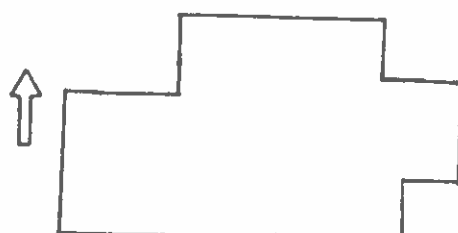


<p>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</p>		SITE NO.: 5ME8630
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Contributes to a potential National Register district <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no district name: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Grand Junction Electric and Gas Manufacturing Company		Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ initials _____ Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d <input type="checkbox"/> e Areas of significance: _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		Period of significance _____ Needs data ___ date _____ Initials _____
ADDRESS: 531 South Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: City of Grand Junction, 250 N. 5th St., Grand Junction, CO 81501		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of section 14
		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710850 Northing: 4326400
STYLE: Industrial Factory		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
BUILDING TYPE:		Block: 161 Lot(s): 1 - 14 inc. Addition: Year of addition:
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick - Built Up Roof		[X] original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):
STORIES: 2 SQUARE FOOTAGE: 16000		HISTORIC USE: Commerce PRESENT USE: Commerce
PLAN SHAPE: north arrow		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1919 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: Grand Junction Electric and Gas Manf. Company Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with flat, parapet roof with concrete coping. Concrete foundation. Facade divided into four bays by brick wall piers with concrete caps. Two entrances on the west/central bay. One door is metal, flush with large, single light. Other door is a wide, paneled metal door. Windows around building consist of nine light, metal casement windows. Windows of lower story have heavy, metal screens. Walls of light red brick laid in common bond with sixth course of Flemish headers. Wall piers of dark red brick. Window lintels of dark red brick. Spandrels between first and second story windows are rows of dark brick headers. Window frames and doors are green. A two story wing project from the south half of the west elevation. The facade is brick. On that elevation is a two story high, wide window with multiple steel sashes. The west and south elevation siding is corrugated steel.

Sidewalk in front of building.

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

Film roll no.: 41
Negative no.: 17

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): This block first appears in the Sanborn Maps in 1899. A structure housing the Grand Junction Electric Gas and Manufacturing, a listing for which first appears in the Colorado State Business Directory in 1894, is located in the middle of the block. Entries made in 1890 in an early Grand Junction Town Company Ledger indicate Thomas Stearns owned lots 1-6 and 8-10, and Eva Donaldson, lot 7. By 1904 the Electric Gas and Manufacturing building expanded to cover lots 6-10, addressed as 525-535 South Avenue. An ice house was added to the structure between 1904-1907, and the 1907 Sanborn Map lists the company as the Grand Junction Electric Gas and Manufacturing Company, Light Plant and Artificial Ice Plant.

The Electric Building at 101 S. 3rd, completed ca. 1913, became the new headquarters for the Company which also operated the Street Railway and Interurban. The plant on South Avenue is not listed again in the City Directories until 1926 when it is identified as the ice plant. About that time the plant as well as the street car and interurban line were acquired by Public Service Company of Colorado. Additions were made to the building's physical plant so that by 1919 it occupied part of lots 4 and 5-13. By 1928 Public Service Company is listed as owning the property. It is identified in the Grand Junction City Directories as an ice plant until 1935 when it was listed as an electric plant. A Sanborn Map, updated to ca. 1951, depicts a structure at the site as shown from plans. The building covered lots 2-13.

Colescott's acquired the ice storage area of the property (551 South Avenue) by 1937. They operated out of this part of the building until 1975. During their occupancy, Colescotts sold coal and operated a grocery store out of the facility as well as various other enterprises.

By 1957 a new steam generating plant which continues to serve the area was opened at Cameo, CO. Innova-Tech, Inc. Investment Casting Manufacturing Plant is listed as operating at 531 South by 1974. The last known occupant was Second Attic Storage which was located in the building until around 1993.

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

National Register eligibility:
 Individual yes no
 Criteria: A B C D
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Period of significance: 1919

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

Contributes to a potential district:
yes no
 District name:

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): As electric needs grew, this plant has had constant expansions. The current exterior shows better brickwork than usual in an industrial building. Although not eligible for the National Register, this building may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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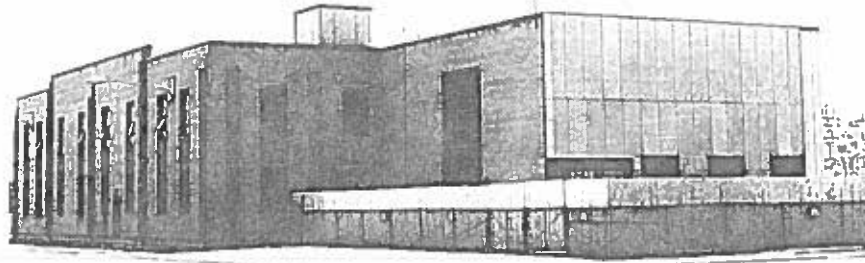
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