

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

### Architectural Inventory Form

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#### I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7980**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Dionigi House**
6. Current building name: **Colacci House**
7. Building address: **721 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Mary Ann Colacci & Nancy Green**  
Owner address: **721 LaFarge Avenue**  
**Louisville, CO 80027**

#### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of **NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488640**  
Northing: **4425060**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **6, 7** Block: **6**  
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.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**Other Style**  
**(Wood Frame Side**  
**Gabled Dwelling)**

#### 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: **1064 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Asbestos**
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**



**21. General Architectural Description**

Located on the west side of LaFarge Avenue, the Colacci House is a wood-frame residence supported by a low concrete foundation. An unfenced planted grass front yard is located east and south of the house, while a planted grass backyard, to the west, is enclosed by a chain link fence. A concrete sidewalk, which parallels LaFarge Avenue, is separated from the curb by a narrow strip of grass. The house's exterior walls are undulated asbestos shingle siding. An intersecting gables roof has boxed eaves, and is covered with grey asphalt shingles. One red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the north elevation. Original windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with exterior metal storm windows. A single-light fixed-pane window is located on the facade, and two 1x1 horizontal sliding windows are located on the south elevation. The house's front entry is located on the east elevation, where a solid wood door, with a white metal storm door, opens onto a non-original wood porch. The porch wraps around to cover part of the south elevation, and at its north end, it is covered by a hipped porch roof with painted white turned columns, and an open wood balustrade with turned balusters. A 19' by 10', shed-roofed, enclosed rear entry porch is located at the west end of the south elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with a white metal storm door, opens onto a concrete sidewalk on the house's west elevation.

A single-car **Garage** is located on the alley to the west of the house. This building features a concrete slab foundation and floor, concrete block walls, and a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. A red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the east elevation. Two 8-light hopper windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, are located on the south elevation. One non-original single-light fixed-pane window is located on the east elevation. A white metal roll-away garage door opens onto the asphalt paved alley on the west elevation. a painted blue wood-paneled door, is located on the north elevation.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1900 as this house's year of construction. Sanborn insurance maps, however, provide evidence that the house was actually built prior to 1893. The house is depicted on the 1893 Sanborn map, and it was presumably built sometime between when the Jefferson Place Addition was platted, and 1893. Additions to the west (rear) elevation, and to the west end of the south elevation, predate the 1960s.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

The Colacci property is located on the west side of the 700 block of LaFarge Avenue, west of downtown, in Louisville's oldest residential neighborhood.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**  
**Garage****IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**Estimate **ca. 1890**

Actual

Source of information:

**Sanborn insurance map, 1893****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**

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## 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 between 1880 and 1893, and has served as a single-family dwelling since that time. Although the home's original owner is unknown, there is a good chance that a member of the family was employed at an area coal mine. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Louisville's economy was based, to a great extent, on the area's coal industry. As a result, the livelihoods of most of the community's inhabitants were directly, or indirectly, dependent on coal. In 1928, Boulder County Directories list Anthony and Filomena (Felma) Ross as the residents at this address. In other years, in the 1910s, and later in the 1930s, the Ross family is listed at 748 LaFarge Avenue, and at 722 LaFarge Avenue.

Throughout its history, this property was most closely associated with the Dionigi family. The Dionigis came to Louisville circa 1910, and by 1916, they were living at 512 LaFarge Avenue (Louisville's addresses have changed multiple times. This location would probably have been somewhere in what is today the 900 block of LaFarge.) Members of the Dionigi family, in 1916, included Joseph (a miner), his wife, Jennie, John (a meat cutter at L.W. McCorkles), Atory [sp.?] (a miner), Peter (a student), and Josephine, Katie, and Mary. By 1928, John Dionigi was employed as a meat cutter at Mary Colacci's grocery store on Main Street. John, and his wife Elizabeth, moved into this house in the early 1930s, and it remained in the Dionigi family until the early 1990s. In the late 1930s, John was employed by the Louisville - Lafayette Coal Company, and during the 1940s and 1950s, he was a Justice of the Peace, and served as the Louisville Town Clerk. In more recent years, the property has been owned by Mary Ann Colacci and Nancy Lee Green. (For information on the Colacci family, please refer to the Architectural Inventory Form for the Blue Parrot Cafe at 640 Main Street (5BL8037).)

### 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.

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:

**Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European**

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1890 - 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 beginning in the late 1800s, and during the first half of the 1900s. The garage dates from the period of significance and would also be a contributing resource within a potential historic district. A concrete block incinerator is also a notable feature.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This building's historical integrity has been compromised to a moderate degree by a new redwood front porch, and by the earlier application of asbestos shingle siding.

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## 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: **Platted in 1880 as the Jefferson Place Addition, the neighborhood, along Lafarge and Jefferson Avenues, is Louisville's oldest residential neighborhood. Historic houses in this area, which have retained a sufficient degree of historical integrity, could 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): **31-36**

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**

Spruce Street

Alley

737

729

721

Alley

LaFarge Avenue



Pine Street

• • • SKETCH MAP • • •

721 LaFarge Avenue Street, Louisville, Colorado

Approximate Scale

40 Feet

96-11 SE  
(ERIE)



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