

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7978**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Poydock House**
6. Current building name: **Brandenburg House**
7. Building address: **617 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Gary Brandenburg & Joyce Halbert-Bra...**
Owner address: **617 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: **488640**
Northing: **4424940**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **7, 8** Block: **7**
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):
Rectangular
15. Dimensions in feet: **861 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Weatherboard
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Chimneys

22. Architectural style / building type:

**Late 19th and Early
Twentieth Century Revivals
/ Classic Cottage**



21. General Architectural Description

The Brandenburg House is a 1½-story wood-frame dwelling supported by a low concrete foundation. The exterior walls are painted beige horizontal weatherboard, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards, and the roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Two brick chimneys, with concrete pargeting, are located on the ridge. Original windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with exterior metal storm windows. Windows on the facade (east elevation) also have decorative wood shutters, and cornices. Several windows on the west (rear) elevation are not original. These include a single-light fixed-pane window, a casement window, and a 2x2 horizontal sliding window. The house's front entrance is located at the south end of the east elevation, where a concrete porch is covered by a low-pitched hipped roof, with turned column supports. Two wood-paneled doors, both with one upper sash light, and with carved scrollwork in their locking rails, open onto the porch. An enclosed shed-roofed rear porch addition is located along the west end of the south elevation. Seven single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the addition's walls, and a glass-in-wood-frame door opens from the addition onto a concrete porch on the south elevation.

A wood frame **Garage**, located to the rear of the property, features a wood timbers on grade foundation, wood plank flooring, and painted white horizontal weatherboard walls, with 1" by 4" corner boards. The garage is covered by a low-pitched front gable roof with rolled green asphalt over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Paired, painted white, vertical wood plank doors, open onto the alley on the west elevation. A single, painted white, wood-paneled door is located on the south elevation. Single light windows penetrate the south and east elevations.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1900 as this house's date of construction, and Sanborn insurance maps, dated 1900 and 1908, document that the building was constructed sometime during that time span. The 1908 Sanborn map depicts the extant building, while the 1900 Sanborn map, and an earlier 1893 Sanborn map, both depict a much smaller dwelling, at a different location on the lot. The property's owner, Gary Brandenburg, stated that he had been told that the garage was built circa 1960, out of scrap lumber from an old garage that was razed, two houses to the south.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the west side of LaFarge Avenue, near the middle of the 600 block. A small planted grass front yard, with a large cottonwood tree, is to the east of the house. The backyard is nicely landscaped with a garden and numerous fruit trees.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects
Garage**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate

Actual **ca. 1900**

Source of information:

**Boulder County Assessor records;
Sanborn insurance 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 house has been built at the turn of the twentieth century, and has served as a single-family dwelling since that time. The building's original owner is unknown, there is a good chance, though, that a member of the family was employed at area coal mines. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Louisville's economy was based principally on the area's coal industry. As a result, the livelihoods of most of the community's inhabitants were directly, or indirectly, dependent on the coal mines.

By the mid-1930s, this property was the residence of the Poydock family.¹ George and Catherine (Katherine) Poydock had come to Louisville in the years prior to 1916. George found work as a coal miner, and the family moved into a house at 128 Jefferson Avenue. The 1916 Boulder County directory lists George and Catherine, as well as Mary C. Poydock, at 128 Jefferson Avenue. The 1928 Boulder County Directory lists several members of the Poydock family residing at 44 Jefferson Avenue, and at 65 Jefferson Avenue. In addition to George and Catherine, these included: George Poydock Jr. (a miner), and his wife Garnet; John Poydock (a "weighman"); Michael Poydock (a miner); Anthony Poydock (a miner); and Carl Poydock (a student).

George Poydock Jr., and his wife Garnet, were living in this house by 1936, and the Poydocks continued to own the property until the early 1980s. Garnet Poydock sold the property to its current owners, Gary Brandenburg and Joyce Halbert-Brandenburg, in 1982. Mr. Brandenburg indicated in an interview that he had been told by Mrs. Poydock that the family had traded a boardinghouse, located on the east side of LaFarge Avenue, for this property. Gary Brandenburg, and his wife, operate Rocky Mountain Chimney Sweep.

¹The Poydock name is spelled various ways in Boulder County directories, and in Longmont City directories, including Poydock, Poydok, Poidock, Poidok, and Pydock.

36. Sources of Information

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

Brandenburg, Gary. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, March 24, 2000.

Conarroe, Carolyn. *The Louisville Story*, Louisville: Louisville Times Inc., 1978.

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.

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VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

xx 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;

xx 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).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1900 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

Although this house's historical significance is probably not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the building does have sufficient significance and integrity to qualify as a contributing property within a potential National Register historic district. The house is historically significant for its association with residential development in Louisville during the first half of the twentieth century. It is also notable for its long association with the Poydock family. Mrs. Garnet Poydock owned and lived here from the 1930s into the 1980s. The house is architecturally significant as a representative example of a wood frame front gabled dwelling.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a high degree of historical integrity. There have been no recent additions, and no overt alterations, to the house's original construction. A 6' by 25' enclosed rear porch addition, to the west end of the south elevation, predates the 1950s.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

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: **xx**

Noncontributing:

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-2**

Frame(s): **18-24**

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**

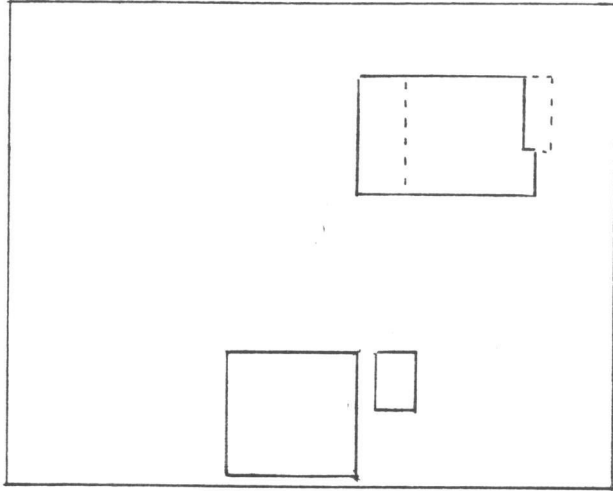
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

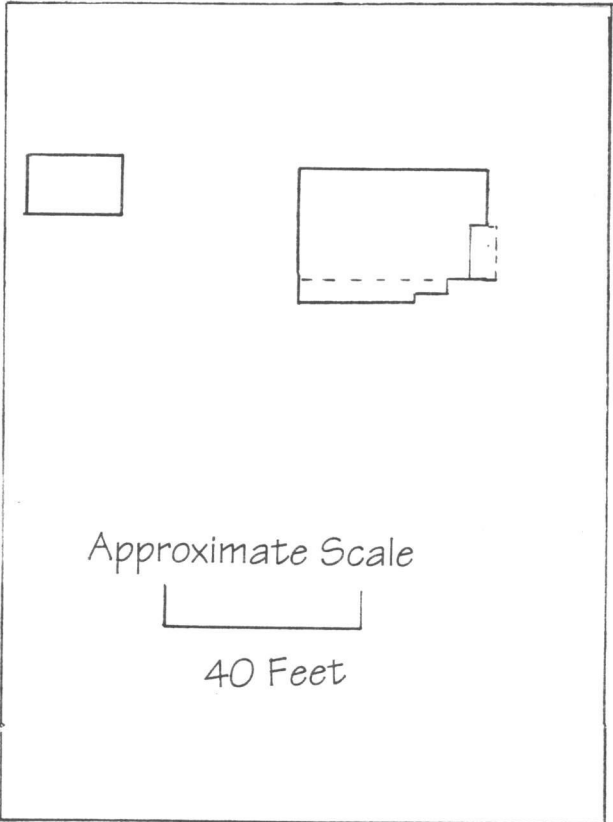
53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

Pine Street



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Alley



617

Approximate Scale



40 Feet

SKETCH MAP

617 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

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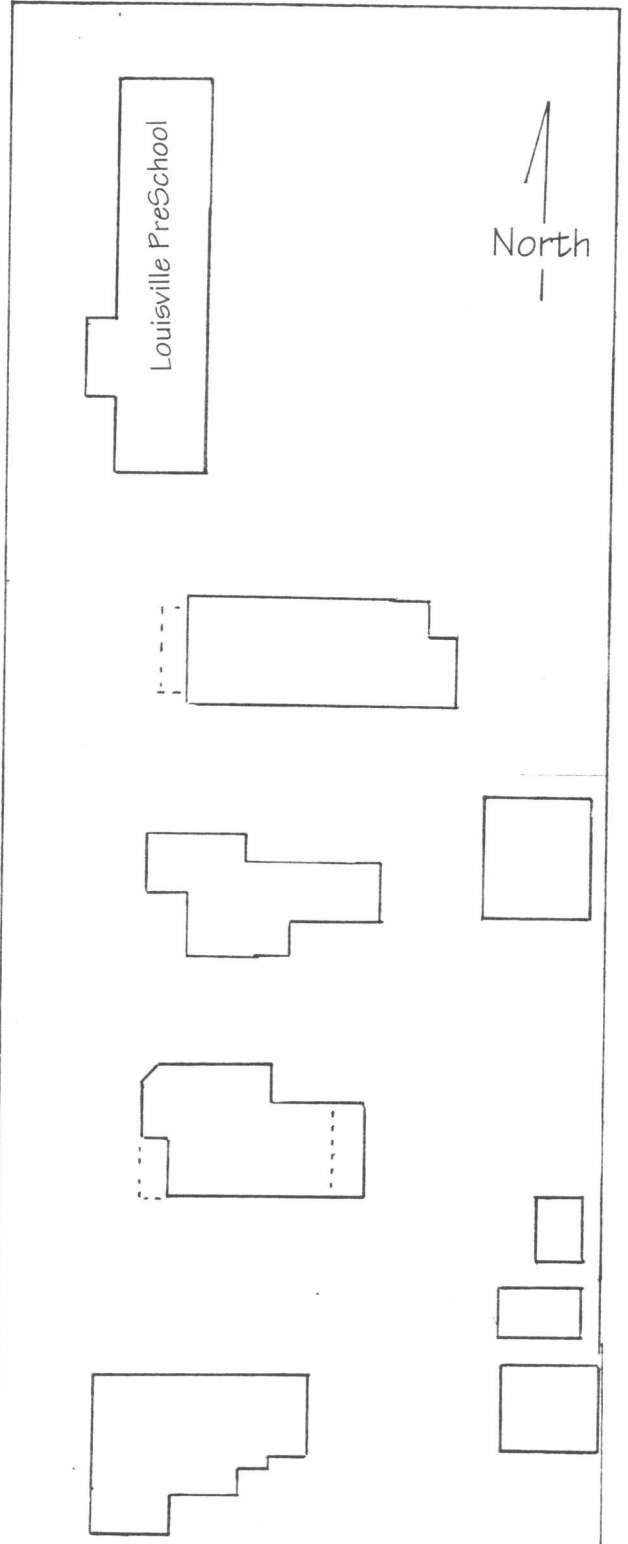
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LaFarge Avenue



North

Alley



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