



**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story, pyramidal hip roof and gabled wing. Concrete foundation. Concrete step leads up to screen porch with shed roof on east half of facade. Narrow vertical siding on half-wall. Full height 4x4 post on corner. Screen door has a wood frame. Door is paneled and has a large light. Windows are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Pair on facade of wing. Storm windows have metal frames. White, simple drop wood siding and trim. Light green hexagonal composition shingles on roof. Eaves are boxed and have fascia boards. Brick chimney at apex of pyramidal roof.

Lawn. Arborvitae on lawn. White wood fence is flush with facade. Elm tree on parking.

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

Film roll no.: 40  
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):** Storm window. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building):** Owned by Louis Desrosiers ca. 1907-1936, this house served as a rental to several railroad workers including Anna and Edward Willis, a conductor for the Colorado Midland Railway and, later, a brakeman for the Denver and Rio Grande Railway who lived there 1911-1932. Vito Paonessa purchased the property in 1937 and was the owner at least through 1947. Tenants during this time were drivers for U.S. Vanadium and J.W. Milne.

**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: 1897

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** There are no visible changes. The hexagonal shingles are an old style. 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

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



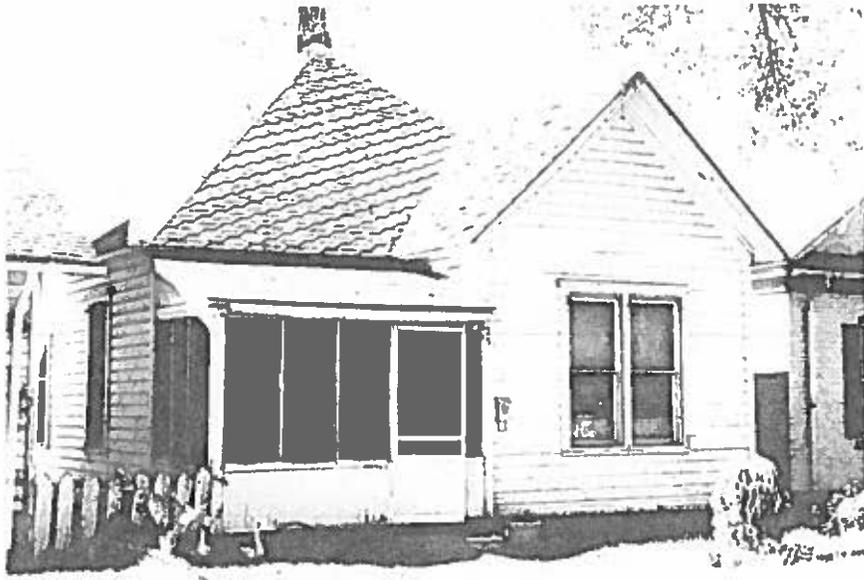
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