

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8602

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: _____

COUNTY: Mesa

CITY: Grand Junction

HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Longwell, Harry, House

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

ADDRESS: 639 N. 4th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501

Date of designation: N/A
Designating authority: N/A

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Gary L. Vanderwood, 2259 Tiffany Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81503-1299

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710570
Northing: 4327560

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: Edwardian

Block: 53
Lot(s): 14 15 and 16
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved
Date of moves(s):

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

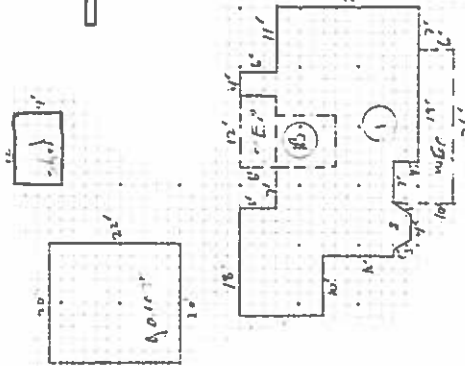
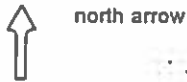
HISTORIC USE: Domestic
PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1174

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1900 actual:
Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown

Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown

Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: James Baker

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type: 2 Car Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof and cross gables. Mud sill foundation is skirted. Two sets of concrete steps with stoops are on facade. Both have wrought iron railings. Sunporch/entry on north side of facade has gabled roof and a half-wall with narrow vertical siding. The porch continues along the facade with a hip roof. Three full height squared columns across the porch facade. Steps lead to two metal frame storm doors. Glazing is large lights in metal frames. Two front doors are paneled with large lights. Windows around the house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Cutaway bay with gable is on the south facade. White, simple drop wood siding. Trim is white, except for the red steps and foundation. Light green composition shingle roof. Boxed eaves have cornices. Gabled wing on south elevation. Gables are pedimented with a kick. On gable facade is vertical narrow siding with small metal ventilators.

Lawn with five large junipers around house. Rose bed, elm and maple trees on south lawn.

Two car garage with front gable roof is by west elevation. Roof and siding same as the house. Metal doors.

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

Film roll no.: 37
Negative no.: 10

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): James Baker was the first owner of the house, ca. 1900. Edna and Harry Longwell were the occupants, ca. 1902-1921, and the owners ca. 1902, and ca. 1908-1921. Edward M. Maloy was the absentee owner, ca. 1903-1904. During his residency, Longwell was an expressman, a second hand dealer with Cannell and Longwell, proprietor of the O. K. Furniture, and ca. 1918 again involved with second hand goods. Josephine and Charles J. Ritzman, a meatcutter with Annamay Grocery, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1922-1925. Dessie and Joe W. Rawlings, a railroad fireman, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1928-1929; and Edna and Fred Landry, a foreman, ca. 1930-1938. Helen and Harry Beauvais, a railroader, were the renters, ca. 1940-1945, and the owners/occupants through at least 1960.

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:

THEME(S):

Period of significance: 1900

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The long porch with two sets of steps and two doors is unusual. The house is in original condition. 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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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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