

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL852**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Smith House**
6. Current building name: **Reis/ Kowalczyk House**
7. Building address: **801 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Michael Reis & Kristen Kowalczyk**
Owner address: **738 Pear Court**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
NW¼ of **SE**¼ of **NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488640**
Northing: **4425110**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **1** Block: **5**
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 Gabled
Roof 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: **1096 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **two**
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):
Chimney
Fence



21. General Architectural Description

This tall two-story house is supported by a low concrete foundation, and displays non-original white horizontal aluminum siding, over wood frame construction. Located on a corner lot, the building is surrounded by a small planted grass lawn, enclosed by a chain link fence. Wide concrete sidewalks parallel the fence along Spruce and LaFarge. The house is comprised of an original two-story portion to the east, and a pre-1950 one-story addition to the west. The two-story portion is covered by an intersecting gables roof brown asphalt shingles, and boxed eaves with returns. The one story portion has a gable roof with a shed roof extension to the south. It is also covered with brown asphalt shingles, and has a red brick chimney on its south facing roof slope. A canted hipped roof bay window, with three single hung sash windows with divided upper sash lights, is located near the north end of the east elevation. Other window patterns include bands of 3/2 single hung sash, 1/1 double-hung sash, single-light fixed-panes, 2-light fixed-panes, 3/1 (ribbon style) double-hung sash, and 3-light hoppers, all with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a concrete sidewalk on the facade (east elevation). Located on the west elevation, the rear entrance is comprised of a painted white wood-paneled door, which opens onto a concrete sidewalk.

A **Garage / Secondary Residence** is located on the alley, behind the house to the west, and extends behind 805 LaFarge to the north. This building has a low concrete perimeter walls foundation, a concrete slab floor, and white horizontal aluminum siding over wood frame construction. The roof is a moderately-pitched gable, with brown asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Two painted white overhead garage doors, on the building's south elevation, open onto a short concrete driveway which extends to Spruce Street. Two single painted white wood-paneled doors open onto a concrete patio, covered by a shed roof, on the east elevation. A band of three 2-light windows, and two 3/1 double-hung sash windows, are located on the east elevation.

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

Louisville's Sanborn insurance maps document that the first dwelling on this lot was constructed sometime after the Jefferson Place Addition was platted in 1880, and before 1893. Maps published in 1893 and 1900 depict a small rectangular-shaped dwelling located here. The 1908 Sanborn map shows the building as it is currently configured, with the exception of the shed-roofed extension to the facade. The dwelling depicted on the 1908 Sanborn map may have been an entirely new structure, or it may have been an enlargement of the earlier residence.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located at the northwest corner of LaFarge Avenue and Spruce Streets, west of downtown, in Louisville's oldest residential neighborhood.

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

Actual

Source of information:

Sanborn 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 lot was first developed before 1893, and was evidently associated with the general store, located next door to the north. Oral sources indicate that the two buildings may have a shared basement. For many years, from the mid-1930s until the early 1960s, this house was owned and occupied by members of the Edward C. Smith family. (Edward's given name was either "Edward Charles" or "Charles Edward", but he was commonly known as "Ed." Along with his brother Samuel Smith, Ed was engaged in the general merchandise business at the Monarch Mine in the 1920s. Ed, and his wife Kathleen, moved into this house in the early 1930s and began operating Ed Smith's Grocery Store next door, at what is today 805 LaFarge Avenue. (Sanborn maps reveal that the building at 805 LaFarge was built between 1900 and 1908. On the 1908 Sanborn, its use is listed as "General Store.") The Smiths apparently lived in the house on the corner while operating the store next door until the mid-to-late 1950s. Edward and Kathleen then converted the store into their residence, while other members of the Smith family continued to live here at 801 LaFarge Avenue until the early 1960s. Other members of the Smith family, included Edward R. Smith, Donald R. Smith, and Raymond L. Smith. Raymond L. Smith, a construction worker, and his wife Diana, lived here in the years surrounding 1959.

Residents who have lived here subsequent to the Smiths include: James E. Kennedy (late 1960s - early 1970s); Kerry N. Claussen (circa 1975); Steve Fitch (mid-1980s); and Richard Garcia (circa 1990). Michael Reis & Kristen Kowalczyk, the property's current owners, also own the property next door. They maintain both residences as rentals.

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.

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

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1890 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx****42. Statement of Significance**

This property is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with residential development in Louisville beginning circa 1890. Early residents of this property were probably miners, and in later years, the building served as the residence for the storekeeper of the Grocery located next door. The house is architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a rare example of a two-story wood frame gable roof dwelling, in Louisville.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building has had no additions within the past fifty years, and there has evidently been only one addition to the building subsequent to 1908. The building's integrity has been impacted to some extent by the alteration of some windows, and by the application of aluminum siding. The aluminum, though, has served to protect the historic wall material underneath.

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 properties 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-3**

Frame(s): **12-16**

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**

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801 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

Walnut Street

Alley

833

825

821

817

815

809

805

801

LaFarge Avenue

North

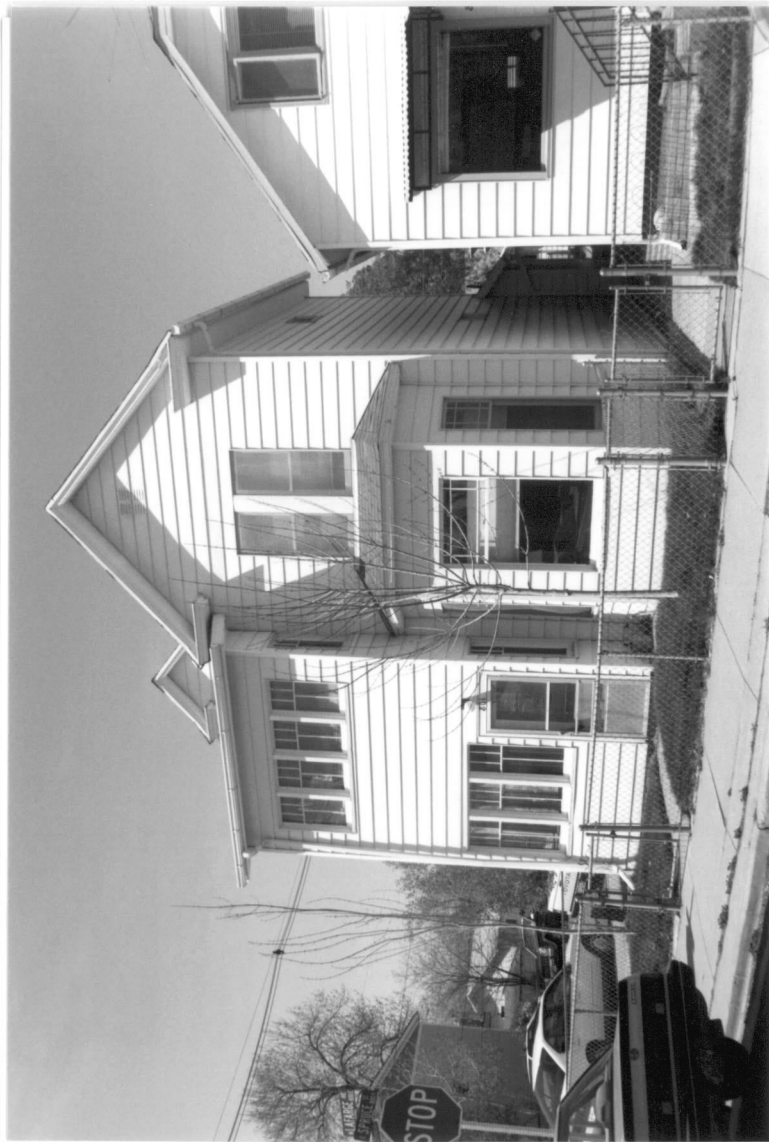
Approximate Scale

40 Feet

Spruce Street

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801 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado





5BL852 801 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville
House
25 April 2000
Negative located at: City of Louisville
749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027
Photographed by Carl McWilliams
Roll CM-3 Frame 14
View to ENE