

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7977**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Wilson House**
6. Current building name: **Wilson House**
7. Building address: **616 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Michael R. Wilson & Pamela Reeves**
Owner address: **616 LaFarge Avenue**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SE of **SE** of **NW** of **SE** of section **8**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488680**
Northing: **4424920**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8, 9** Block: **1**
Addition: **Jefferson Place** Year of Addition **1880**
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ____ Determined Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Eligible - State Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
- ____ Needs Data
- ____ Contributes to eligible National Register District
- ____ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
L-Shaped Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **1732**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Synthetics / Vinyl
Metal / Aluminum
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Chimney
Fence

22. Architectural style /
building type:

Other Style
(Wood Frame Gabled
Roof Dwelling)



21. General Architectural Description

This wood-frame house is supported by a low concrete foundation, and features green horizontal siding exterior walls. Green color aluminum siding, in a faux stone pattern, appears on the lower wall surface on the facade (west elevation). The intersecting gables roof has boxed eaves, and is covered with grey asphalt shingles. A non-original red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the south elevation. All of the windows have been altered from the original, and include 1x1 horizontal sliders, and 3-light fixed-panes, set in metal frames. The building's primary entrance is located at the south end of the facade, on the west elevation. Here, a wood-paneled door, with a white metal storm door, opens onto a 2-step concrete porch. The porch is covered by a shed roof, with a 6" by 6" wood post support. A large two-story gabled addition has been built onto the house's east (rear) elevation. An earlier one-story gabled addition is located between the two-story addition and the original portion of the house. A glass-in-wood-frame atrium door opens onto a large wood deck from the two-story addition on the building's east elevation.

A two-car **Garage** is located to the southeast of the house. This wood-frame building features a concrete slab foundation and floor, painted white horizontal masonite siding, and a front gable roof, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Two 1x1 horizontal sliding windows, set in metal frames, are located on the north and south elevations. A painted white wood-paneled roll-away garage door, opens onto the driveway on the west elevation. A single painted white wood-paneled door is located at the north end of the west elevation.

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions:

Boulder County Assessor records list 1898 as this building's date of construction. Sanborn insurance maps, though, provide evidence that the building was probably constructed between 1900 and 1908. The house is not depicted on the 1900 Sanborn map, but it is shown on the 1908 map. A one-story gabled addition has been built onto the original east (rear) elevation. Another, larger, two-story addition has been built onto the earlier addition. The garage appears to date from the 1970s or 1980s.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

The Wilson property is located on the east side of LaFarge Avenue, near the middle of the 600 block. The front yard is partially enclosed by a painted white picket fence and by a woven wire fence. A planted grass backyard is enclosed by a wood privacy fence. A concrete and dirt driveway leads from the curb at LaFarge, and extends along the south property line to a 2-car garage at the rear of the property.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects
Garage**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate **ca. 1904**
Actual

Source of information:
Sanborn maps

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

30. Original location: **yes**
Moved **no**
Date of move(s) **n/a**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical Background

This building was constructed within a few years of the turn of the twentieth century, and has served as a single-family residence since that time. Throughout its history, the house has been associated with a single family, the Wilsons. The 1904 Boulder County directory lists Louis and May (Mae) Wilson as residing on LaFarge Avenue, "between 2nd and Pine", probably at this location. In later years, the Wilsons are documented (in county directories) as residing at this location. According to the 1904 Boulder County directory, Mr. Wilson was employed as a mine foreman at the Rex #2 mine. Years later, Mr. Wilson is listed in the 1936 Boulder County Directory as a "Supt. of Mines." By the early 1950s, Louis and May had given way to the next generation. Throughout the decades of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and into the 1980s, Ralph A. and Beatrice Wilson are listed in city directories as the owners and residents of this property. From circa 1986 to the present, the property has been owned by Michael R. Wilson and Pamela Reeves. Michael grew up here as a boy.

36. Sources of Information

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master", on file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

Polk's Boulder County Directory [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

Polk's Longmont City Directory, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated August 1893, November 1900, and August 1908.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1904 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This house was historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with residential development in Louisville during the first half of the twentieth century. It is particularly notable because it has been associated with a single family throughout its history. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, though, the building is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be a non-contributing property within any potential National Register historic district. The garage is a non-historic building and is also ineligible for National Register listing

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house has been extensively remodeled, and two large additions have been built onto the original east elevation, resulting in a almost complete loss of integrity. This building is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: xx

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: xx

No:

Discuss: **Historic buildings in this neighborhood, that have retained a sufficient measure of their integrity, may have the potential to comprise a National Register historic district.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing:

Noncontributing: xx

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: n/a

Noncontributing: n/a

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **CM-9**

Frame(s): **17-20**

Negatives filed at: **City of Louisville, Administration
749 Main Street
Louisville, Colorado 80027**

48. Report title: **"Old Town" Louisville Historical Building Survey**

49. Date: **March 24, 2000**

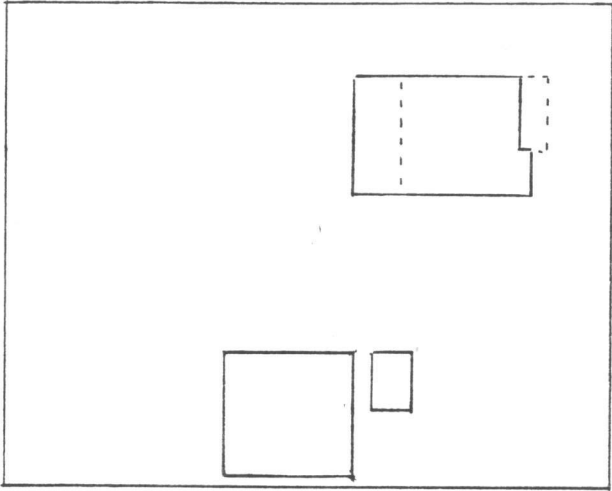
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

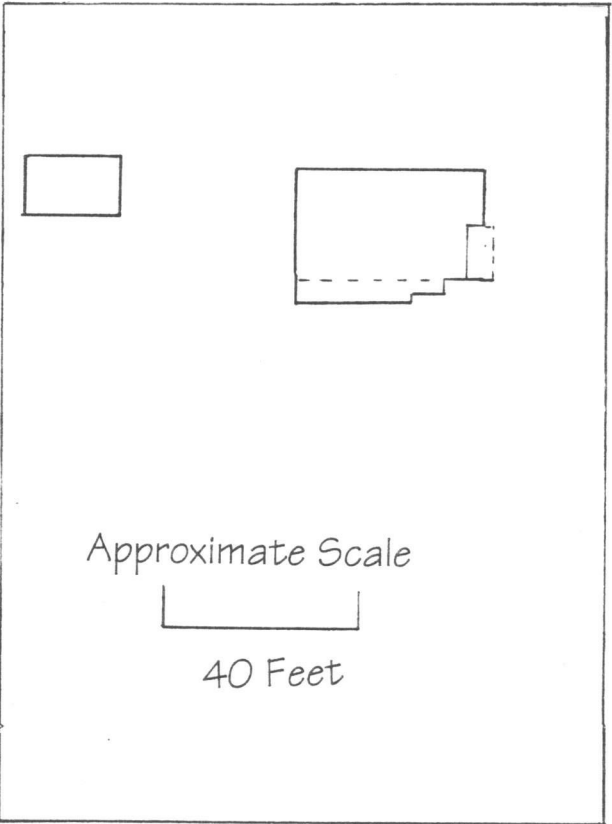
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

Pine Street



Alley



Approximate Scale

40 Feet

SKETCH MAP

616 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

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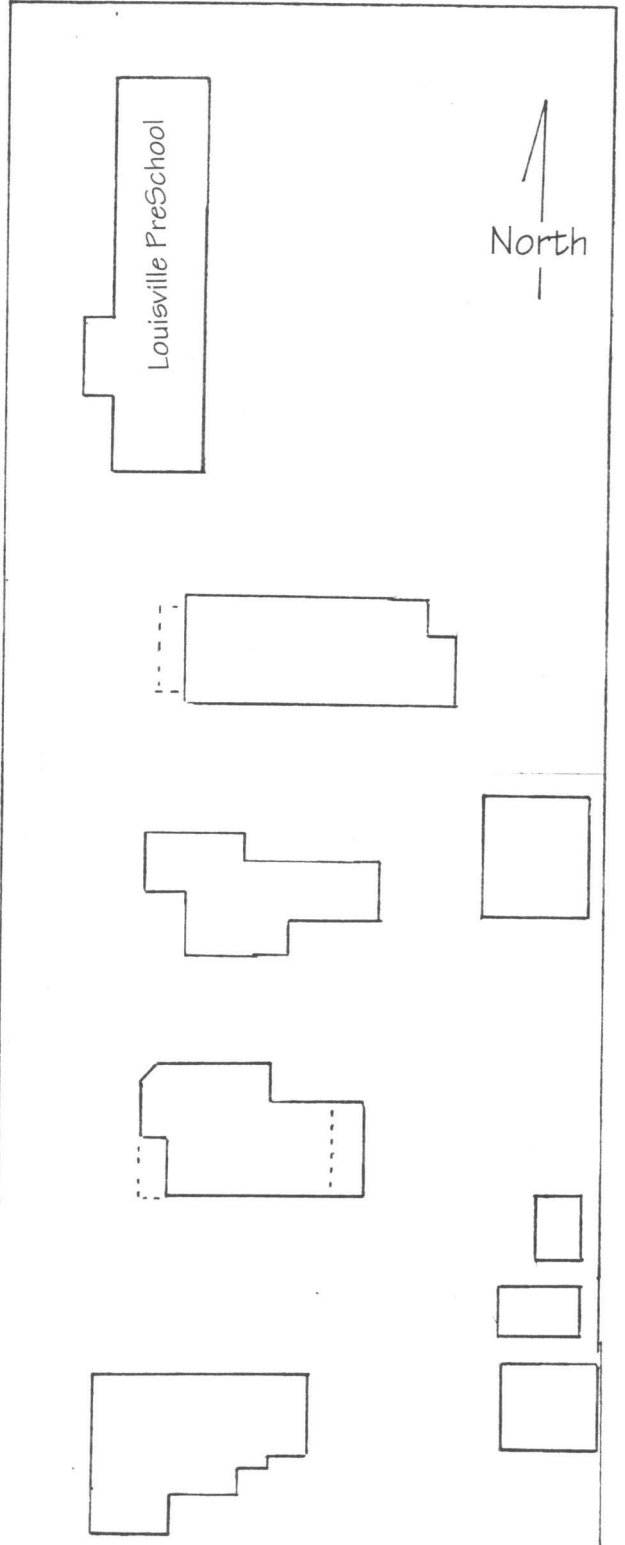
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616

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600

LaFarge Avenue



North

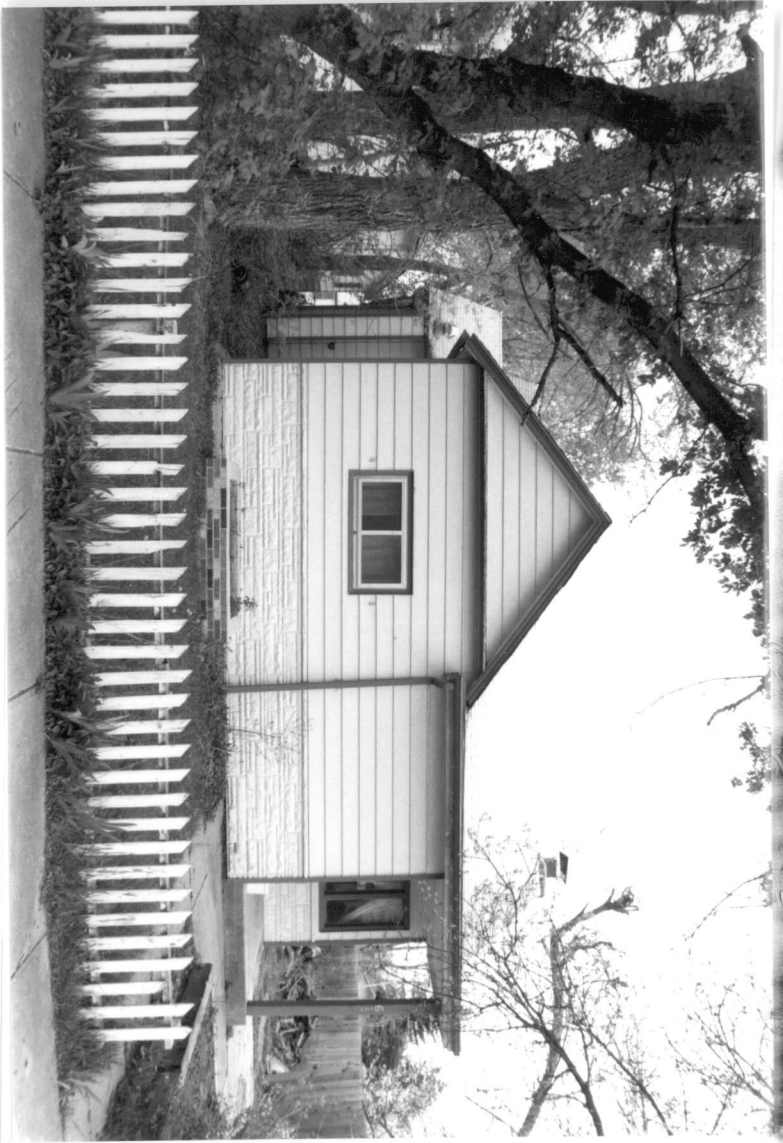
Alley



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

616 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado





5BL7977 616 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville
House
26 April 2000
Negative located at: City of Louisville
749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027
Photographed by Carl McWilliams
Roll CM-9 Frame 18
View to NW

5BL7977 616 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville
Garage
26 April 2000
Negative located at: City of Louisville
749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027
Photographed by Carl McWilliams
Roll CM-9 Frame 19
View to East