

<p align="center"><b>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p align="center"><b>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</b></p>		<p>SITE NO.: 5ME8636</p> <p>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: _____</p>
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	<p>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: _____</p>
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Claire's Auto Service		<p>Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____</p>
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Claire's Auto Service		<p>LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A</p>
ADDRESS: 518 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501		<p>P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of section 14</p>
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Claire's Auto Service Co., 524 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-7712		<p>UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710810 Northing: 4326560</p>
		<p>USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'</p>
STYLE: Late 20th Century Commercial		<p>Block: 139 Lot(s): 28 Addition: Year of addition:</p>
BUILDING TYPE:		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):</p>
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Painted Block - Built Up Roof		<p>HISTORIC USE: Commerce PRESENT USE: Commerce</p>
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1200	<p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1974 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records</p>
<p>PLAN SHAPE:</p> <p align="center">north arrow →</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 80px; margin: 20px auto;"></div>		<p>ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:</p>
		<p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:</p>
		<p>ORIGINAL OWNER: Harold Bibler (Bittle?) Source of information: Lot and Block Books</p>
		<p>ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Type: 524 Pitkin Ave.</p>

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One story with flat roof. Concrete foundation. A flat roof wing on the east third of the facade has a mesh screened pair of metal frame, single light windows on the facade of the wing and a flush brown door on the west elevation. The main facade has a wide metal vehicle door with four slit lights. The north elevation has a metal vehicle door. Concrete block walls are painted pale buff. An even parapet is across the facade. The east and west parapets have three low steps.

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

Film roll no.: 41  
Negative no.: 5

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):** Owned by Betty and Harold Bittle ca. 1974-1977, this structure housed Harold's Motor Service in 1975. It became Lee's Automotive Service by 1978, and Car Medics ca. 1980-1984. It has been Claire's Auto Service since 1987.

**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: 1974

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** A utilitarian commercial building, typical for the 1970s.

**INVENTORY COMPLETED BY:** Museum Group Staff

**DATE:** 5/31/96

**AFFILIATION:** Museum of Western Colorado

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**ADDRESS:** PO Box 20000-5020, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020

**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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