
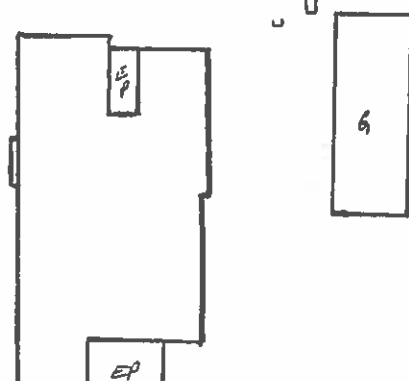


<p>COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY</p>		<p>SITE NO.: 5ME7922</p>
COUNTY: Mesa	CITY: Grand Junction	Eligible for National Register <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no date _____ 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: _____
HISTORIC BUILDING NAME: Walker, Walter and Katherine, House		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: _____ _____ Period of significance _____ Needs data <input type="checkbox"/> date _____ initials _____
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Harger Residence		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Date of designation: N/A Designating authority: N/A
ADDRESS: 952 Ouray Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501-3330		P.M.: UTE township: 1S range: 1W NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of section 14
OWNER NAME & ADDRESS: 81501-3330 LORI HOGAN 952 OURAY AVE GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501	UTM REFERENCE-12 Easting: 711465 Northing: 4327380	USGS QUAD NAME: Grand Junction Year: 1962; photorevised 1973 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.5' <input type="checkbox"/> 15'
STYLE: Classic Cottage	Block: 64 Lot(s): 19 and 20 Addition: Year of addition:	
BUILDING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original location <input type="checkbox"/> moved Date of moves(s):	
MATERIALS: Concrete Foundation - Wood Frame - Asphalt Shingle Roof	HISTORIC USE: Domestic PRESENT USE: Domestic	
STORIES: 1	SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1425	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION- estimate: 1911 actual: Source of information: Tax Assessor's Records
PLAN SHAPE: <div style="text-align: center;"> north arrow   </div>		ARCHITECT: Unknown Source of information:
		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown Source of information:
		ORIGINAL OWNER: Walter and Katherine Walker Source of information: Lot and Block Books
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Type: Garage

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One story with hip roof and gabled porch. Foundation is skirted with siding. Brick steps and stoop with wrought iron railings lead up to gabled sunporch/entry extending across west three-fifths of facade. Shingle siding on half-wall. Six, 6 x 6, squared half columns around porch. Ribbons of windows on three sides of porch are wood casement, six lights each. Storm door over French door. Windows around house are double hung wood sash, fifteen over one, and one-over-one, with storm windows. Projecting bay on west elevation has shed roof. Buff yellow simple drop siding. Shingle siding of porch and gable are also buff. Door and window surrounds, foundation, corner boards, bargeboards, knee braces and columns are brown. Brown composition shingle roof. Porch has flared roof on west elevation. Bargeboards and knee braces on porch gable. Brick chimney on west slope.

Landscaped with lawn, stands of evergreens across porch facade, and arborvitae on west lawn. Split rail fences on both sides of lawn.

One car garage at rear with front hip on gable, composition shingle roof, buff drop siding, and brown batten swinging doors with eight lights each. Garage lengthened with doors at each end.

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

Film roll no.: 21
Negative no.: 10

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

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Storm windows and door, porch glazing, flared roof. Additional construction or modifications not noted in Assessor's records.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): This house, constructed ca. 1908, is significant for long-time residents Katherine and Walter Walker. Walker, editor and publisher of the Daily Sentinel, occupied the house ca. 1908-1935. Tenants ca. 1937-1946 were Florence and Eben H. Bebee. Florence was a teacher at Emerson School.

Walter, Walker Born: 3 Oct. 1883, Marion, KY; Died: 8 October 1956;

Married: Kathie Woods, 2 Nov. 1903; Children: Preston Walker (deceased 28 May 1970).

952 Ouray is significant historically nationally for its connection to former Grand Junction newspaper publisher, civic and political leader Walter Walker, ca. 1908-1935.

In 1903, Walker was hired by publisher I.N. Bunting as the only reporter on the staff of the Daily Sentinel. In 1911, he became editor of the paper after Bunting's death. He purchased the paper in 1918. Walker proceeded to make the newspaper a powerful influence which reached into national levels. In 1949, he was named the outstanding editor in the state of Colorado, the second to be awarded the title by the University of Colorado. He was personally credited with many of the cultural, economic, and social advancements made in Western Colorado. This includes the development of Grand Junction Junior College (now Mesa State College), the establishment of the Grand Junction Regional Center, and the construction of the local Veterans Hospital in 1949. His support for pioneer aviation was recognized when the Grand Junction regional airport was named in his honor in 1942. In 1989, the new performing arts center at Mesa State College was named in his honor. He and the Daily Sentinel were active in curtailing the influence of the Ku Klux Klan in Western Colorado in the mid-1920s. Walker helped found the Grand Junction Rotary Club in 1919, and twice served as its president.

Walker, a life-long Democrat, was active in local, state and national party politics. He was a delegate to eight consecutive National Conventions, and in 1932, helped draft the first New Deal platform. From 1930-1932, he was Democratic State Chairman for Colorado; and in 1932 was appointed U.S. Senator following the death of incumbent Charles W. Waterman. The later was a post he held for six months.

INFORMATION SOURCES (be specific): Plat Map, Appraisal Card, Lot and Block Books, Grand Junction City Directories, 1981 Historic Survey of Grand Junction, Obituary Index. Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper, 9 Oct 1955; 1 Oct 1971.

"Who's Who in Colorado," Colorado Press Association, 1938.

Museum of Western Colorado Research Library:

Walter Walker Biographical File

Mesa County, Colorado: A 100 Year History.

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;
 Communications

Contributes to a potential district:

- yes no
 District name:

THEME(s):

Period of significance: 1911;1911-1935

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): Facade of house was thoroughly remodeled in the 1920s or 1930s. Porch addition to the west now has a flared roof and ribbons of casements. However, it was done with finesse and is harmonious with the neighborhood. The house should be considered for inclusion in the National Register on a national level due to its long association with Walter Walker, the publisher and editor of Western Colorado's largest daily newspaper, the Daily Sentinel. It was his home during the early development of the newspaper, and his short term as U.S. Senator. The paper has become the dominant news publication in Western Colorado.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff

DATE: 3/29/96

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Mr. Dale Heckendorn
National Register Coordinator
Colorado History Museum
1300 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Heckendorn,

Enclosed is an Inventory Record form which I am submitting on behalf of the current property owner for a home in downtown Grand Junction. We would like a determination of eligibility for Register status for the property. The consultant that completed our local inventory indicated National Register eligibility primarily due to the significance of the person who originally owned the home, Walter Walker. The owner would like to pursue National Register if your determination agrees. If not, would the home be eligible for State designation? In either case, please send us information about the upcoming deadlines for the next one or two nomination rounds.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please let me know if there is anything else we need to provide you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristen".

Kristen Ashbeck
Planner

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c: Lori Hogan



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