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MESA COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS**

List: Name, location and brief description of property and significance; include National/State Register listing date and State ID number if any

1. LONG FAMILY CABIN

3117 F Road (Long Family Park), Grand Junction vicinity

The historic Long family home was built in the 1930s using logs from the Grand Mesa. The surrounding farm land, which is now Long Family Park, used to be part of Cross Orchards (listed on the National Register and part of the Museum of Western Colorado). The cabin represents a piece of Mesa County's agricultural heritage. William A. and Mollie Long established the farm in 1920s, where they raised their two children. Mollie sold fruit and vegetables from a log stand on the property.



Photo courtesy of Museum of Western Colorado

2. OLD MESA GYMNASIUM AND AUDITORIUM (Mesa Community Hall)

48973 KE Road, Mesa

The Old Mesa Gymnasium and Auditorium, built around 1936, is a unique example of rural vernacular architecture in Colorado. Its rubble foundation, log construction, and wide gabled roof of corrugated metal reflect building styles of earlier eras such as the mining camp phase of the late 1880s in Colorado. Logs were cut and milled locally. The building is also typical of "armory construction," in which all features of an armory and community or recreation center were combined into one structure to efficiently serve more than one purpose. The Old Mesa Gym was constructed as a Works Progress Administration project to serve as a community/recreation center for the public. It has a fold-down stage, to clear the floor for basketball games and other events, and was known as having "one of the best dance floors in the county."



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3. MESA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction (Grand Junction Register)

The Mesa County Courthouse was constructed in 1922 at a cost of \$293,000. It replaced the original courthouse located at 6th and Main Streets. Designed by Eugene Groves, the Second Renaissance Revival-style building was constructed of brick faced with Indiana limestone. It is distinguished by arch-topped windows separated by paired Ionic columns, a grand entry with bronze doors, and a balustrade at the roof. The wide front lawn further sets off the imposing structure. A substantial brick addition, design by Robert A. Van Deusen, was constructed on the north side of the building in 1964. Mesa County was created in 1883, the result of a division of Gunnison County, and Grand Junction was designated as the County seat.

