

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

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

SITE NO.: 5ME7898

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: The house at 856 Ouray Avenue

Period of significance _____
 Needs data date _____ initials _____

CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Cooper Residence

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: [] yes [X] no

ADDRESS: 856 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3328

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

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: Norma J. Cooper, 856 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3328

P.M.: UTE township: 1S range:1W
 NE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW¼ of NE¼ of section 14

UTM REFERENCE-12
 Easting: 711310
 Northing: 4327380

USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction

Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 [X] 7.5' [] 15'

STYLE: Classic Cottage

Block: 63
 Lot(s): 19 and 20
 Addition:
 Year of addition:

BUILDING TYPE:

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

MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof

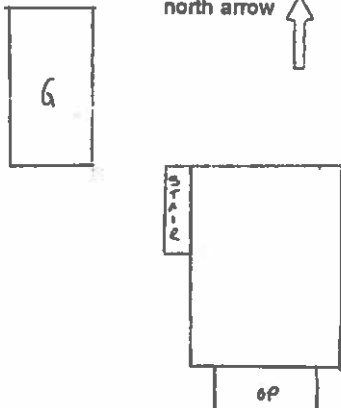
HISTORIC USE: Domestic
 PRESENT USE: Domestic

STORIES: 1

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 768

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1910 actual:
 Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records

PLAN SHAPE:



ARCHITECT: Unknown
 Source of information:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
 Source of information:

ORIGINAL OWNER: S.B. Sturdevant
 Source of information: Lot and Block Books

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- [X] yes [] no
 Type: Garage; Shed

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof. Concrete foundation. Concrete steps lead up to gabled, screened porch extending across 3/4 of facade. False bevel siding with flared base on half-wall. Four squared half columns across porch facade. Flush front door. Windows are double hung wood sash, one-over-one. Picture window on west elevation. West wing has ribbon of windows with four horizontal lights each. Shed roof wing on rear has ribbons of casements. Yellow simple drop siding on main house. Window and door surrounds, columns, corner boards and porch rafter beams are blue green. Gray composition shingle roof with boxed eaves. Gable face of porch roof has yellow wood shingles and a five light window. Porch roof has bargeboards and four roof beams under eaves. Brick chimney on west slope.

Landsaped with lawn, large arborvitae on each side of porch facade and large cedar west of porch. Wood fence around backyard. Ash trees in parking area.

One car garage at rear with front gable, gray composition roll roofing, yellow simple drop siding with blue green trim, and yellow metal door. Wing on west of garage is storage building with matching siding and roof.

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

Film roll no.: 22
Negative no.: 6

Photographer: Carolyn Howard
Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Glass enclosed stairway added to rear, date undetermined.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The first owner of the house, constructed ca. 1910, was S. B. Sturdevant. The first known resident was owner Floyd Goodrich, a carpenter, who occupied the house ca. 1920, and used it as a rental ca. 1924-1928. Eva and Harry E. Litsey, a barber, owned/occupied the house ca. 1929-1930. Mary and Alex Crosswhite, a lawyer, were short term tenants ca. 1931, and Earl K. Laycock, manager of Laycock Motor Company, ca. 1935. Elizabeth, the widow of former Mesa College Music professor Lawrence Sardon, was the owner/occupant ca. 1937-1938. After two short term renters, the house was owned/occupied ca. 1945-1953 by Aileen and Thomas Litton, then a clerk with J.W. Milne Transportation and Storage Company. The Littons are associated locally with Litton Moving and Storage, successors of Milne.

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

SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories)

Architectural significance:
 represents the work of a master
 possess high artistic value
 represents a type, period, or method of construction

National Register eligibility:
Individual yes no
Criteria: A B C D
Area(s) of significance: Architecture

Period of significance: 1910

Historical significance:
 associated with significant person(s)
 associated with significant event
 associated with a pattern of events
 contributes to an historic district

Contributes to a potential district:
yes no
District name:

THEME(S):

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): A Classic Cottage of 1915, which has a bungalow style porch. Cottage has drop siding and hip roof. Porch has wood singled gable face with roof beams and false bevel siding with flared base. These are disparate motifs, but the house apparently was built that way originally in this architecturally transitional neighborhood. 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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PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2





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