

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL920**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Colorado & Southern Railroad Depot**
6. Current building name: **Louisville Preschool**
7. Building address: **628 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **628 LaFarge LLC**
Owner address: **816 Arapahoe**
Boulder, CO 80302

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SE¼ of SE¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 8
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488680**
Northing: **4424980**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **3-5** 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):
Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **1934 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Vertical Siding
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Flared Eaves
Fence

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style



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21. General Architectural Description

The Colorado and Southern Railroad Depot building is a large wood frame structure supported by a concrete foundation. The exterior walls are painted beige vertical wood siding, and the roof is hipped with flared eaves, covered with brown asphalt shingles. A hipped-roof bay window, with four 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is located on the west elevation. Other 1/1 double-hung sash windows, are located on the east and south elevations. Two single glass-in-wood-frame doors are located on the west elevation. One of these doors, to the south, opens onto a concrete stoop, while the other door opens onto a wood handicapped ramp. A painted white wood-paneled door is located on the south elevation, where a porch was under construction at the time of survey (March 2000). Another glass-in-wood-frame door opens onto a wood handicapped ramp located on the east elevation.

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

This building was constructed as a railroad depot by the Colorado and Southern Railroad Company, and by the Denver Interurban Railroad Company, in 1910. It was originally located west of the railroad tracks, on the south side of Pine Street, near where the Pine Street Junction tavern is now located at 1006 Pine Street. The building was moved to its present location, at the southeast corner of LaFarge Avenue and Pine Street, in 1962. In early 2000, the building was renovated to house the Louisville Pre-School.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

Now used as a preschool, Louisville's Colorado and Southern Railroad Depot is located at the southeast corner of LaFarge Avenue and Pine Street, west of downtown Loveland.

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

Estimate

Actual 1910

Source of information:

Conarroe, Carolyn. "Depot Keeps Place With City's Progress." *Louisville Times / Lafayette News*, February 24, 1993.

26. Architect:

unknown

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:**Colorado and Southern Railroad Co.**

Source of information:

Conarroe, Carolyn. "Depot Keeps Place With City's Progress." *Louisville Times / Lafayette News*, February 24, 1993.

28. Original owner:**Colorado and Southern Railroad Company**

Source of information:

Conarroe, Carolyn. "Depot Keeps Place With City's Progress." *Louisville Times / Lafayette News*, February 24, 1993.

30. Original location: no

Moved yes

Date of move(s) 1962

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Transportation / Depot**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Vacant / Not in Use**
33. Current use(s): **Education / School**
34. Site type(s): **Railroad depot converted to preschool**

35. Historical Background

Louisville's railroad depot was constructed in 1910, in a cooperative effort by the Colorado and Southern Railroad Company (C&S RR), and by the Denver Interurban Company. Created in 1872 as the Colorado Central Railroad, the C&S RR was developed to transport coal from the Northern Colorado coal fields, to markets in Denver. Some years later, in 1909, the Denver Interurban Company was formed to provide passenger transportation between Denver and Boulder. One of the Interurban's routes came through Louisville, with the company's tracks were laid next to the existing C&S RR tracks. The depot served both companies until the early 1930s, when the Denver Interurban folded, during the early years of the Great Depression. The depot continued to be used to facilitate the transportation of coal for the next three decades. As the local coal markets declined in the 1950s, though, need for the depot gradually dwindled. It was finally closed, on July 20, 1962.

In October 1962, the depot was purchased by the Louisville Lions Club, and the building was subsequently moved to its present location. The building was used here by the Lions Club until circa 1982. For the next several years, the Lions Club leased the building to Louisville's American Legion. In late 1999, the building was renovated for use as the Louisville Pre-School, which opened in the Spring of 2000.

36. Sources of Information

"Busy Days at the Louisville Passenger Depot Recalled by William D. Clark." *Boulder Daily Camera*, n.d. (December 1956) from clipping file at the Louisville Historical Museum.

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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 **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;

xx 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:

Transportation / Rail-Related

40. Period of Significance: 1910 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This building was historically significant because of its historic use as a railroad depot, used primarily to transport coal from Colorado's northern coal fields to markets in Denver. The building was also architecturally significant as a representative example of railroad depot construction, dating from the early twentieth century. Because the building has been moved, following the period of significance, and because it does not appear to meet the requirements for Criteria Consideration B, for moved properties, the building should be considered ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be regarded as a non-contributing property within a potential historic district

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

After it was moved to its present location, this building lost its integrity of setting, location, feeling and association. More physical aspects of the building's integrity were lost when its exterior wall materials were changed as it was converted to a pre-school.

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): **11-13**

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

633

Alley

617

Approximate Scale

40 Feet

SKETCH MAP

628 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

628

624

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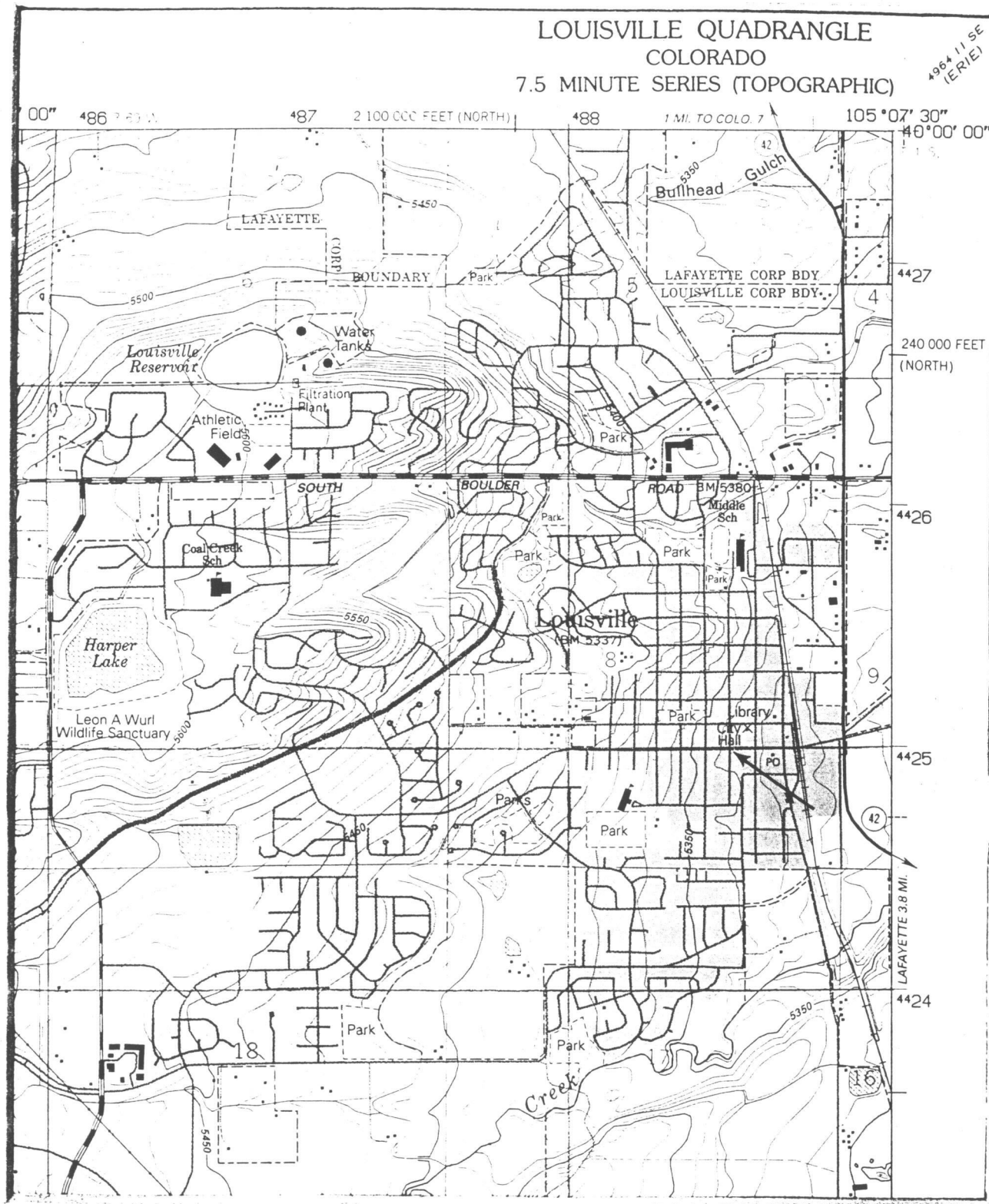
608

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Louisville PreSchool

North

Alley



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