

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL931**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Graves House**
6. Current building name: **Tatter House**
7. Building address: **624 Lincoln Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Paul J. Tatter**
Owner address: **7 Winchester Road**
New London, CT 06320

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SW% of **SW**% of **NW**% of **SE**% of section 8
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488390**
Northing: **4424880**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **16, 17** Block: **11**
Addition: **Pleasant Hill** Year of Addition **1900**
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 Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **1223 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
Chimney
Fence

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style
(Wood Frame Front
Gabled Dwelling)



21. General Architectural Description

Built at the turn of the twentieth century, this residence is a 1½-story wood-frame dwelling, supported by a low sandstone foundation, covered with concrete pargeting. The building's exterior walls are painted beige horizontal weatherboard, with painted buff red 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with an intersecting gabled to the north elevation. (This portion may be an early addition.) The roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles and has boxed eaves. A red brick chimney is located just below the ridge on the north facing roof slope. Windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames, and painted buff red wood surrounds. Double hung windows on the north elevation, and on the facade (west elevation) are also decorated with flower boxes beneath the sills. Other windows of note include a canted hipped-roof bay on the south elevation, and two 8-light casement windows in an enclosed shed-roofed rear porch, at the east end of the south elevation. A painted brown and green wood-paneled door, with six upper sash lights, and with a painted green wood screen door, opens onto a concrete porch which extends along the south end of the facade. Painted buff red and green turned columns support a low-pitched hipped porch roof. The house's secondary entrance is located on the east elevation. Two non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding glass bypass doors, open onto a large non-historic redwood deck, covered by a shed roof.

A **Garage** is located southeast of the house. Dating from the period of significance, this building features a low concrete perimeter walls foundation, and very rare stone exterior walls. A small flat-roofed extension, located at the east end of the north elevation, is also of stone construction. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with green asphalt shingles, over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Rolled asphalt, in a lozenge pattern, appears in the upper gable ends on the east and west elevations. One red brick chimney is located just below the ridge at the east end of the north facing roof slope. Windows are paired and tripled 4-light fixed-panes, with painted green wood frames, and painted buff red wood surrounds. Two, painted green and red, horizontal sliding garage doors, on the west elevation, open onto a seldom-used driveway which extends along the south side of the house to Lincoln Avenue. A single wood-paneled door, with a dentil course in its locking rail, is located on the north elevation.

A **Tool Shed** is located in the backyard, northeast of the house. This small building has a wood timbers on grade foundation, painted beige horizontal weatherboard walls, with painted buff red 1" by 4" corner boards, and a shed roof with asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A vertical wood plank door, side hinged with metal strap hinges, is located on the south elevation.

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

Boulder County Assessor records indicate that this building was constructed in 1900. This date is plausible given the house's architectural character, and that the Pleasant Hill Addition was platted in 1900. This house was likely one of the first built in this neighborhood. A possible gabled addition to the north elevation predates 1950. The garage and shed also date from the period of significance.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the east side of Lincoln Avenue in one of Louisville's older residential neighborhoods. A planted grass front yard, and a large side yard to the south, features minimal landscaping. A planted grass backyard is enclosed by a chain link fence.

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

Estimate

Actual 1900

Source of information:

Boulder County Assessor records**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 was constructed at the turn of the twentieth century, and has served as a single-family dwelling since that time. Little is known about the early residents and owners of this property. There is a good chance, though, that they were employed by area coal mines. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Louisville's economy was principally based on the area's coal industry, and consequently, the livelihoods of most of the community's inhabitants were directly, or indirectly, dependent on the coal mines.

From the late 1930s (and perhaps earlier) until the early 1990s, this house was the home of the Leslie C. and Alice H. Graves family. The 1940 and 1951 Boulder County Directories list Mr. Graves as the Manager or Superintendent of the Public Service Company of Colorado. In the 1959 Boulder County Directory, he is listed as an electrician employed by the Public Service Company. Louisville's section in the Longmont City Directory suggests that Mr. Graves may have passed away in the late 1970s. Alice H. Graves is listed at this address into the early 1990s. In 1997, Whitney Harrison and Susan Whitehurst resided here as tenants. Paul J. Tatter, the current owner since 1993, resides in Connecticut and maintains this house as a rental.

36. Sources of Information

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

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.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No ☒

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).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: 1900 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: ☒

42. Statement of Significance

Although this building'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. The house is architecturally significant as a representative example of a wood frame front gabled dwelling. Particularly notable is the stone garage, which ranks as one of Louisville's most historically and architecturally significant secondary buildings.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house's historical integrity has been compromised by two non-original 1x1 horizontal sliding glass bypass doors, which open onto a large redwood deck, on the east elevation. The property unfortunately does not appear as if it is being well-maintained by its absentee landlord.

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-7**

Frame(s): **18-23**

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

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

49. Date: **April 5, 2000**

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

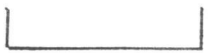
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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



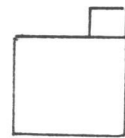
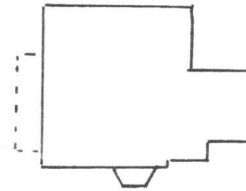
Approximate Scale



40 Feet

Lincoln Avenue

624



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624 Lincoln Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

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