





## Historic Building Inventory Record

DET. NOT ELIGIBLE  
 NOMINATED  
 CERTIFIED REHAB  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

project name		county	city	state ID no.
		Mesa	Grand Junction	
current building name		owner		
E. P. O. E. Home		B.P.O.E. Lodge 575 249 South 4th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501		
address		township 1S range 1W section 14 SE ¼, ME ¼		
249 South 4th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501		USGS quad name Grand Junction, CO 1969r. SW ¼, SW ¼ 75' 15'		
historic name		USGS quad name		
Same as current		Grand Junction, CO 1969r. SW ¼, SW ¼ 75' 15'		
district name		block	lot(s)	addition yr. of addition
		124	17-19	
film roll by	no.	negative nos.	location of negatives	date of construction
paste photograph here.				_____ estimate 1913 actual
				source Grand Junction Daily Sentinel 30 Dec 1913.
				use Elks Home _____ present
				Elks Home _____ historic
				condition _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ X _____ deteriorating
style		stories	_____ original _____ moved	
Classical Revival		1.5 plus basement	date(s) of move:	
materials		square footage	National Register Eligibility	
Original structure, brick; Addition, cement block.		22,719	Individual: _____ yes _____ no	
architectural description		Contributing to district		
Classical revival. Pilasters and two giant columns on front. Classical cornice. Balustrade along porch. Ironwork balcony. Red tile roof. Twenty-five foot veranda on front. Massive interior staircase of solid oak.		_____ yes _____ no		
		local landmark designation		
		_____ name _____ date		
		associated buildings? _____ yes type		
		if inventoried, list ID nos.		
additional pages		_____ yes _____ X _____ no		

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**GRAND JUNCTION LODGE NO. 75**

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A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION  
249 SOUTH 4TH STREET  
P.O. BOX 1987  
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO 81502-1987  
**(970) 243-0675**

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1 August 1995

Grand Junction City Council  
250 North Fifth  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

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Sincerely,

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Architect: F. Elwood Jenkins

original owner

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theme(s)

construction history (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

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continued \_\_\_ yes  no

historical background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

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continued \_\_\_ yes  no

significance (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

architectural significance:

- represents the work of a master
- possesses high artistic values
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historical significance:

- associated with significant persons
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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Resolution No. 74-95

BOOK 2171 PAGE 249

DESIGNATING THE B.P.O.E. HOME IN THE  
CITY REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES, STRUCTURES AND DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the City Council has established by Ordinance 2765 a City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts in order to officially recognize historic resources of local significance; and

WHEREAS, the property owner is aware of and consents to the designation of this property as a local historic resource; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board has reviewed the B.P.O.E. Home for conformance to the adopted criteria for designating historic resources and finds that the building meets the following criteria: structure is at least 50 years old; exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City; enhances the sense of identity of the City; and is an established and familiar visual feature of the City; and

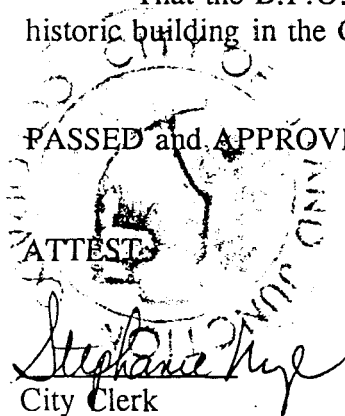
WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of the designation at its July 10, 1995 meeting; and


WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the B.P.O.E. Home meets the criteria set forth by the Historic Preservation ordinance and, therefore, is a significant local historic resource that merits recognition and preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That the B.P.O.E. Home located at 249 South 4th Street is hereby designated a historic building in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts.

PASSED and APPROVED this 16th day of August, 1995.

ATTEST  
  
Stephanie Hylle  
City Clerk

  
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President of City Council

## STAFF REVIEW

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DATE: August 10, 1995

REQUEST: Historic Designation of the B.P.O.E. Home (Elks Club Building) in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts

LOCATION: 249 South 4th Street

PETITIONER: B.P.O.E. Lodge 575

STAFF: Kristen Ashbeck

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: B.P.O.E. Lodge 575 is requesting that the B.P.O.E. Home (Elks Club Building) be designated as a historic building in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts.

BACKGROUND/STAFF ANALYSIS: City Council adopted section 5-14, Historic Preservation, in the Zoning and Development Code in August 1994 which established a City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts, to which eligible historic resources may be designated. The criteria by which the Historic Preservation Board and Council shall review a proposed designation are specified in the ordinance.

The following pages describe the characteristics of the B.P.O.E. Home which justify its designation and detail the particular features of the structure that should be preserved. Given this description, the Historic Preservation Board finds that the B.P.O.E. Home meets the following designation criteria outlined in section 5-14-6 of the Zoning and Development Code:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Approval (5-0 vote)

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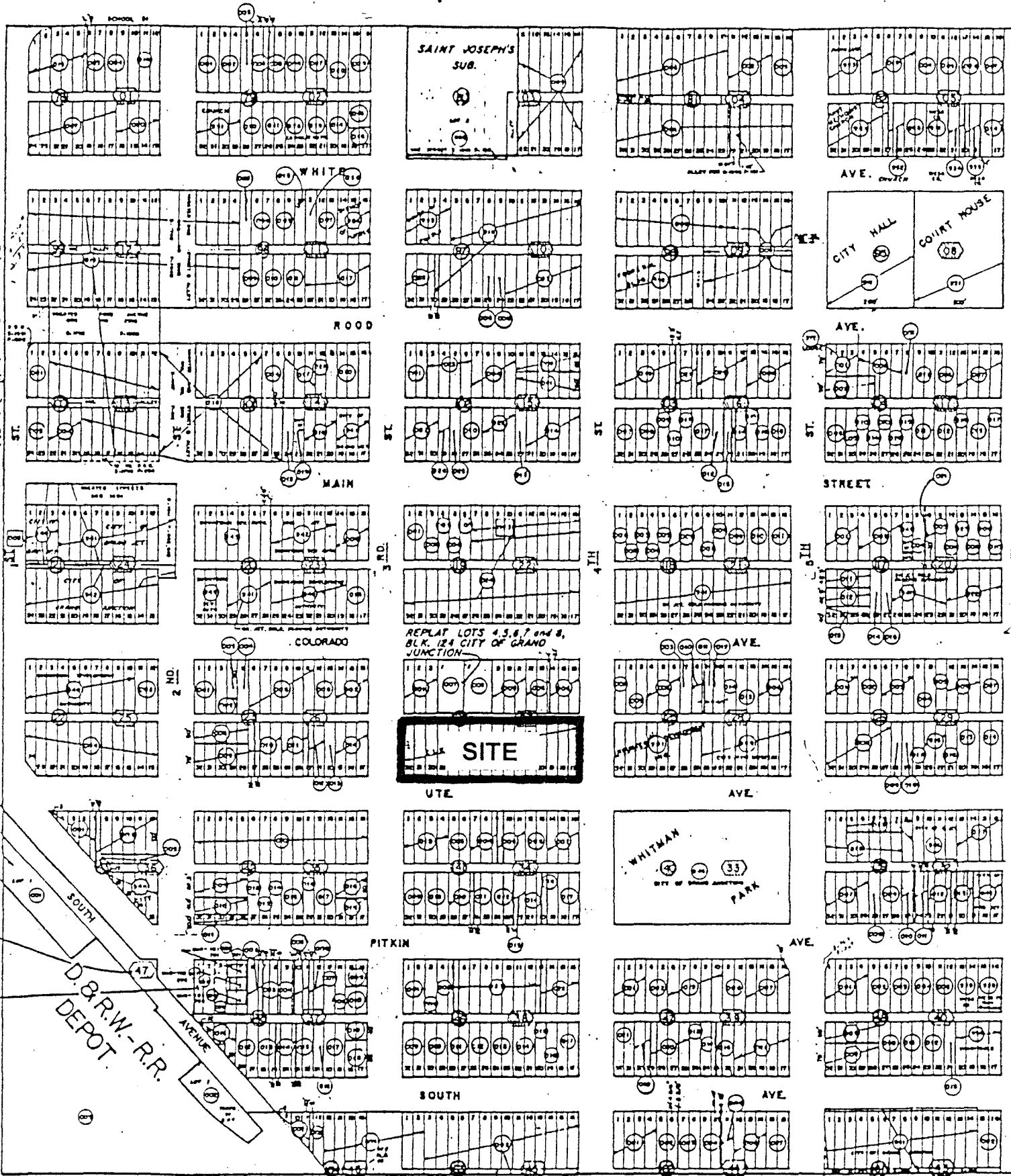
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