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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two story with front gable. Battered foundation. Concrete steps with wrought iron railings. A gabled screen porch extends across most of the facade. Siding on half-wall. Wide, squared half columns are on the corners. A wide tie beam across the head of the screen openings. The columns and the beam intersect with a short arc, and form a basket-handle arch on the porch facade and ends. A wood frame screen door. Front paneled door has light and sidelights. Windows on the first floor are varied, most are double hung, wood sash, transom over one. Projecting bay with transom window on the east elevation with the eave for a roof. Sliding windows on the rear of the first floor. Second floor windows are ribbons of pairs of sliding wood sashes. Storm windows have metal frames. Pale gray wood false bevel siding. Second floor addition has vertical wood siding. Door and window surrounds, columns and beams, corner boards, porch coping, second story window frames, bargeboards and knee braces are hepatica Porch screen, first floor window frames, and exposed rafter ends are rose. Gray/green composition shingle roof. The new second story extends through three fourths of the original roof. The new upper roof is gabled with pitches to match the original roof and has fascia boards. Two new shallow bays on the west elevation rise to meet the upper addition. Long skylight on east slope of the original roof. Various metal flues on roof.

Lawn with roses on east elevation. Spirea and roses are on the west elevation. Cluster of evergreens are on the lawn corner. Large elm trees are on parking. A high, unpainted wood fence around the backyard.

One car garage at rear with front gable, deteriorated gray composition shingle roof, white false bevel siding and white, batten door.

Film roll no.: 34 Photographer: Carolyn Howard	PHOTOGRAPHS (include photographs showing each side of building and any associated buildings)		
Negative no.: 9 Location of negatives: City Of Grand Junction	1		

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Second story addition. Mill tallings removed, 1987. Greenhouse attached, date undetermined.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (discuss important persons and events associated with this building): The house, listed as unfinished in 1924, was first owned by Gertrude Ruess, ca. 1924-1943. Renters during that time included a trainmaster; Watter C. Hirons, principal of Grand Junction High School; a U. S. Forest Service Technical Assistant; a railroad roadmaster; Clyde V. Barron, the owner of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company; and Joe Keith, a detective with the Grand Junction Police Department. Grace and Elmer Jones, a Public Service Lineman, lived in the house circa 1946-1951.

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

SIGNIFICANCE (check appropriate categories)		THEME(S):	
Architectural significance: [] represents the work of a master [] possess high artistic value [X] 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 [X] no Criteria: [] A [] B [] C [] D Area(s) of significance: Architecture	Contributes to a potential district: []yes [X]no District name:		
Period of significance: 1924			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (briefly justify the significance checked above): This Bungalow has been strongly modified. The new upper story which thrusts through the roof gives the appearance of an "Airplane Bungalow" from the Bungalow period. The new siding and windows are inappropriate. Although not eligible for the National Register, this house may contribute to a local register.

INVENTORY COMPLETED BY: Museum Group Staff	Date: 5/31/96	
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ADDRESS: PO Box 20000-5020, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020	PROJECT NAME: Grand Junction Historic Resources Survey, Phase 2	





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