

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story, hip roof with a deck. Mud sill foundation. Low wood steps lead to wraparound screen porch with hip roof on east half of facade and ten feet of the east elevation. Narrow vertical siding on half-wall. Full height, 4X4 posts are on the corners. The screen framing is narrow wood slats with transoms. Wood frame screen door. Door is paneled and has a large light. Windows are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one. Two story wing with hip roof on west facade has a large transom window, one-over-one, on each floor. Blue/gray asbestos shingle siding. First floor facade has white vertical wood siding. Door and window surrounds, the porch and trellis, frieze and cornices are white. Gray composition shingle roof. Boxed eaves have cornices. Brick chimney is on the east slope and on the deck. Shed roof, two story wing is across the rear.

Lawn. Vines mantle the screened porch, with a trellis over the screen with thin white slats. An ash and a locust tree are on the parking. Large tree by west facade. Basket-weave fence around the side and back yard.

One car garage with front gable, gray composition shingle roof, green, simple drop siding, and batten door. Alley access. Also one car carport with flat roof supported by green 4X4 posts.

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

Film roll no.: 31
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): Siding. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Enka and Joseph McSherry, a clerk, were the original owners/occupants, ca. 1905-1919, and the absentee owners, 1931-1935. During their occupancy, McSherry was a clerk for The Progress Grocery and Bakery, a driver for W. F. White Mercantile Company, and a clerk and a foreman for A. D. Campbell. Nellie and Arthur Marsh, a distributor for Western Electric P & L Plants and a manufacturing agent, were the occupants, ca. 1922-1925, in 1929, and the absentee owners, ca. 1926-1928. Nellie Marsh was listed as a teacher, ca. 1930, and her husband as deceased. Elizabeth and Jess W. Tramel and three others were the renters, ca. 1931-1935. Mary and Eldred Bond, were the owners/occupants, ca. 1937-1938; and Mildred and James C. Terry, a welder, ca. 1941 through at least 1947.

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: 1900

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The house is little modified except for the siding. 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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