

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, valley roof with side gable roof in rear. Concrete steps lead to a two tier, enclosed porch with hipped roof. Each porch has four full-height Tuscan piers that carry bracketed cornices. Porch walls consist of natural stain, vertical wood siding. Upper porch is glazed with five mull windows. The lower porch has a paneled central door with two tall arched lights. Door has a single light transom and is framed by tall fixed pane windows. Windows around house are segmental arched, double hung, wood sash, two over two. Pentagonal bays, with hipped roofs and bracketed cornice, appear on both the north and south elevations. Decorative gingerbread appears in the peaks of the gables of the north and south elevations. Red brick siding. Front door, wood window frames, porch piers, bracketed cornices, bay windows, gingerbread, and raking cornices are white. Red composition shingle roof with boxes eaves. A brick chimney is on the east slope.

Dirt and grass yard. Front yard enclosed by a tall wood fence. Five young trees in front yard. Side yards enclosed by tall, wood fence. One-car garage in rear with front gable, gray composition shingle roof, and white asbestos shingle siding.

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

Film roll no.: 45
Negative no.: 9

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): Early owners of the property included John O'Boyle (ca. 1905-1907) and William Ternahan (ca. 1917-1918). Apparently when William Snook lived there, it was known as 609 Lawrence; when Rebecca and John Lubker resided there, it may have been known as 315 Hall. Loretta and Frank J. Lander, clerk for George Lander's grocery store, lived at 603 from ca. 1919-1928. Mary and Frank "Moncuso," a railroader, moved into the house about 1930; the family name is listed in some Polk Directories as Moncuso, other times as Mancuso, the more accepted spelling. They lived in the house, surrounded by a number of younger Mancusos in that section of town, and with Wallace Whiteacre as a boarder, until John's death on the job in 1943. Mary (also called Marietta) moved one block away, to 503 Lawrence by 1951.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Obituary Index. Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 6 Jun 1943, 14 Jun 1960. Additional historic information contributed by Cindy Enos Marting.

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: 1910

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The finest example of Italianate in town, in fair condition. The mass of the house, the pitch of the roofs, and the wide eaves are typical of Italianate. The tall narrow windows still have the appropriate two over two glazing. The bays and the two tier porch are highly detailed.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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