
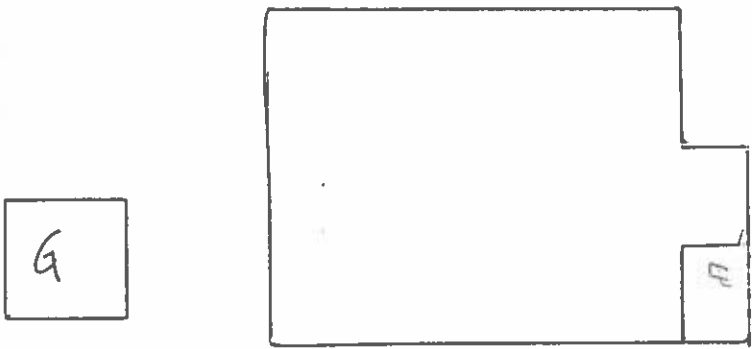


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| <p align="center">COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p align="center">HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</p> | | <p align="right">SITE NO.: 5ME8454</p> <p>Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____</p> |
| COUNTY: Mesa | CITY: Grand Junction | <p>Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____</p> |
| HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Nichols, R.L., House | | <p>Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____</p> |
| CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Swift Residence | | <p>LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A</p> |
| ADDRESS: 450 Hill Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2557 | | <p>P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SE ¼ of SW ¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of section 14</p> |
| OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Curtis E. Swift, 450 Hill Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2557 | | <p>UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710670 Northing: 4327700</p> |
| | | <p>USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'</p> |
| STYLE: Edwardian | | <p>Block: 30 Lot(s): 19 - 20 Addition: Year of addition:</p> |
| BUILDING TYPE: | | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):</p> |
| MATERIALS: Mud Sill Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof | | <p>HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic</p> |
| STORIES: 2 | SQUARE FOOTAGE: 2730 | <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1898 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records</p> |
| <p>PLAN SHAPE:  north arrow</p>  | | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:</p> |
| | | <p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:</p> |
| | | <p>ORIGINAL OWNER: R.L. Nichols Source of information: Lot and Block Books</p> |
| | | <p>ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Type: Garage</p> |

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, with cross gables. Concrete foundation. Concrete steps and stoop, with wrought iron railings, lead to enclosed porch on the east half of facade. Second tier of porch has a shed roof. It is enclosed, with ribbons of single light and one-over-one sash windows. Front door is paneled, has a large light, and a metal canopy. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one; several have white metal frame storm windows. Tan, simple drop, wood siding. Door and window surrounds, and cornices, are brown. Gray composition shingle roof. Gable on west facade has paneled vergeboards with a sunburst at the apex. Eaves are boxed, with cornices. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps on ridge.

Lawn. Large evergreens across facade, a huge boxelder and tall lilac by the west elevation. Bulb plants are across the lawn edge, and a catalpa and hackberry tree in parking area. A wood fence with lattice along the top is along alley.

One car garage at rear, with front gable, gray composition roll roofing, and tan, false bevel siding. A shed roof storage wing is on the west elevation.

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

Film roll no.: 37

Negative no.: 22

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Porch. Storm windows. Front upper windows modified. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Anna and Reuben. L. Nichols were the original owners, ca. 1901-1927. They were also the first known occupants, ca. 1907-1924. During their period of occupancy in the house, Nichols was first the manager of the Grand Junction Planing Mill, a contractor, and then the owner of a mill works, R. L. Nichols and Sons at 504 S. 7th Street. Elmer F. Long, proprietor of Elmer F. Long Drygoods, was the renter, ca. 1926. Fred W. Magers et al, and then Belle and Fred, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1930-1939. Madge and E.A. Weller were the owners, ca. 1941-1943, and the occupants, ca. 1940. Florence Shepherd, a music teacher, was a renter ca. 1941 -1954. Mary J. and Alonzo Dunlap, an operator at U. S. Vandium Corporation, were also tenants, ca. 1947.

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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1898

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The mass of this house is unchanged, but the porch has been enclosed and a second tier added. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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