

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL919**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Gutfelder House**
6. Current building name: **Brunner House**
7. Building address: **728 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Mark Lloyd Brunner**
Owner address: **728 LaFarge Avenue**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
NW of **SE** of **NW** of **SE** of section **8**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488680**
Northing: **4425070**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8-10** Block: **2**
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:

Foursquare

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):
Square Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **964 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **two**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Weatherboard
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Chimney
Porch



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21. General Architectural Description

Built in the American Foursquare style, this wood frame residence is supported by a low concrete foundation, with a bulkhead cellar located on the east elevation. The building's exterior walls are painted beige horizontal weatherboard, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof is hipped, with brown asphalt shingles and boxed eaves, and there is a boxed chimney located on the ridge. A shed-roofed bay window, with two 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is located on the south elevation. Windows elsewhere on the building are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with wood cornices. Most windows also have exterior metal storm windows. A non-original fixed-pane window is located on the second story, on the west elevation. A stained brown wood-paneled door, with a painted white wood storm door, opens onto a concrete porch which covers nearly all of the facade (west elevation). Painted white turned columns and engaged columns, support a low-pitched hipped porch roof. A secondary entrance is located on the house's east (rear) elevation, where a wood-paneled door, with a white metal storm door, opens onto a wood porch, from a gabled rear addition.

A gravel driveway leads from LaFarge along the south property line to a wood frame **Garage** located southeast of the house. The garage features a low concrete perimeter walls foundation, grey asbestos shingle siding exterior walls, and a front gable roof, with rolled brown asphalt roofing material over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A painted beige, vertical wood plank, horizontal sliding garage door opens onto the driveway on the garage's west elevation.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1930 as this house's date of construction. The house's American Foursquare style is more indicative of houses built in the 1910s, however, the 1930 date may be accurate. Sanborn insurance maps do provide evidence, at least, that the house was constructed after 1908.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the east side 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 **1930**

Actual

Source of information:

Boulder County Assessor records

26. Architect:

unknown

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:

unknown

Source of information:

n/a

28. Original owner:

Louis Gutfelder

Source of information:

Mehls, Steven F., and Mehls, Carol Drake. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (728 LaFarge), August 2, 1985.

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 built circa 1930, and has been used as a single family residence throughout the remainder of the twentieth century. For many years, prior to 1950, the property was owned by the Gutfelder family. The Gutfelders came to Louisville prior to 1892. The 1892 Boulder County directory lists Alouis Gutfelder as retired, and Alouis Jr. as a miner. During the early twentieth century, members of the Gutfelder family included Louis Jr., and his wife Josephine, as well as Tony, Teresa, Katherine, Frank, and Bertha. In the 1916 Boulder County directory, Louis, Tony, and Frank are all listed as miners. Members of the Gutfelder family lived on LaFarge Avenue, possibly in this house, into the 1940s.

From the 1950s, into the late 1970s, this was the residence of Alec and Naomi Merciez. They had two sons: Alec Jr. (Alex), and Richard. Mr. Merciez worked as a laborer in the late 1950s. In the 1980s, this property was owned by Robert Hensburger. Owners in the 1990s, have included Reynold Akinson, and the current owner, Mark Brunner.

36. Sources of Information

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

Mehls, Steven F., Mehls, and Carol Drake. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (728 LaFarge), August 2, 1985. On file at the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Denver, CO.

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

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 / European40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1930 - 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 in the years prior to 1950. The house is also architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a locally notable example of an American Foursquare style house. The garage dates from the period of significance and would also be a contributing resource within a potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits above average integrity. A gabled addition to the east (rear) elevation predates the 1960s.

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: /a

Noncontributing: n/a

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **CM-9**

Frame(s): **6-10**

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

800/804

810



LaFarge Avenue

728

Approximate Scale



801

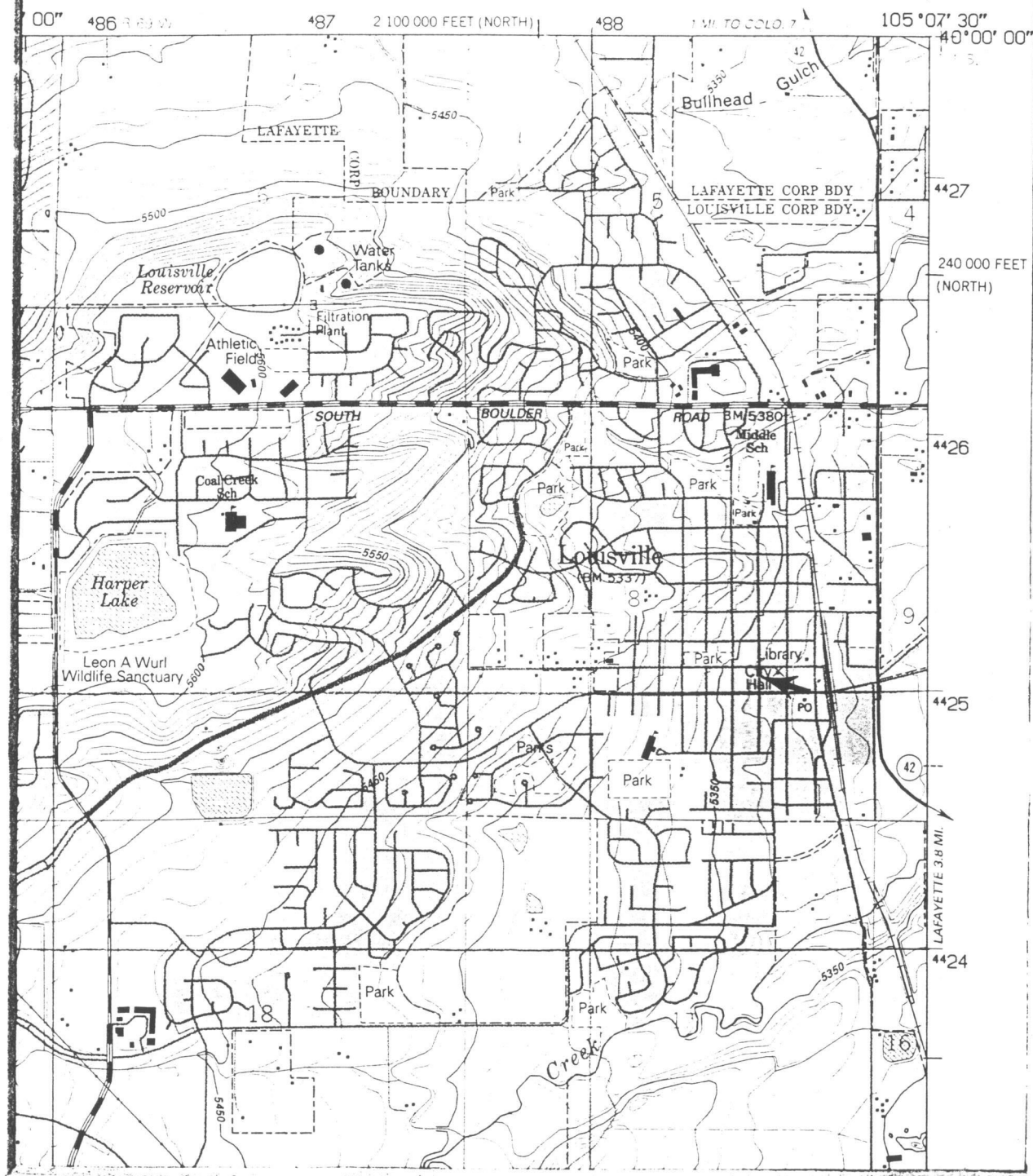
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Pine Street

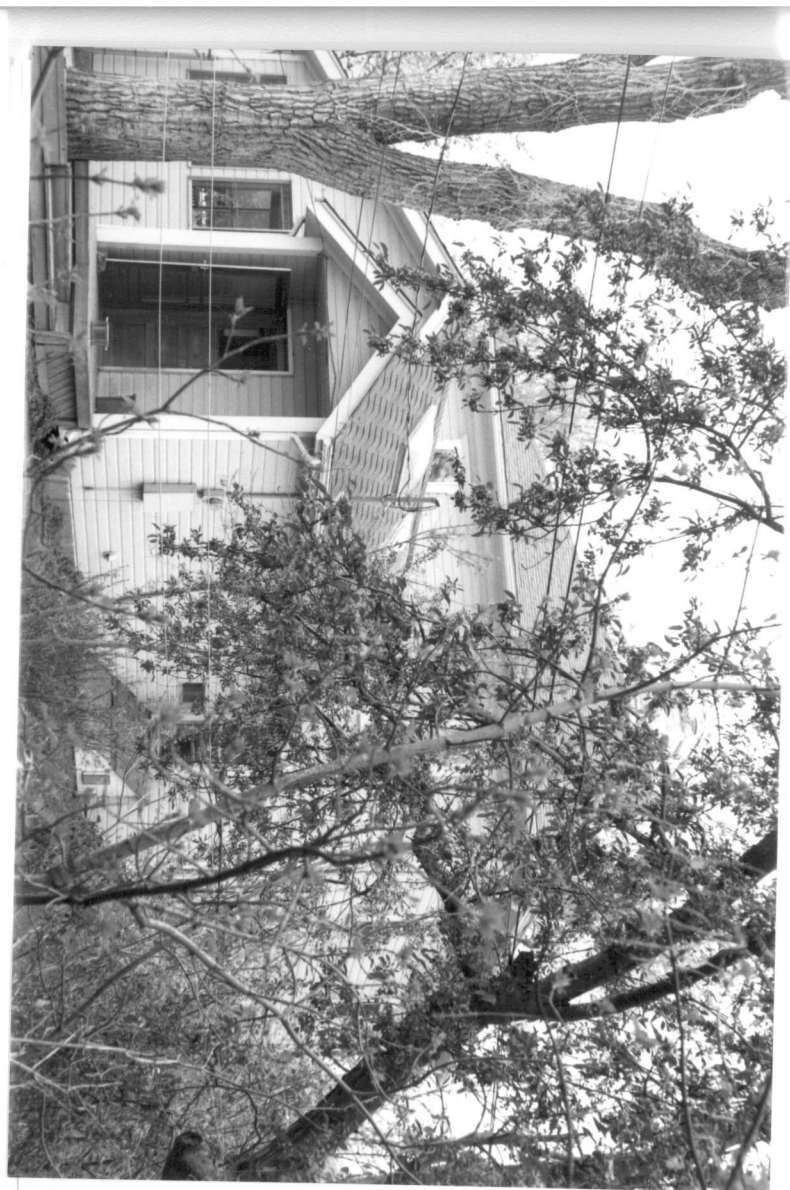
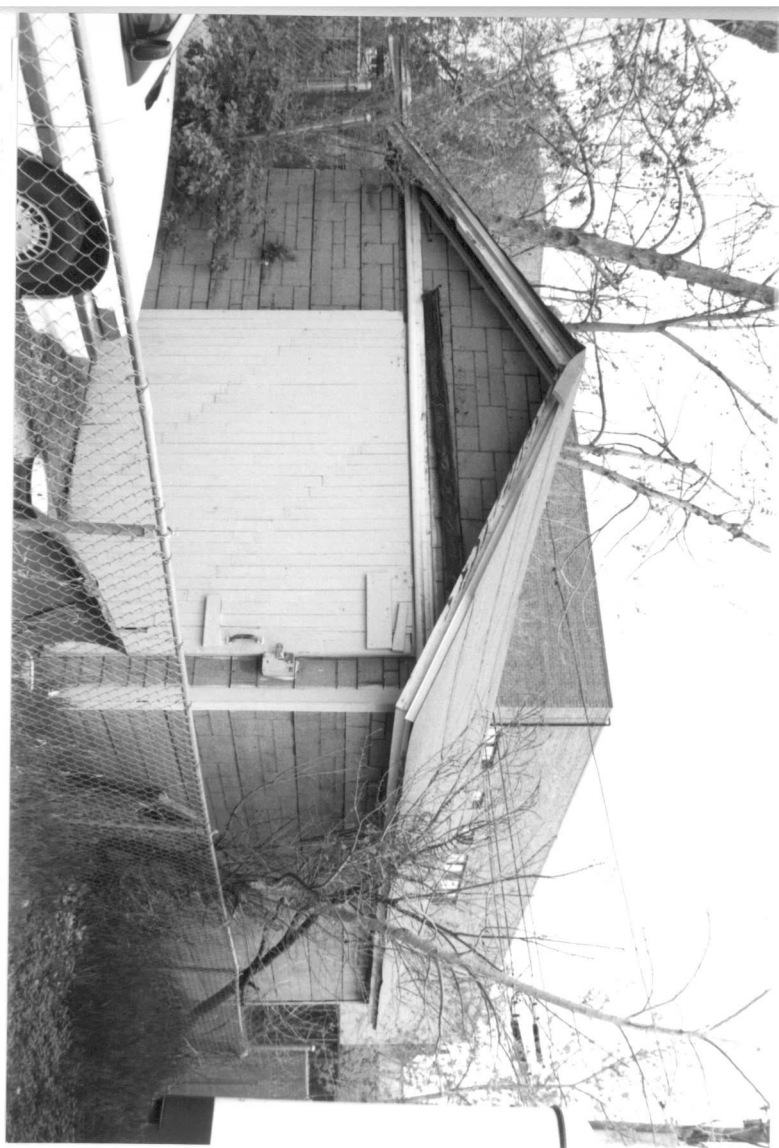
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728 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

96-11 SE
(ERIE)







5BL919 728 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 8
 View to East