

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8506

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: New World Restaurant

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Cheers

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

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

ADDRESS: 201 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Thomas J. Golden, 207 Country Club Park, Grand Junction,  
CO 81503-1612

UTM REFERENCE-12  
Easting: 710350  
Northing: 4326730

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: 20th Century Commercial Masonry

Block: 123  
Lot(s): 1 and 2  
Addition:  
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick - Built Up Roof

HISTORIC USE: Commerce

PRESENT USE: Commerce

STORIES: 2

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 7700

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1898 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: Ella Ackerman

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** Two story with flat roof. Concrete foundation. First floor windows are filled in with brick. Cutaway northwest corner has an arched entrance covered with a panel of vertical siding. In center of the 2nd Street elevation is an entrance with gray flush door and large black hinges. The entrance is recessed four feet. The walls and ceiling of the recess are sided with metal painted gray. The second story has two windows on the Colorado Avenue facade and nine full size and two small windows on the 2nd Street elevation. All are double hung wood sash, one over one with stone sills. All these windows have green and white metal awnings. On east elevation are nine windows, including three small ones. A high, even parapet on facade and the north half of the 2nd Street elevation. On the south half of that elevation, the parapet is four feet lower. The east parapet has many shallow steps, as it descends to the rear. At lintel level is a band of soldier bricks, and a corbeled band-three bricks high. Parapets have a wide corbeled coping. Two brick chimneys on parapet. Walls are yellow brick. First floor is painted bright yellow, with black band across the top. A translucent yellow awning wraps around the facade and a ten foot section is over the entrance. An electric sign is on west elevation.

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

Film roll no.: 41  
 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): Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Listed as built in 1913, there are significant improvements on this lot as early as 1898 when it was owned by Sarah Hartman. The building was owned by Ella and James Ackerman and used as a saloon in 1906. Purchased by James Purcell and family ca. 1912, the Purcell family and their descendants, the Goldens, continue to own the building. The building served as the New World Restaurant ca. 1912-1937. Henry Shiota was proprietor. Vacant ca. 1938-1945, the building is listed as the Caballero Recreation Hall (Billiards) in 1946, later became the Flamingo Lounge and, today is a bar named "Cheers." The upper floor is listed as Ideal Rooms ca. 1926-1937. It was the Mesa Hotel ca. 1939 at least 1947. From 1949 to 1961, it was known as the St. Albert Hotel, and was managed by Albert Ecker.

**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: 1898

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): Turn-of-the-century building with good brick craftsmanship. The first floor windows are bricked. Otherwise, it is mainly original. Although not eligible for the National Register, this building 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



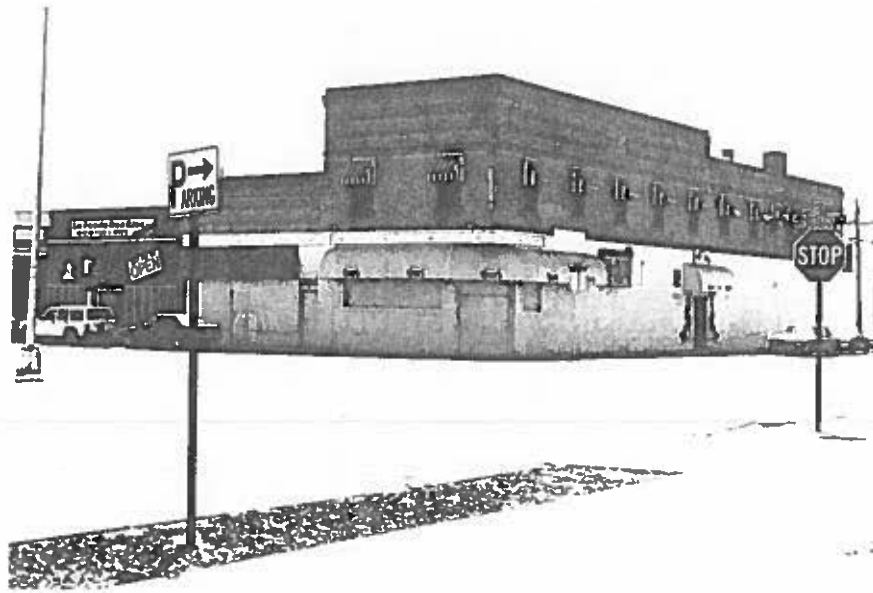
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