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March 5, 1996

Community Development Department Kristen K. Ashbeck, Associate Planner 250 North 5th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Kristen:

We, as owners of the building situated at 226 Pitkin Ave., Grand Junction Colorado, are requesting that it be designated as an historic building on the Local Register of Historic Sites, Structures & Districts.

owner Agent

Enclosed is a check for \$60.00 to cover the fees.

F. R. Montgomery 3636 G. Rd. Palisade, CO 81526

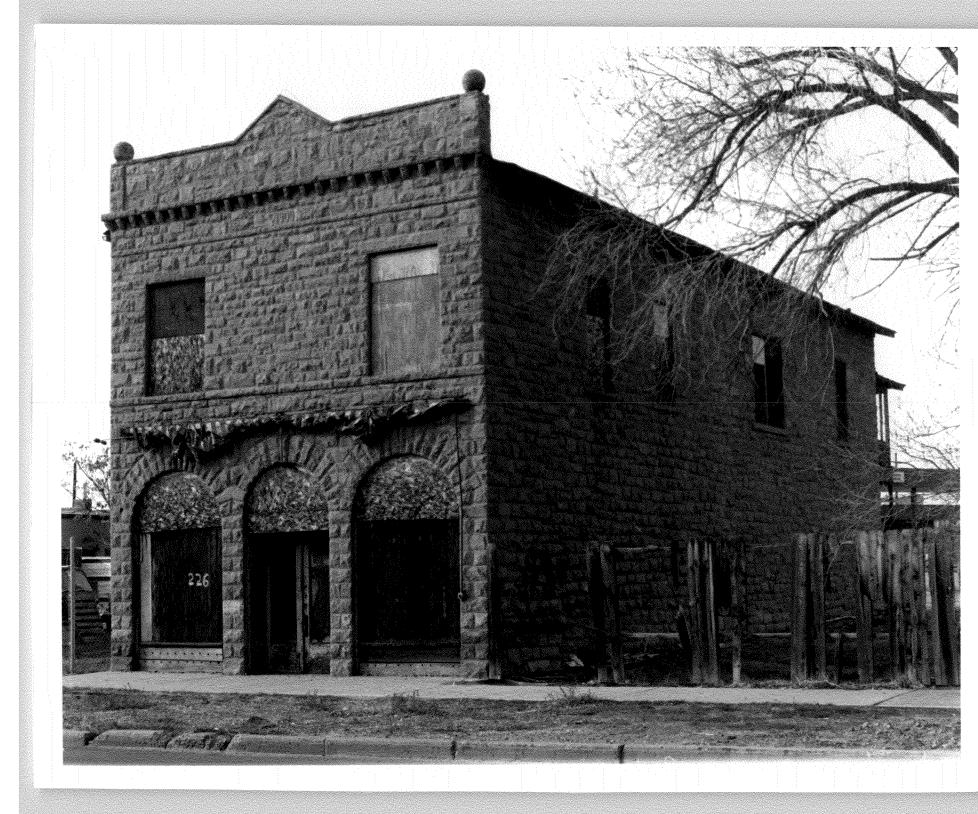
Jana M. Montgomery Santini 29500 Heathercliff Rd. #17 Malibu, CA 90265

Marjorie L. Montgomery 929 Ouray Ave. Grand Junction, CO. 81501

Signed:

Dated 3-5-96

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NOTES ON GRASSO FAMILY

Nunzio Grasso was born March 25.1970 in Ricchi, Italy, he became a naturalized citizen in Grand Junction during a session of Mesa County District Court on March 4, 1912. As near as can be determined, Nunzio first came to the United States at the age of 12 or 14. He went back and forth a number of times--perhaps as many as 6--to see family, get married, etc.

Schiesswohl Building:

Sometime after receiving the warranty deed to the land, Grasso & Spallone sold it to Rocco LiGrani who farmed it with his son, Joe LiGrani. Joe in turn farmed the land with his two sons, Roxy (Rocco) and Mike LiGrani. In 1934 Roxy married Edith Grasso, the youngest daughter of Nunzio Grasso. Roxy died in 1981 but Mike, now retired, lives in Grand Junction.

Nunzio's three sons, Vince, Louie and Mike all worked with him from time to time on various jobs.

Work by the Grasso Family in the Grand Junction area:

Nunzio & Vince--the Catholic Church in Fruita

Nunzio & Louie--Retaining Walls on Million Dollar Highway

(Constructed in 1924--Louie at age 14 drove a truck to haul rock to the sites.)

Nunzio & Louié--Gates to the following cemeteries:

The Catholic Masonic Municipal

Odd Fellows

Louie built the gates to the Veterans Cemetery

Nunzio, Louie & Mike built the caretakers house and the club house at Lincoln Park in 1938.

Nunzio, Louie & Mike did the rock work on the original St. Joseph's School (This is now covered by remodeling)

Nunzio, Louie & Mike did the rock work on the old Redlands County Club Nunzio & Louie reconstructed the rock on the Coit House on First Street after it was dismantled from the Gate House of the Osgood Mansion in Redstone, Colorado and shipped to Grand Junction.

Louis A. Grasso Sr., Mike Grasso and Louie's son, Albert built the Visitors Center and Overlook on the Colorado National Monument.

As they grew up, both of Louie's sons worked with him--Albert (Al) became a masonry contractor, Louis Jr. spent school vacations, etc. working along side his father. After graduating from school, Al's son, Vince, joined his father in the business.

There are of course, numerous houses, fireplaces, and other structures in the Grand Valley built by one or another generation of the Grasso family. Louis Sr. in the years prior to retiring in 1962 built rock fireplaces in some of the most elegant homes in the Aspen Snowmas area.

Louis Spallone (who was Nunzio's brother-in-law) moved to Denver and contracted in that area. He built many homes there and eventually went to work for the City of Denver, holding a very responsible position in the Parks & Recreation Department.

I am still trying to get some more information on Louis Spallone, and perhaps a picture. One of his sons, Fred Spallone, was one of the prime early developers of Broomfield, Colorado, when it was turned from a little farm community into a "bedroom" community for Denver.

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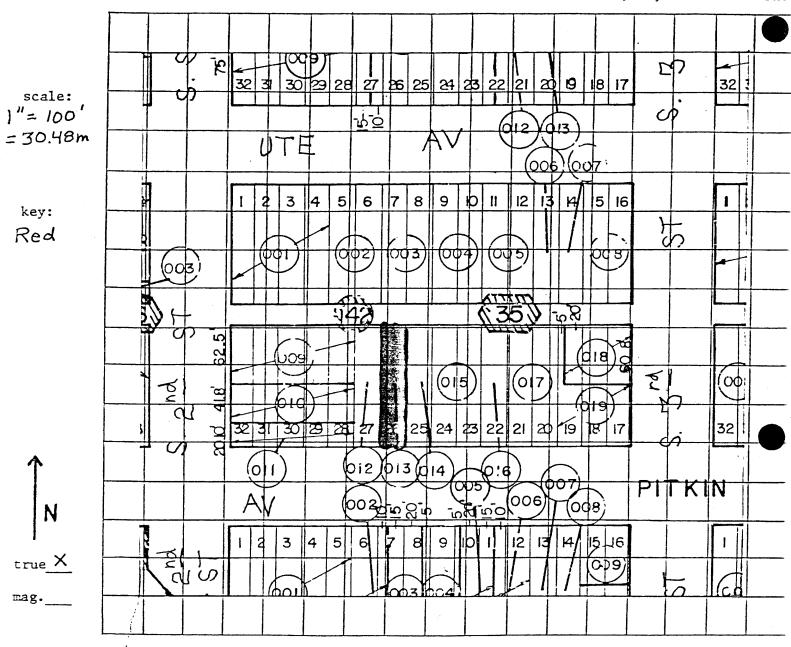
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4 generations of stonemasons carved out their mark in the Grand Valley over past 9 decades

Ginger Rice Daily Sentinel

Reader Edward Kritzbsky wants to know, "Whatever happened to the stonemasons that were in this area?"

Al and Vince Grasso of Grasso Masonry Inc. represent the third and fourth generations of a family renowned for much of the stonemasonry in and around the Grand Valley.

But they're not doing it anymore. About six years ago, they wrote it off as unprofitable. Now, Al said, they specialize in commercial jobs, mostly involving brick masonry.

A competitor, Bill Harrison of B.G. Harrison Masonry, still does stonework, but the jobs are in the high country — Aspen, Beaver Creek, Telluride, Vail — where stone still is used lavishly in custom homes and commercial buildings.

Architects for more moderately priced projects don't design stone-work anymore, because it's not cost effective, said Rory Hinchman, estimator for Harrison. "If they draw it, we can do it," he said. More often than not, what looks like stone is a veneer.

Not so in the old days when Nunzio Grasso was around. Born in Ricchi, Italy, in 1870, Grasso learned stonemasonry in the eastern United States, and by 1908, was licensed to practice his trade here.

That was the year he and Louis Spallone, both prominent brick and stone contractors, built the concrete sidewalk, flooring and structural foundation for the Schiesswohl Building at Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue. Their pay, according to a Museum of Western Colorado publication, was "a black driving horse called 'Bud,' the warranty deed to 10 acres of land, and eight shares of Grand Valley irrigation stock."

Nunzio, who became a naturalized citizen in 1912, also built the

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fruita, the Driggs Mansion in Unaweep Canyon and the Redlands Country Club. He also built the retaining walls for the Million Dollar Highway near Ouray and reconstructed the Redstone Castle Gatehouse when it was moved from Redstone to Grand Junction.

"I can remember my grandpa marked all the stones and put it back together," said Lou Grasso, who grew up in a stone-trimmed house built by his grandfather at First Street and Teller Avenue.

Nunzio trained his sons, Louis and Mike, and they built the visitors center on the Colorado

See Stonemasons, page 12B

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National Monument in the 1960s, said Al, who worked with his father and uncle on the amphitheater there.

The Grassos also built the first superintendent's house near the visitors center, a maintenance facility and a bathroom (near the amphitheater) with left and right sides that are mirror images of each other. That work is so impressive, historian Dave Fishell said, that an effort is under way to get the bathroom listed on the National Register of Historic

Places.

Another Grasso building seen more frequently is the original clubhouse at Lincoln Park, now home of the Grand Junction city parks department.

Al apprenticed with the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Local 11 and subsequently taught his son, Vince.

But, thanks to cost, the art of stonemasonry was even then a dying art.

His father, Louis, the secondgeneration stonemason, is 84 now and lives in retirement in Denver.



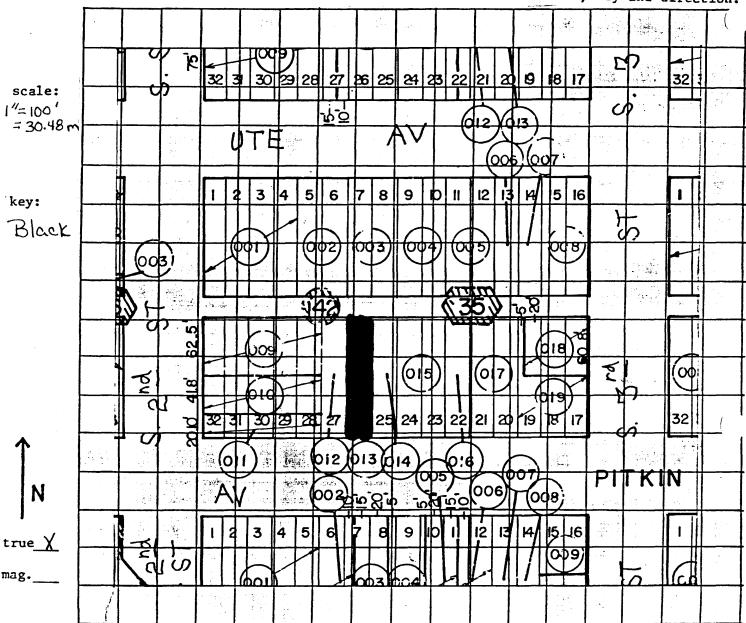
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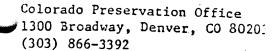
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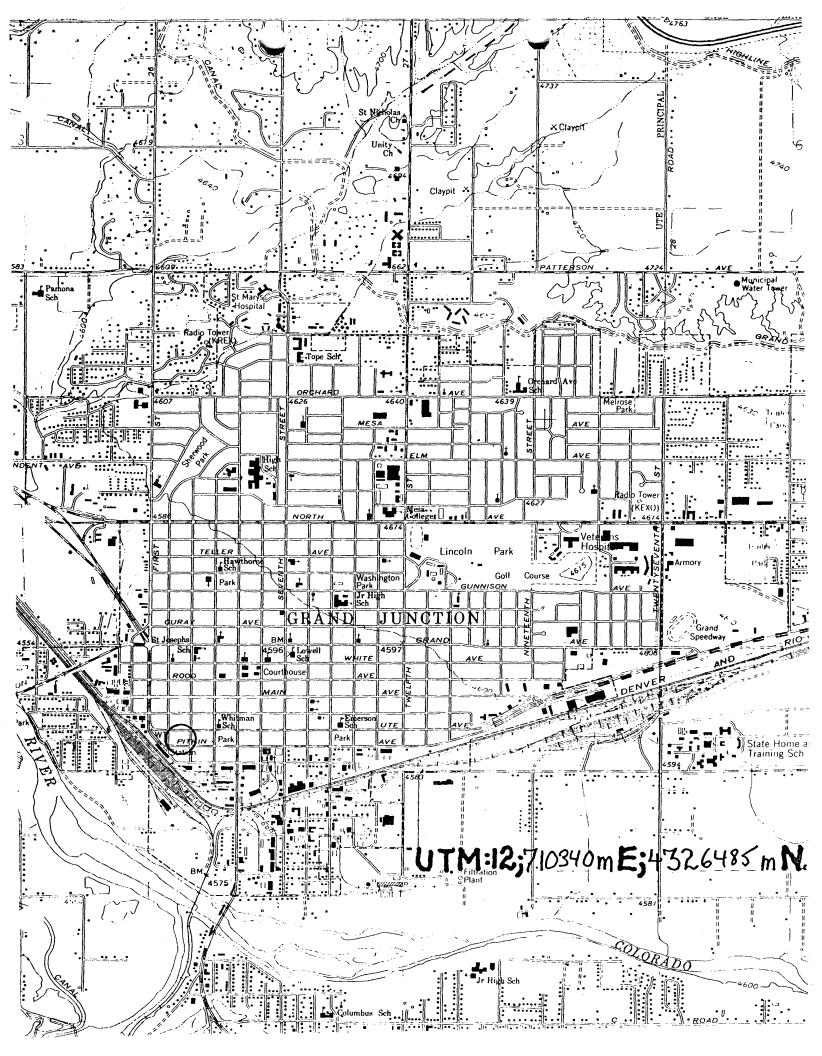
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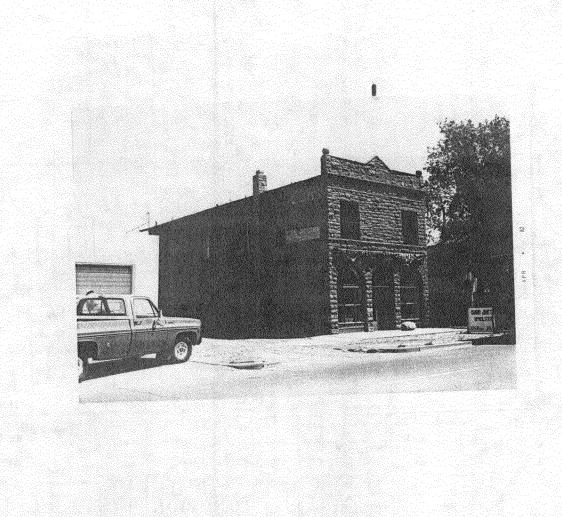
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STAFF REVIEW - CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 9, 1996

REQUEST: Historic Designation of the Stranges Grocery in the City Register of Historic

Sites, Structures and Districts

LOCATION: 226 Pitkin Avenue

PETITIONER: Marjorie Montgomery and Jana Montgomery Santini

STAFF: Kristen Ashbeck

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Marjorie Montgomery and Jana Montgomery Santini, owners of the Stranges Grocery (226 Pitkin Avenue), are requesting that the 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 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 Stranges Grocery which justify its designation and detail the particular features of the building that should be preserved. Given this description, the Historic Preservation Board finds that the Stranges Grocery meets the following designation criteria outlined in section 5-14-6 of the Zoning and Development Code:

- Structure is at least 50 years old;
- Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City;
- Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; and
- Enhances the sense of identity of the City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION (5/6/96): Approval (5-0)

Simonetti Rites Are gerige Set 9 A. M. Monday at St. Joseph's Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Simonetti, wife of Joseph Simonetti, who died Saturday morning at St. Mary's hospital, will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning at St. Joseph's church.

Rosary will be said at 7:30 o'clock this evening at Callahan funeral home. Father N. Bertrand will officiate at the rosary and funeral rites.

Cora Stranges was born April 28, 1903, at Grand Junction. She was married to Joseph Simonetti, May 18, 1921.

To this union three children were born. They are Joseph Jr., who is serving in an army unit somewhere in India, and Mary Simonetti and Mrs. Bud Cunning-The daughters were with their mother when she died.

Mrs. Simonetti was a member of St. Joseph's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Simonetti operated a grocery store in Helper, Utah, for several years, and later they were in the grocery business in this city, residing at 335 Colorado.

Surviving besides the husband and children are her father, Leo Stranges; two brothers, Mike and Tony Stranges; and two sisters. Mrs. Ben Ventura and Mrs. V. M. Paonessa.

Carl Stranges Dies in Sleep 18 May 1942 In California

Carl L. Stranges, 77 years of age and for more than 30 years a merchant-at-226-Pitkin-avenue. passed away in his sleep at Los Angeles early last night. News of his death reached relatives in this city soon after it had occurred. Mr. Stranges had been in failing health for some time and hadbeen in Los Angeles since last July 2, under the charge of a nurse.

Carl L. Stranges was born in Italy 77 years ago and came to: America when 20 years of age. He came to Grand Junction soon after arriving in this country, and has been a continuous resident here since.

More than 30 years ago Mr. Stranges opened a general store on Pitkin avenue, retaining the ownership until the time of his death and the active management. until his health failed.

Mr. Stranges is survived by no members of the immediate family, no children having been born to him, Mrs. Stranges passed away some years ago. He is survived by n brother, Lee Stranges of 917 South Fifth street; three nephews, Tony Stranges of the Manhattan cafe; Mike Stranges and Amor Raso, all of this city, and three nièces, Mrs. Joe Simmonetti, Mrs. Ventura and Mrs. Paonssa, also of Grand Junction.

Deceased was a member of the Catholic church and services will be held from that church. The time of the service cannot be announced until it is known when the body will reach this city.

Mrs. Carl Stranger Succumbs to Long Illness; Funeral at Martins Tomorrow at 2:30

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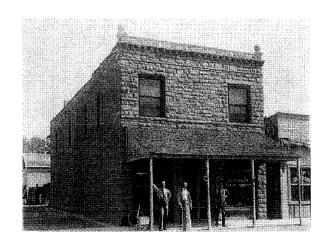
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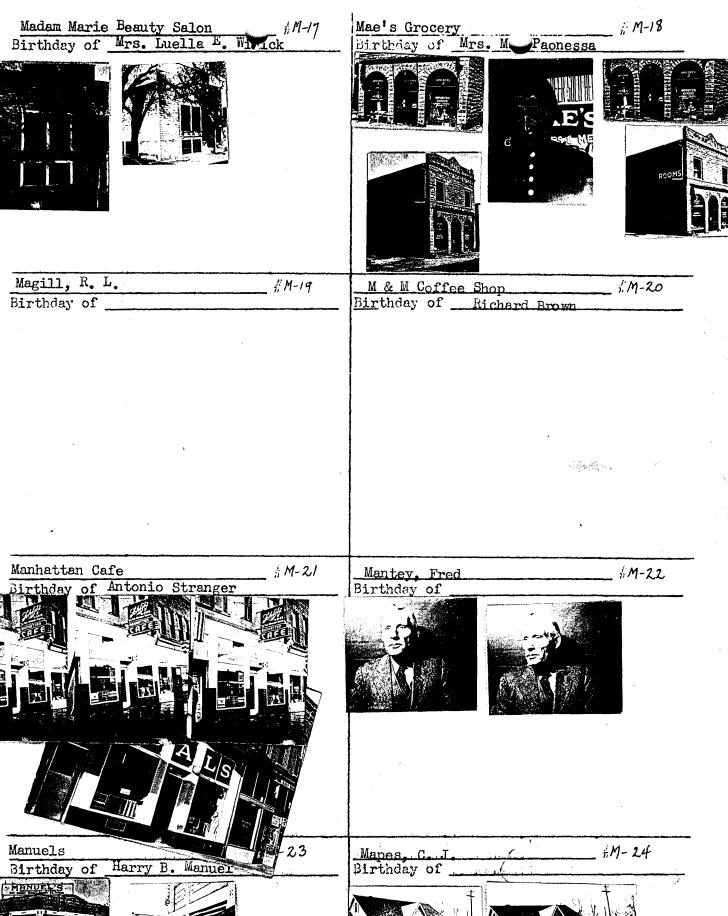
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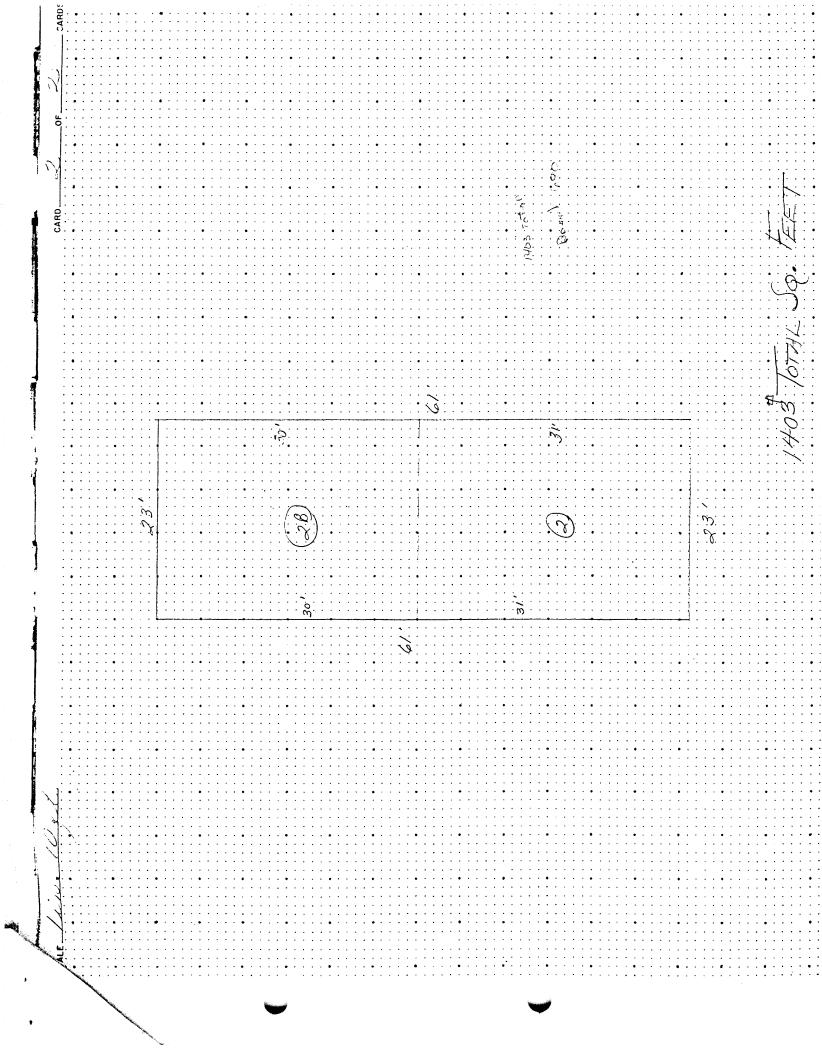
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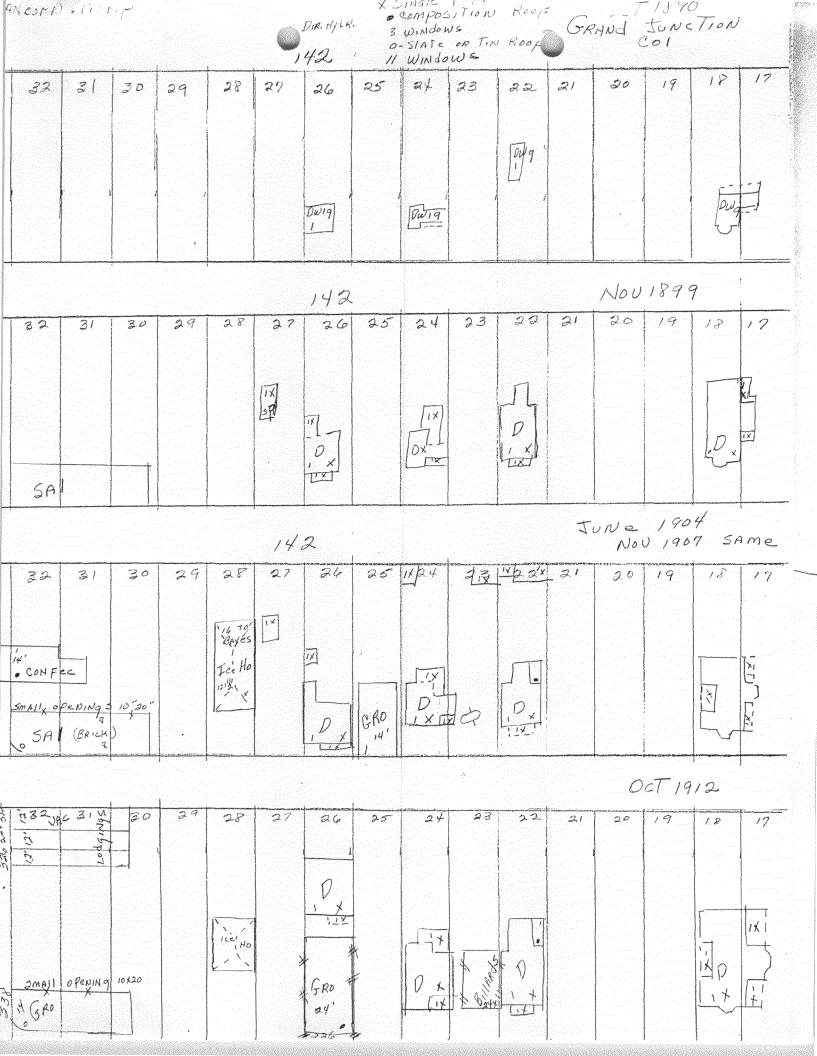
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REVIEW COMMENTS

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FILE #HBD-96-11.2

TITLE HEADING: Stranges Grocery

LOCATION:

226 Pitkin Avenue

PETITIONER:

No Comments.

Marjorie Montgomery

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS/TELEPHONE:

929 Ouray Avenue

Grand Junction, CO 81501

242-4365

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Kristen Ashbeck

NOTE: THE PETITIONER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT	FOUR (4) COPIES OF WRITTEN		
RESPONSE AND REVISED DRAWINGS ADDRESSING AL	L REVIEW COMMENTS.		
CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	4/9/96		
Hank Masterson	244-1414		
The Fire Department has no problems with this proposal.			
CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	4/11/96		
Larry Timm	244-1448		
Recommend approval.			
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	4/8/96		
Barbara Creasman	244-1457		
The Downtown Development Authority supports this designation.			
CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	4/17/96		
Dave Stassen	244-3587		
No comments.			
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.	4/17/96		
Don Hobbs	244-1542		

STAFF REVIEW - CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 9, 1996

REQUEST: Historic Designation of the Stranges Grocery in the City Register of Historic

Sites, Structures and Districts

LOCATION: 226 Pitkin Avenue

PETITIONER: Marjorie Montgomery and Jana Montgomery Santini

STAFF: Kristen Ashbeck

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Marjorie Montgomery and Jana Montgomery Santini, owners of the Stranges Grocery (226 Pitkin Avenue), are requesting that the 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 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 Stranges Grocery which justify its designation and detail the particular features of the building that should be preserved. Given this description, the Historic Preservation Board finds that the Stranges Grocery meets the following designation criteria outlined in section 5-14-6 of the Zoning and Development Code:

- Structure is at least 50 years old;
- Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City;
- Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; and
- Enhances the sense of identity of the City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION (5/6/96): Approval (5-0)



Grand Junction Community Development Department Planning • Zoning • Code Enforcement 250 North Fifth Street
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-2668
(970) 244-1430 FAX (970) 244-1599

June 17, 1996

Marjorie Montgomery
Jana Montgomery-Santini
929 Ouray Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Dear Marjorie,

Congratulations! The Grand Junction City Council, at its May 15, 1996 meeting designated the Stranges Grocery in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures, and Districts. As you are aware, this makes the structure eligible for historic preservation funds as are currently available through the Colorado Historical Society's State Historic Fund.

The enclosed resolution was recorded in the records of the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and will be forwarded to the Colorado Historical Society for their records as well. Please pass this information on to your daughter, Jana, and do not hesitate to contact me if either of you have further questions about this historic designation.

Sincerely,

Kristen Ashbeck

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