



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with pyramidal hip roof. Gabled wings with kicks extend from facade and the west elevation. Concrete basement with small, double pane windows. Concrete steps with wrought iron railings lead to full screen porch with hip roof which wraps around the northwest corner of the house. Porch half-wall is brick that extends down to ground level. Three, half height, fluted Tuscan porch piers, and two responds. Ribbons of porch screens with thin wood frames. White metal porch screen door. Front door is paneled and has a large, single light. Windows around house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one, with metal frame storm windows. On the facade gable is a ribbon of three windows; the center window is taller. Cutaway bay under gable in west elevation. Newer shed roof addition extends across entire rear elevation of house. Tan, aluminum simple drop siding. Window frames and surrounds, cornices and raking cornices, porch screen door and piers are white. Porch pier capitals are dark brown. The gable faces have alternating rows of red plain and brown fishscale shingles. Dark gray composition roof shingles. Brick chimney on west slope.

Landscaped with single sapling tree next to street. Rows of low shrubs line the walkway to porch. Two small evergreens flank the porch steps. Mature pine tree in front yard. Several small plants and shrubs along facade and east elevations. Mature tree in backyard. Backyard enclosed by wood fence.

Single car garage in rear with front gable roof. Roof shingles and siding are the same as house.

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

Film roll no.: 35  
Negative no.: 8

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

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

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Fannie and Thomas Dines, a teller with the Grand Valley National Bank, were the first owners/occupants, ca. 1907-1909. Fannie and Benjamin Griffith, an attorney, were owner/occupants ca. 1910-1917. Ruhannah and Wilkes E. Dinwiddie, cashier at the U.S. Bank of Grand Junction, lived in the house, ca. 1918-1931. Rodman Thomas, vice-president and later president of the First National Bank, rented the house from Dinwiddies ca. 1935-1943, and Mrs. Jessie McMahon was the owner/occupant, ca. 1944-1946. In 1947, the Spehar/Kapuscion family became the owners/occupants. It is still owned by the Spehar family in 1996.

**INFORMATION SOURCES** (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Grand Junction Historic Survey, 1981.

**SIGNIFICANCE** (check appropriate categories)

**Architectural significance:**  
 represents the work of a master  
 possess high artistic value  
 represents a type, period, or method of construction

**National Register eligibility:**  
 Individual  yes  no  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Period of significance: 1907

**Historical significance:**  
 associated with significant person(s)  
 associated with significant event  
 associated with a pattern of events  
 contributes to an historic district

**Contributes to a potential district:**  
 yes  no  
 District name:

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): The new siding on this house is a correct style. 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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