

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME8637

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: Claire's Auto Service

Period of significance _____
Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Claire's Auto Service

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [] no

ADDRESS: 524 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501

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

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W
SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of section 14

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Claire's Auto Service Co., 524 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction, Co 81501-7712

UTM REFERENCE-12
Easting: 710800
Northing: 4326560

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction
Year: 1962, photorevised 1973 [] 7.5' [] 15'

STYLE: Mid-20th Century Commercial

Block: 139
Lot(s): 26 and 27
Addition:
Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

[] original location [] moved
Date of moves(s):

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Painted Block - Ribbed Metal Roof

HISTORIC USE: Commerce
PRESENT USE: Commerce

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 2160

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1958 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: Claire Short

Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [] yes [] no

Type: 518 Pitkin Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story, front gable. Concrete foundation. Concrete stoop. A paneled metal door is near the east corner of the facade. West of the door is a pair of single light, fixed metal frame windows. On west half of the facade is a large high metal vehicle door with a slit window 4' above grade. On east elevation is a flush metal door and four metal eash windows with six lights. The sills are concrete. On the north elevation is a metal vehicle door. The concrete block walls are painted pale buff. Door frames, facade window frames, window sills and facade gable face are painted brown. The low pitch roof is ribbed metal. Gable faces are the same material as roof.

One car garage with alley access has front gable with red composition shingles and exposed rafter ends. The gable faces are covered with tar paper. Concrete block walls are painted white. Doors are flush.

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

Film roll no.: 41
Negative no.: 7

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): Built in 1958, this commercial structure has always been known as "Claire's Auto Service."

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: 1958

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Claire's Automotive now incorporates a similar concrete building at #518. 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

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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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(East half of building)
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