Reed G. Miller was the absentee owner, ca. 1937-1946. Renters during that time included Alice and Oliver Reed, manager of the Mesa County Credit Association, and James W. Coulton, no occupation listed.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Obituary Index. Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 9 May 1964. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1899-1951. Museum of Western Colorado Research Library: Who's Who in Colorado, 1938. Colorado Press Association.

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; Commerce

Contributes to a potential district:

yes no

District name:

THEME(s):

Period of significance: 1910

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A larger cottage than usual, with a full width integral porch, and better design than most classic cottages have. This house should be checked for potential addition to the local register based on its association with Reed G. Miller, Jr. During the time Miller lived in the residence, he acquired Western Slope Auto. With the help of his father-in-law, and later his son Reed C. Miller, the automotive dealership became one of Western Colorado's most important and longest-lived automotive dealerships; a distinction it continues in 1996. Miller also served as a city commissioner 1911-1917 during the commissioner form of government, 1909-1921.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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