

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8492

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: Peterson, Martin, House

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Gale Residence

ADDRESS: 620 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2720

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Janice D. Gale, 620 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-2720

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710930
Northing: 4327720

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

Block: 39
Lot(s): 26 - 27
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: 1014

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1897 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:

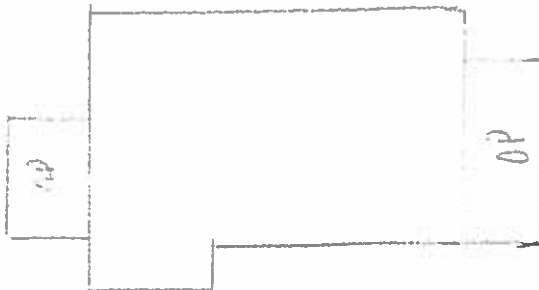
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ARCHITECT: Unknown
Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: J.L. Bennett
Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no
Type: Garage



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with front gable roof. Basement skirted with red shake shingles. Wood steps on the west side of the facade lead to a screened porch with hip roof extending across three-quarters of facade. Red simple drop siding on half-wall extends down to the ground. Four half-height, squared porch posts. Ribbons of wood frame screens on all three sides of porch. Metal screen porch door. Main door is flush with simple diamond light. Windows around house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Wood louvered opening in gable. Red wood shingle siding. Porch posts, window frames and surrounds, corner boards, fascia and raking cornices are white. Red composition shingle roof has boxed eaves. Brick chimney on the east slope.

Grass lawn with two mature trees next to street. Two moderately sized trees on west side of lot.

One car garage with front gable, metal ridge roof, natural stain simple drop siding in gables and on walls.

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

Film roll no.: 37
Negative no.: 12

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The first owner of this house, constructed ca. 1897, is unknown. Anna and Martin C. Peterson, a car inspector at the Union Depot, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1900-1909. After Martin passed away ca. 1909, Anna continued to own/occupy the house until her death in 1917. Grace and Eugene Anderson, a salesman, owned and occupied the house, ca. 1919-1923. Peter S. Murphy is listed as the owner, ca. 1924-1925; and Alice and Guy Murphy, a railroad engineer, as the owners/occupants, ca. 1926-1930. The house then served as a short term rental through 1939. Tenants included a railroad brakeman, a carrier and a shovel operator. Julia and V. LeRoy McCoy, a fireman and then engineer on the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, rented the house ca. 1941-1944, and were the owners/occupants by 1945.

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: 1900

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Aside from the shingle siding, this house is unmodified. 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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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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