

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, hip roof with deck and cross gables. Foundation is skirted with siding. Concrete steps have concrete piers. Screen porch integral in the east half of the facade. Siding on half-wall. A 6x6 half column on porch corner. A gabled, pedimented portico is over the steps. Full height, 6x6 columns, which rest on the front of the piers, support the portico. Round, wood arch brace springs between the columns. Wood frame screen door. Door inside porch is paneled and has a large light. Windows around the house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Inside the porch is a small single light window. Light blue, narrow lapped wood siding. Window and door surrounds, and corner boards are white. Steps and piers, columns, cornices, gable faces and doors are dark blue. Light gray composition shingle roof. Boxed eaves have cornices. The ends of the bargeboards widen and have a small triangular recessed panel. Portico gable has a kick and red fishscale shingles. Cross gables on the facade, east and west slopes have blue wood shingle faces. Brick chimney on east slope.

Lawn with large arborvita by facade. Sapling in parking area. White picket fence and chain-link fence around the backyard.

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

Film roll no.: 37

Negative no.: 3

Photographer: Carolyn Howard

Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Open porch modified to enclosed porch, 1982. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Henry Potoroff, a carpenter, is the first known owner/occupant of the house, ca. 1907-1910. The occupants, ca. 1911-1918, are not known. Willard S. Meek, secretary of the Grand Valley Water User's Association, was the owner/occupant, ca. 1919-1923; and Georgie and J.E. Ragan, a public accountant, ca. 1924-1930. Alice O. Marsh was the absentee owner, ca. 1931-1943, and George and Mark Lord, the renters. George was a helper at Sterling Machinery and Mark was the lessee of the business. Jennie and Ross Houtz, a carpenter, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1945-1946.

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

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: 1907

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The integral screen porch, columns and arch by the door are distinctive. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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