

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7981**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Chiolino House**
6. Current building name: **Knappek House**
7. Building address: **729 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **John C. & Paula Knappek**
Owner address: **729 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: **488640**
Northing: **4425050**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8-10** 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.**

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):
L-Shaped Plan
15. Dimensions in feet: **972 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Metal / Aluminum
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):
Glass Block
Porch
Chimney
Fence

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style
(Wood Frame Gabled
Roof Dwelling)



21. General Architectural Description

The Knappek House is a one-story wood frame residence supported by a concrete foundation. A planted grass backyard, to the west, is enclosed by a chain link fence. The front yard is to the east, with mature landscaping including cedar shrubs and trees, and a large fir or spruce tree. The building's exterior walls are non-original yellow horizontal aluminum siding, and the roof is comprised of intersecting gables with brown asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. One red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the north elevation. Decorative purlins, with kneebraces, appear in the upper gable ends, and there is a non-original skylight on the north facing roof slope. Original windows are 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with exterior metal storm windows. Many windows are not original, however, including 1x1 horizontal sliders, single-light fixed-panes, one glass block window, and a single-light window, flanked by two casement windows, located on the east elevation. The house's front entrance is located on the east elevation. Here, a painted white wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights, and with a painted white wood screen door, opens onto a tongue-and-groove wood porch. The porch floor is painted red, and is covered by a shed roof with turned column supports. A painted white 10-light glass-in-wood-frame door opens onto a concrete patio, on the house's west (rear) elevation.

A concrete driveway leads from LaFarge, and extends along the north property line to a single-car **Garage** which is located northwest of the house. Featuring wood frame construction, the garage has a concrete slab foundation and floor, grey asphalt shingle siding exterior walls, and a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with grey asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A painted white vertical wood plank door, horizontal sliding door, with X-bracing, opens onto the driveway on the east elevation. A single, painted red solid wood door is located at the west end of the south elevation. Single 2-light windows are located on the south and west elevations.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1900 as this residence's year of construction. Sanborn insurance maps, though, provide evidence that the original house was an L-shaped dwelling constructed prior to 1893. A 10' by 12' shed-roofed addition to the south elevation, dates to the 1950s. The building historically had an entry in the gable end which faces toward LaFarge Avenue, on the east elevation.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the west 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 **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**

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 during the period 1880 to 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.

During the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, this was the residence of John J. and Edith Chiolino. In the late 1930s, John was employed by the Louisville - Lafayette Coal Company. In the late 1950s, he worked as a driver for Steinbaugh's Lumber Company. In August 1961, the Chiolinos sold the property to Robert J. Carnahan. In 1970, this was the residence of Darrel Quick. The Lloyd L. Carson family owned and lived here in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, this was the Andrew C. Mondragon residence. John C. & Paula Knapek, the current owners, have held the property since 1998.

36. Sources of Information

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

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 ☒

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:

Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1890 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: ☒

42. Statement of Significance

This house was historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with residential development in Louisville in the late 1800s, and during the first half of the twentieth century. The house was architecturally significant as well, under National Register Criterion C, as an example of a wood frame gabled-L dwelling. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, however, the property should be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be a non-contributing property within a potential National Register historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house's historical integrity has been impacted by an addition to the south elevation, by the removal of the original front entry, by the alteration of several window openings, and by the installation of aluminum siding on the exterior walls. As a result, the house is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic significance.

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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: **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:

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-3**

Frame(s): **1-6**

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 • • •

729 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

Approximate Scale



40 Feet



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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