

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8482

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: _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

Period of significance _____
 Needs data ___ date _____ initials _____

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: DeMerschman Gardens

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: DeMerschman Gardens

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

ADDRESS: 923 N. 12th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Debra J. Davis, 1023 24 Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81505-9637

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 711800
 Northing: 4327890

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'

STYLE: Minimal Traditional

Block: 22
 Lot(s): 18-32
 Addition:
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[X] original location [] moved
 Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Block Tile - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

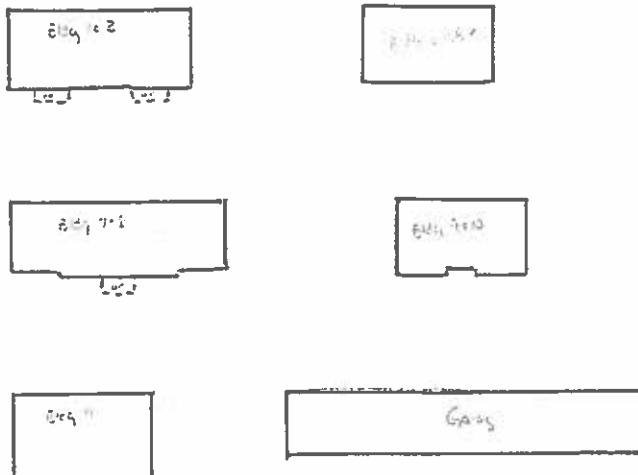
STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 14562

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1940 actual:
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:

north arrow



ARCHITECT: Unknown
 Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
 Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: Victor DeMerschman

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [] yes [X] no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Eleven, one story units with side gables form this 26 apartment complex. They are grouped around a long central court. Each unit has concrete steps and porches. Some units have pedimented gable roof supported by pairs of full height squared posts. Other units have gabled, pedimented canopies with decorative brackets. All units have paneled front doors with small lights. All windows are metal sash windows, eight over eight. Units are sided with earthtone terra cotta block tile. Porch posts and brackets and pediments are white. Gable faces have white clapboard siding. Brown composition roof shingles with eaves close to the wall.

Landscaped central court with green ash, mature elms, one maple and lots of lilacs and locusts. Large flower bed in center of court was at one time a fountain. Two fluted, cast iron lamp posts at either end of court.

Paved parking lot behind the units. A garage of yellow brick tile is a long rectangle. It has a hip roof, with brown composition shingles. The 12 garage spaces have batten doors.

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

Film roll no.: 39
Negative no.: 20

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): Built in 1940 for Victor and Beatrice DeMerschman, these buildings, known as "DeMerschman Gardens," have served as rental units since that time.

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

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: 1940

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This garden apartment court is in remarkably original and well maintained condition.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 5/31/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

PHONE: (970) 241-9117

ADDRESS: PO Box 20000-5020, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020

PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



923 N. 12th St., Grand Junction, Mesa Co, CO

2945-141-07-009

03/21/1996

Roll 39 Frame 20 View N&S&E Dir NW

5mE8482



923 N. 12th St., Grand Junction, Mesa Co, CO
2945-141-07-009 03/21/1996
Roll 39 Frame 20 View N&S&E Dir NW
5ME8482