



COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203		SITE NO. : 5ME8632
HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY		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: _____
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	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: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Royal Grill		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: La Fonda dos Rios		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [<input type="checkbox"/>] yes [X] no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 209 Colorado Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW¼ of SW¼ of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Janice Stephens, PO Box 292, Grand Junction, CO 81502-0292		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710360 Northing: 4326730
		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'
STYLE: Early 20th Century Commercial		Block: 123 Lot(s): N90° lot 4 Addition: Year of addition:
BUILDING TYPE:		[X] original location [] moved Date of moves(s):
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick - Built Up Roof		HISTORIC USE: Commerce PRESENT USE: Commerce
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1482	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1899 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: north arrow <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div>		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: Lee Purcell Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [<input type="checkbox"/>] yes [X] no Type:

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with flat roof. Concrete foundation. Facade fronts concrete sidewalk. Door in the center of facade is flush. Facade is enclosed with brown vertical wood siding. Parapet now has brown stucco on the top four feet. From the sidewalk to eight feet high on the facade are white wood strips at two feet intervals, similar to board and batten. A corrugated metal shed roof addition on the rear. Brick chimney is on the east side of the flat roof. Full height brick chimney is on the south elevation wall. The sign on the front says: "La Fonda dos Rios" restaurant and bar.

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

Film roll no.: 41
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): Facade enclosed with siding, new door. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): Built in 1899, the first owner of this property was L. Purcell, who had the property through 1902. In 1912-1913, O. Koshio Billiards was in the building. By 1916-1917, Hara Rikchi Billiards was located there. By 1924, it was Ted Hayashi's Billiards and Barber Shop. In 1935, it changed to George Runie's Barber Shop. In 1939-1940, it became the Royal Grill, and was operated by Ted Hayashi. Various people owned the Grill until 1965. In 1970, the building housed Tony's Bar and Cafe.

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: 1899

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This building had a 1940s moderne facade of black structural glass with octagonal show windows. It now is covered with wood siding. 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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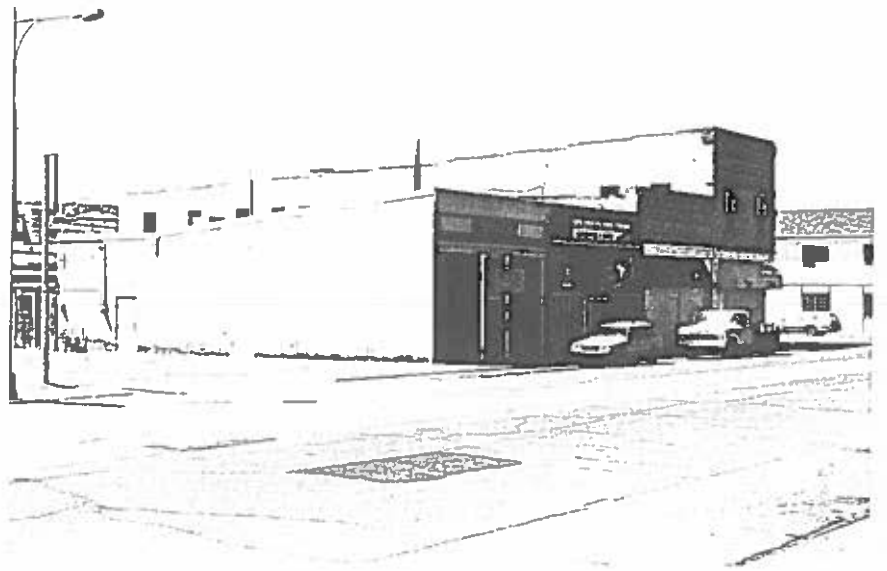
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