

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with hip roof. Concrete foundation. Symmetrical facade has central door with a transom, both of which are boarded with plywood panels. On each side of the first floor facade is a window with a relieving arch and rowlock brick sills. Windows are boarded over with plywood panels. There is evidence of a porch across most of the facade, which has been removed. The second floor has two oriel bay windows. The bays have double hung windows on the three faces. The walls are sided with notched wood shingles. Between the bays is a balcony with a balustrade of ribbed wood. Windows around the house are double hung, wood sash, one-over-one, with wood sills and relieving arches. Brick walls are laid in common bond. Window frames are green, and wood screen frames are black. Gray composition shingle roof. Exposed rafter ends. Brick chimney is on west slope.

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

Film roll no.: 40
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): Porch removed. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The original owner of this property ca. 1900-1904, is listed as Richard Smith. Nicola (Nick) Caruso owned the property ca. 1908-1917 and had a pool hall there ca. 1909-1913. Owner ca. 1921-1938, was Victor Stranger of Stranger Brothers Shoe Repair, who lived in the house in 1924. His wife, Grace, lived there 1939-1940 following his death. The house served as a rental 1925-1937, with tenants including a laborer, engineer with the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, a miner and several widows. Joe and Cora Simonetti owned the property ca. 1942-1847, and also used it as a rental to several railroad owners.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories. Grand Junction Historic Survey, 1981.

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: 1897

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): The two oriels and a connecting balcony are well constructed and in good shape. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

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