

COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203 HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY		SITE NO.: SME7748
COUNTY: Mesa CITY: Grand Junction		Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Gesberg, John, House		Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Honnen Residence		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
ADDRESS: 2702 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503-2815		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Gavin H. Honnen, 2702 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503-2815		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of section 23
		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711920 Northing: 4324030
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'
STYLE: Edwardian		Block: None Lot(s): Beg. SW cor SW4 SW4 NW4 E 255' N258' W255' S to beg. Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] original location [] moved Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation; Stone; Cedar Shakes; Asphalt Shingle Roof		HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic
STORIES: 2	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1704	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1908 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE:		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Grasso Source of information: Family Member
		ORIGINAL OWNER: John B. Gesberg Source of information: Lot and Block
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no Type: Two Garages

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story house with hip roof. Concrete foundation. Broad concrete front steps with concrete piers. Wide concrete stoop has concrete half-wall. Front door is in the east corner of facade and is paneled with large light, and a transom of leaded glass in lozenge pattern. Flanked close by, by two small single light windows. Overhead, on second floor is a shallow oriel window, with two corbels. At center of facade is a large bay, with shed roof. Corners of bay roof pierced by piers, capped with stone orbs on cushioned stone bases. This motif is repeated often around the house. Across west elevation of house is a full width, flat roofed, concrete block sunroom. Large single light windows and doors are topped by segmental arches on north and south. Flat lintels on west. Terrace with concrete half-wall on south elevation of sunroom. Windows of main body of house are double hung, wood sash, twelve over one. Upper sash has diamond panes. Shallow oriel windows on south and east elevations, with hip roofs. Foundation is smooth concrete, topped by concrete water table. First story walls are rusticated concrete block. They are laid in alternating courses of wide and narrow blocks. Second story walls are smooth concrete, with random pitting on each block. Hip roofs have light green composition shingles. Hip roof dormers on east, west, and south slopes have green cedar shake walls. Small double windows in each dormer, with diamond pane upper sashes. Four corners of main roof pierced by concrete piers with concrete orbs on cushioned bases. Sunroom also has orbs on corners of roof parapet. Hip roofs have boxed eaves. All trim is white except the green shakes on dormer walls. Window frames and muntins, eaves are white. Concrete fireplace and full height chimneys on east, west, and north walls.

Lawn. Side entry sidewalk. Grounds thickly planted with large locusts, firs, cottonwoods, ash, arborvitae and evergreens. Entire property surrounded by chain link fence.

Matching concrete block garage with hip roof at rear. Also large new metal four car garage with metal doors.

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

Film roll no.: 9

Negative no.: 14 15

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): A garage was moved onto the property in 1981. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's Records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Orchard Mesa is a triangle of desert land between the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers and the Grand Mesa. By 1890, orchards were planted by homesteaders as they settled into the area. Today, the orchards are receding under the pressure of subdivisions.

This residence, constructed ca. 1909, was originally owned by John Gesberg, a clerk at the Fair Building. It was built by the Grasso family, master stone and brick masons. In 1937, the house became property of Tyrus Harbert of Harbert Lumber until 1972 when it was sold to Gavin Honnen, the current resident. Through the early 1950s it is difficult to determine where residents lived on Orchard Mesa as numbered street addresses did not appear in the Grand Junction City Directories with any regularity. Grand Junction did not begin to annex Orchard Mesa into the City until 1966.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, Grantor-Grantee Indexes.

SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories)

Architectural significance:

represents the work of a master
 possesses 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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1908

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This house is by far the grandest example of concrete block construction in Grand Junction. It has the air of a Scottish barony with mono-chromatic, lithal solidity. The concrete is used in a variety of shapes and surfaces, and the windows are varied, which adds to visual interest. The high quality of construction has held up well. Wall surfaces are unblemished. The ornamental concrete orbs show no scaling.

The Grasso family, immigrants from Italy, were master masons. Many of their stone and brick buildings remain, and are known for the high quality of their craftsmanship. This house is one of their finest examples.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 2/14/96

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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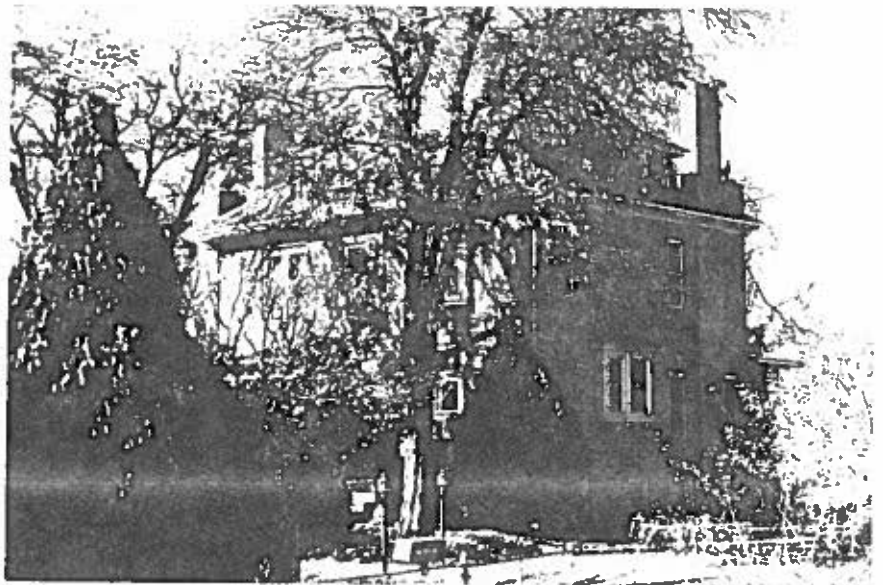
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