

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Kettle-Jens House ~~5ME4518~~
and/or common ^{Dot} (Anderegg House)

2. Location

street & number 498 32 Road n/a not for publication
city, town Clifton n/a vicinity of
state Colorado code 08 county Mesa code 077

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: VACANT

4. Owner of Property

name Colorado Department of Highways
street & number P.O. Box 2107
city, town Grand Junction n/a vicinity of state Colorado 81502

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mesa County Courthouse
street & number 6th and Road
city, town Grand Junction state Colorado 81501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date Ongoing federal state county local
depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway
city, town Denver state Colorado 80203

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Kettle-Jens House is a 1½ story frame structure with two porches, several gables, and a tower--all representative of the Queen Anne style. The north, west, and east gables are shingled and contain arches which reveal the second floor windows, a feature taken from the shingle style of the late 19th century. The diamonds in the peak of these gables are made of diamond-shaped shingles painted black. The front porch columns are Tuscan style. The side porch supports are square posts. None of the facades of the house is symmetrical, and no two elevations are similar, also characteristic of the Queen Anne style. Interestingly, the west facade has a low-slung horizontal appearance, while the east facade is much more vertical. The most impressive feature of the house is its roofline, with its shingled gables, arches, and bellcast tower.

The house has changed in a few respects since it was built. It now has new roofing, and metal siding covers the original clapboards. The side porch once was screened with wainscoting approximately 2 feet high around the bottom. It now has been opened up and a new breakfast room has been built into the north part. It also appears that the fenestration on the front facade of the house has been altered.

According to the Andereggs, when the house was built, it was situated on a 640-acre farm. The lot size now is only ¾ acre. Among the outbuildings were a barn and chicken house. These are no longer standing. The only other structures on the current property are a newer storage shed and a garage.

In the late 1930s the house was converted to apartments. Around 1950 it was converted back into a single-family residence. Because of the remodeling, only the staircase remains as a distinctive original interior feature.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1907 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kettle-Jens House,* located in a small community just south of Grand Junction in far western Colorado, contains characteristics distinctive of late Victorian architecture. Displaying both Queen Anne and Shingle style detailing, the residence is unlike other houses in the Clifton area.¹ Because of its architectural significance, the structure was officially determined eligible to the National Register, under Criterion C on November 8, 1979.

The region of the Colorado River Valley (the Grand Valley) in which Clifton is found was opened for settlement in the 1880s, following the removal of the Utes to Utah. It soon became known as a fruit-growing region. During the years 1901-1911 the Grand Valley experienced a fruit-growing boom.

Although other buildings from this period remain in the Clifton vicinity, they tend to be simple, utilitarian structures, devoid of architectural style. Particularly unusual is the use of Shingle style elements. This house is, therefore, one of the few examples of its type of architecture in this area.

¹There is one exception, however: the Underhill House at 3351 E $\frac{1}{4}$ Road, about 1 mile to the east. Both houses have Shingle Style indented-arch gables. Also, both have similar designs, including a diamond pattern at the apex of the gables. It is assumed that both houses were designed by the same person, although no records naming an architect or builder could be found.

*The house is named for the builder, the Kettle family, and the original occupants, the Jens.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3/4 acre

Quadrangle name Clifton

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute
1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	2	7	1	9	8	5	0	4	3	2	8	1	9	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing						

C

Zone		Easting						Northing						

D

Zone		Easting						Northing						

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G

Zone		Easting						Northing						

H

Zone		Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Historic site boundaries are formed by the current property boundaries, approximately 195' X 168' in size.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Denver

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Barbara Swales

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date March 16, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Barbara Swales
Keeper of the National Register

date 5/6/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Anderegg, Donald T., of Clifton, Colorado.

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Jaynes, Lucille Jens, of Grand Junction, Colorado.

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