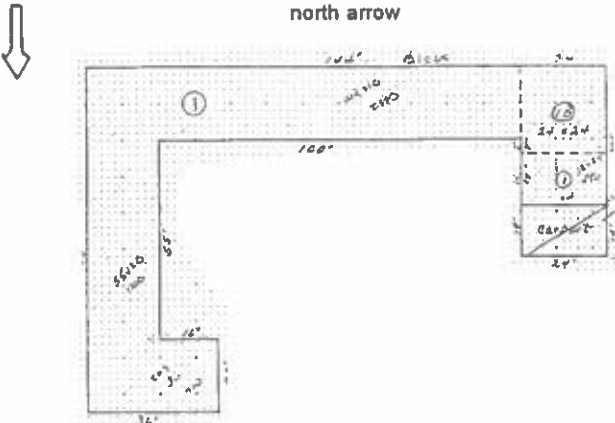


<p><b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>                  Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation                  1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p><b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b></p>		SITE NO.: 5ME8460 Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____ 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: _____ Period of significance _____ Needs data ___ date _____ initials _____
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [ ] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Silver Spur Motel		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NW ¼ of NE ¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of section 14
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Silver Spur Motel		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710835 Northing: 4327970
ADDRESS: 555 North Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-1297		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [ ] 15'
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Reginald Sanderson, 2245 Tiffany Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1297		Block: 7 Lot(s): 13 - 16 inc. Addition: Year of addition:
STYLE: Mid 20th Century Commercial		[X] original location [ ] moved Date of moves(s):
BUILDING TYPE:		HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Concrete Block/Brick Veneer - Asphalt Shingle Roof		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1955 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 5608	ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
PLAN SHAPE: 		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:
ORIGINAL OWNER: Prinster Brothers Source of information: Lot and Block Books		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [ ] yes [X] no Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story, gable roof. Concrete foundation. Gabled wing along west half of the North Avenue frontage. Open porch extends across east elevation of the wing with two full height black pipe supports on the corners. A paneled door on that elevation has a large light, and is flanked by a large single light window to the south, and two to the north, in metal frames. On north and south elevations are large single lights in metal frames. From the south elevation of the front wing, the building continues around the outer property line. It surrounds the auto courtyard in a "J" shape. Formerly, there were sixteen motel rooms. Now they are remodeled into seven office suites. The east wing is along the south half of the 6th Street frontage. The windows are uniform. Each room has a pair of large thermopane single lights in dark metal frames. The doors are paneled with large lights. Adjacent to each door is a rectangle with metal clapboard siding, that covers former doors. Below the windows to the foundation, is a panel of the same siding. Walls are concrete block and brick veneer. Wirecut brick, rowlock brick sills and metal siding are painted light gray. The back walls are exposed concrete block, also painted light gray. Dark brown composition shingles on gable roof. Eaves are close to the wall, except on the inner courtyard where the wide overhanging eaves form a visor roof over the windows and doors. A continuous concrete walk is under the visor.

Auto courtyard has asphalt paving and is partially surrounded by a gray metal fence. Brick pylon on the North Avenue frontage has an electric sign announcing business offices. On the roof, over each business entrance, are individual signs.

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

Film roll no.: 30  
 Negative no.: 10

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

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):** Some windows eliminated and clapboard siding. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** The Prinster Brothers were the original owners of this commercial property, ca. 1953 to at least 1958. The silver Spur Motel was built on this site, ca. 1955.

**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: 1955

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A well built motel of the 1950s, formerly the Silver Spur. It has been remodeled into offices, as newer and larger motels were built near the Interstate highway in the 1970s. 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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