

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8571

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of significance \_\_\_\_\_

Needs data  date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Pelton, Cecelia, House

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:  yes  no

Date of designation: N/A

Designating authority: N/A

ADDRESS: 744 Rood Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: 4SC Partnership, PO Box 3112, Grand Junction, CO  
81502-3112

UTM REFERENCE-12

Easting: 711150

Northing: 4327000

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973  7.5'  15'

STYLE: Vernacular Wood Frame

Block: 93

Lot(s): 23

Addition:

Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location  moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Mud Sill Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

HISTORIC USE: Domestic

PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 756

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1905 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: J.W. Sawyer

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS-  yes  no

Type:

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story, front gable. Mud sill foundation. Concrete steps lead up to sunporch/entry, with hip roof, extending across the facade. Siding on half-wall. Full height 6x6 posts are on corners. Glazing is pairs of sliding, single light metal frame windows. The door is paneled and has a light. Windows around the house are varied. Most are metal frame sliders. Two picture windows are on the east, two on the west and one on the north elevation. White simple drop, wood siding. All trim is white. Green composition shingle roof. The boxed eaves have fascia boards. A wing on the rear of the west elevation has a continuous shed roof. A concrete coated brick chimney is on the east slope.  
Lawn. Three large arborvitae are on the front of the lawn. Small elm and ash trees are on the lawn.

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

Film roll no.: 43  
Negative no.: 19

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

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

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): A house is shown at this location after 1904, and by 1912, on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. The J. W. Sawyer Estate, and then Laura Sawyer, were the owners, ca. 1904-1920; and Cecilia Pelton (widow of Charles), the owner/occupant, ca. 1922-1928. George and Nicholas Posthuma owned the house ca. 1929-1942, and lived there ca. 1936-37, and 1939-1940. Renters during that time included a shoe repair man, a mechanic for the Rio Grande Motorway, and a driver for Colescott Brothers. Thomas Foltz, a mechanic at Kuner-Empson, was the renter ca. 1943; and the owners/occupants ca. 1945-1947, Sadie and Has Boles, a laborer with the City Water Department.

**INFORMATION SOURCES** (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1904. 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: 1905

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (briefly justify the significance checked above): A house with every window replaced.

**INVENTORY COMPLETED BY:** Museum Group Staff

**DATE:** 5/31/96

**AFFILIATION:** Museum of Western Colorado

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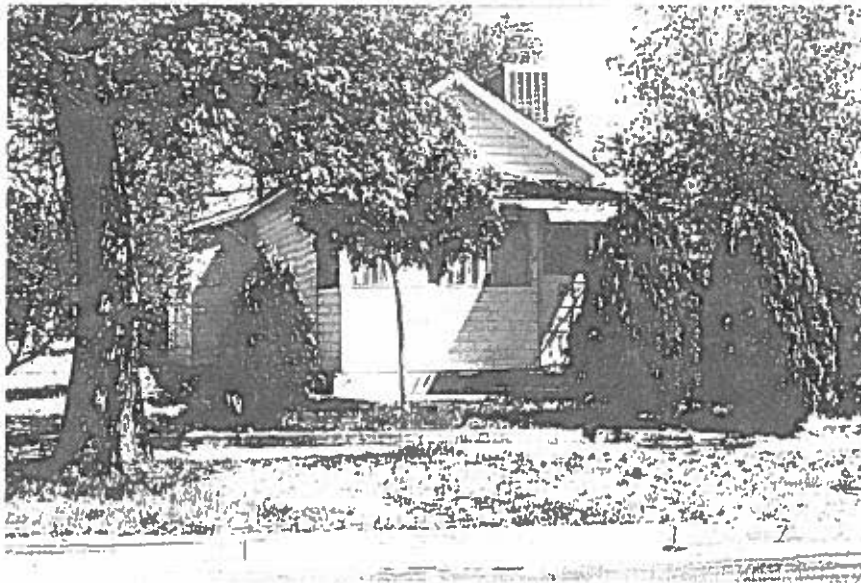
**ADDRESS:** PO Box 20000-5020, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020

**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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