

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8621

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: J.S. Brown Mercantile

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Litton Moving and Storage

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: yes no

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

ADDRESS: 433 South Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Thomas Litton, 200 Mesa Grande Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81501

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710690
Northing: 4326400

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 7.5' 15'

STYLE: 20th Century Commercial

Block: 162
Lot(s): 9 and W20.85' of 10
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

original location moved

Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick - Concrete - Built Up Roof

HISTORIC USE: Commerce

PRESENT USE: Commerce

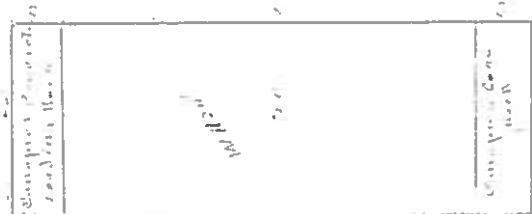
STORIES:

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 9200

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1916 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: Barton Blackwell and Terill

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- yes no

Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with parapet shed roof. One section of long, two and three story buildings with full basements. Covered concrete loading dock. Loading dock corrugated metal roof supported by steel girder piers. Exposed metal rafters. Loading dock leads to modern glazed entrance. Entrance has metal framed glazed door flanked by large picture window on one side and a tall single light on the other. To the east of the glazed entrance is a segmental brick arch storage entrance. Entrance has a sliding metal door with a small, single light. Two segmental arch window openings on second story now filled in with brick. Three course brick cornice of roof parapet continuous with rest of building. Full height brick chimney is on the facade wall, west of the picture window.

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

Film roll no.: 35
Negative no.: 20

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

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Built in 1916, the first owners of the property were Blackwell, Barton, and Terrill. The first tenant ca. 1918-1919, was J.S. Brown Mercantile Company, wholesale grocers. They moved to larger quarters at 445 South Avenue. C.P. Blackwell was the sole owner in 1924, with the tenant being J.W. Milne Storage, Warehouse and Transfer. By 1926, there was also a Milne Fuel Company on the premises. In 1947, the present owners, Thomas and Aileen Litton purchased the property. #433 is the office and warehouse for Litton Mayflower Moving and Storage Company.

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: 1916

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The center unit of a row of five warehouses. #433 serves as the office. The entrance, with large windows, is the only modernized facade on the row. Although not eligible for the National Register, this building may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 5/31/96

AFFILIATION: Museum of Western Colorado

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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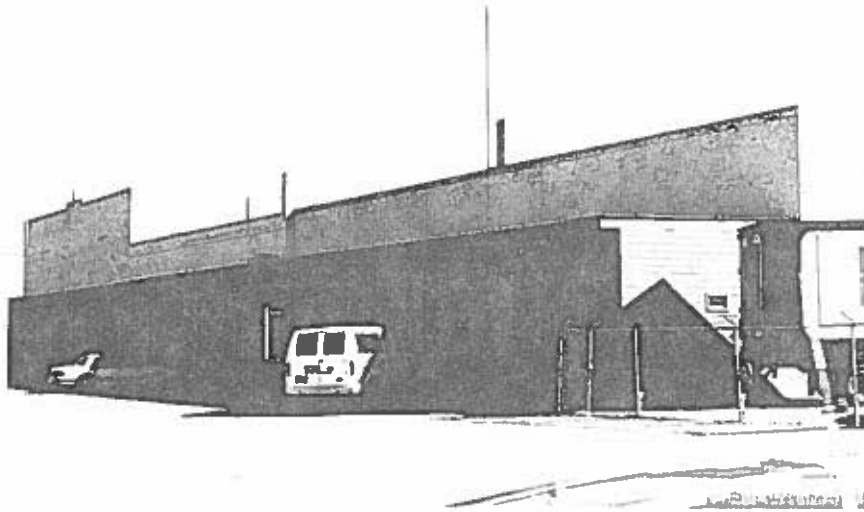
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