



<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 align="right">SITE NO.: 5ME8619</p>
<p>COUNTY: Mesa CITY: Grand Junction</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>HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Armour Meat Company</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>CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Litton Moving and Storage</p>		Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
<p>ADDRESS: 445 South Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501</p>		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
<p>OWNER NAME &amp; ADDRESS: Thomas Litton, 200 Mesa Grande Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81501</p>		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of section 14
<p>STYLE: 20th Century Commercial</p>		UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 710720 Northing: 4326400
<p>BUILDING TYPE:</p>		USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
<p>MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Brick - Concrete - Built Up Roof</p>		Block: 162 Lot(s): 12 - 14 Addition: Year of addition:
<p>STORIES: 3 SQUARE FOOTAGE: 22500</p>		[X] original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):
<p>PLAN SHAPE:</p> <p align="center">north arrow  </p> 		HISTORIC USE: Commerce PRESENT USE: Commerce
<p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1916 actual:                  Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records</p>		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
<p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown                  Source of information:</p>		ORIGINAL OWNER: Lillie K. Broeman Source of information: Lot and Block Books
<p>ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no                  Type:</p>		

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** One unit of five contiguous buildings. Concrete foundation. Three stories and full basement. Covered concrete loading dock is across the facade. Metal shed roof over the dock is supported by steel "I" beam piers. Two metal, wide rolling doors, and a standard width door, all with relieving arches open to the dock. Second and third story windows on the facade with relieving arches are filled with brick. Brick walls are painted gray on the facade. East end of the loading dock has an enclosing wall which is horizontal planks painted gray. Narrow flight of concrete steps is indented in the center of the dock. Parapet across the facade has a cornice of three courses of brick. Center tenth of the parapet is a foot higher. Brick chimney on roof near parapet.

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

Film roll no.: 41  
Negative no.: 16

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 building was owned by Tillie K. Broemser in 1916. In 1924, the owners were Blackwell and Copeland. The Armour Meat Company was a lessor at the 443 half of the building from 1916 to circa 1935. J.S. Brown Mercantile Company, wholesale grocers, were at 445 from around 1924-1937. By 1937, Safeway and Western States Grocery were in 443-445. It was a grocery warehouse and district office. In 1941, Safeway moved to 437 and 445 was vacant. Circa 1945-1950, the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service was in 445. By 1955, Montgomery Ward was in 445, where their warehouse and service center was located until ca. 1975. In 1941, J.W. Milne bought the building and in 1947, Thomas and Aileen Litton purchased the property and remain the owners to date.

**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: 1916

**THEME(S):**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above):** This building has the facade windows bricked up. Otherwise, it still has its original 1916 appearance. It is the largest in a row of five warehouses. 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

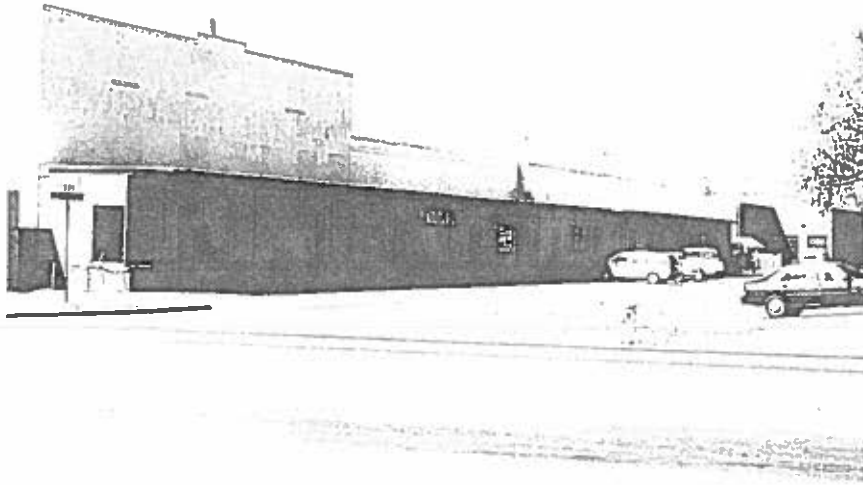
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**PROJECT NAME:** Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2



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