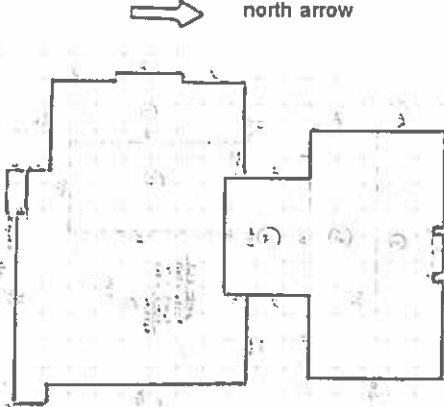


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HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Grand Junction Public Library		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: City Hall		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 250 N. 5th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SE ¼ of NW ¼ of NE¼ of SW¼ of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: City of Grand Junction, 250 N. 5th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710780 Northing: 4327050 USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
STYLE: Art Deco		Block: 95 Lot(s): W2 Blk 95 Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete and Stone Foundations - Brick and Stucco - Built Up Roof		HISTORIC USE: Government PRESENT USE: Government
STORIES: 2	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 7073	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1884 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: 		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Grand Junction Source of information: Lot and Block Books
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: International Modern - South Half of City Hall.

The flat roof has an even parapet. The foundation is large blocks of coursed red sandstone. The main entrance faces Rood Avenue. A broad concrete terrace is across most of that facade. Ramps with pipe railings are on the east and west ends of the terrace. A broad flight of concrete steps is on the west third of the terrace. Between the east ramp and the steps is a large, concrete walled planter with a water jet in the center. Over the terrace is a flat roof canopy, with eleven brown steel posts along the outer edge. A brick addition across the east three-fourths of the Rood facade has entries and a lobby. The canopy projects from this addition. Three pairs of metal frame doors, with full lights, are spaced across the facade. Walls of the addition are used red brick in a basket weave pattern. A clerestory of large single lights is across the facade. Between two of the entries, on the east half of the facade, the wall is large sheets of plateglass. All the windows have brown wood frames.

On the west facade, on a bay on the west elevation, and on the north elevation, there are pairs of very large single light windows. On one side they have a vertical ribbon of awning single lights in brown wood frames. The west facade and west elevation windows are encased by brown steel frames which project forward two feet. The frames house large, vertical brown steel louvers, set on an angle. The east elevation has no windows, and one flush metal exit door. Most of the north elevation abuts a new addition which connects with the north building. The brick walls of the original building have rough white stucco siding.

The north half of City Hall is two story with flat, parapet roof. Concrete basement. Original entrance was on north elevation, contained within a two story entrance pavilion which is highlighted by lateral walls. The old concrete front steps are now a planter, still flanked by large original celadon planter urns. This entrance is now enclosed by three rows of stacked ribbon windows with reflective gold glass panes and dark metal frames. New entrance is on west elevation in a connecting wing between two formerly separated buildings. Concrete ramp with pipe railing leads to a modern glazed door with metal frame, flanked by full height, vertical lights. This new entrance has a central, two story, elevator shaft faced with tapestry brick work. Framing the elevator shaft are slightly lower glazed pavilions with vertical ribbons of reflective glass contained within black metal frames. Majority of windows around the north building are metal casement windows divided into four vertical lights with four light transoms. Large, four light metal frame casement windows on high basement. Upper story windows have off white concrete terra cotta sills and lintels. Windows are separated by brick pilasters with terra cotta caps. The off white terra cotta coping of the parapets has a scalloped pattern between the pilasters. Concrete steps on west elevation leads to secondary exit with a flush metal door with a single, narrow light. Door is slightly inset and has curved or streamlined terra cotta jambs. Curved or streamlined metal canopy over door. Above this door is a tall, narrow window filled with 76 small glass blocks. Blond brick siding. Window frames are tan.

The south grounds have a lawn, and large concrete walled planters on the facade and west elevation. Eight ash and elm trees are along Rood. Five other trees are on the lawn and a red leaf tree is in the rose planter. A modern metal sculpture on the west lawn sits in a circular planter. A flagpole is on the west lawn also. In the front corner of the grounds is a red granite "Tablets of the Law", with the Ten Commandments. This also sits in a circular planter. A sign that says "CITY HALL" is in a circular planter near Rood Avenue. The north grounds have a landscaped corner lot with six large elms along White. Four tall cedar trees along north elevation. Flower beds and shrubs along north elevation and facade. Large elm tree and ash in west lawn.

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

Film roll no.: 46
Negative no.: 15

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): The 1884 building was reduced to one story, and completely modernized circa 1950. The 1938 building is little changed on the exterior, except for the entrance.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): On December 27, 1937, the bid of Olson and Pennock of Denver was accepted for the construction of a new public library at 521 White Avenue.

In 1937, after receiving word from the Denver Office of the Public Works Administration (PWA) that Grand Junction had been granted \$32,727.00 to build a new library, the City advertized for obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the construction of a public library building, including the necessary equipment, but not including the purchase of library books. This amounted to 45% of the estimated cost of the new building. The building was completed by 1938.

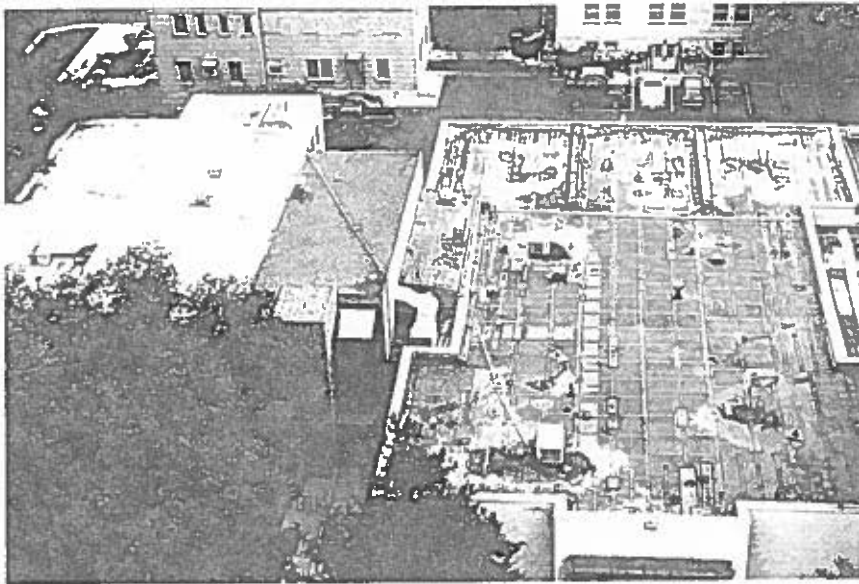
The Mesa County Public Library asked the City for use of the basement of the library in 1949. Both functioned in the same building until 1959 when the County Library moved to 616 North Avenue. The Grand Junction City and Mesa County Public libraries were consolidated in 1967 as the Mesa County Public Library. The former Safeway Building was remodeled at Fifth and Grand, and in 1975 the two collections moved to the newly remodeled building. On December 20, 1972, Nelson, Haley and Patterson were contracted to remodel City Hall. A connecting wing was constructed between the existing hall and the library as part of Phase I. Under phase II the existing City Hall interior was remodeled, and under phase III, the former library was remodeled as part of City Hall.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Grand Junction City Council Minutes and Ordinances: 1900, 1901, 1904, 1937 ; citations to minutes 1901, 1937-1988 (prepared by the Grand Junction Deputy City Clerk). Books: "Town Building on the Colorado Frontier"; Newspapers: Sunday, November 18, 1973, Daily Sentinel, Inside the New Library. Sunday, January 26, 1975, Daily Sentinel. Mesa County Public Library Has Come a Long Way Since Its Founding in 1896. Mesa County Public Library Clipping File (MWC)

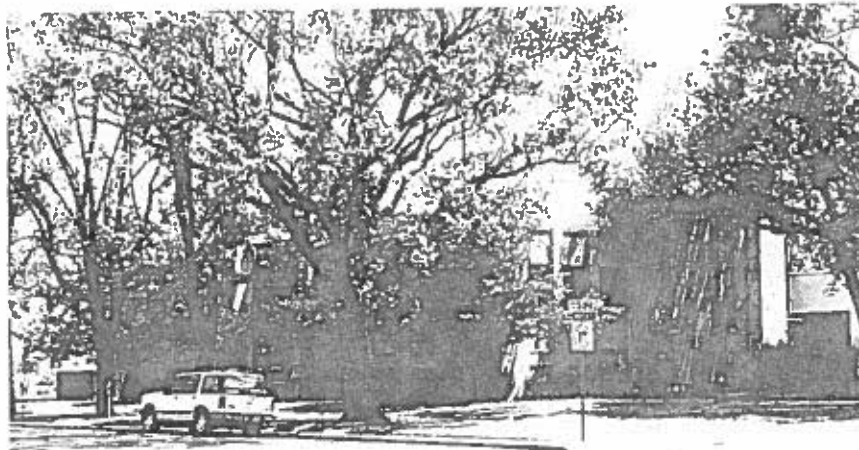


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