

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7986**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Coet House**
6. Current building name: **Smith House**
7. Building address: **809 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Gerald Smith & Rebecca White**
Owner address: **809 LaFarge Avenue**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SE of **NE** of **NW** of **SE** of section **8**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488640**
Northing: **4425130**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **3** 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.**

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: **620 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

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style
(Wood Frame Gable
Roof Dwelling)



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21. General Architectural Description

This modest one-story residence is supported by a low concrete foundation. The building's exterior walls originally featured horizontal wood siding, but were clad with white undulated asbestos shingle siding, sometime after 1950. The wood-frame building is covered by an intersecting gables roof, with green asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. A tall red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the north elevation. Windows include a non-original single-light fixed-pane window, located on the facade (east elevation), as well as 1x1 horizontal sliders, 4-light hoppers, and 1/1 double hung sash windows, on the secondary elevations. All windows have painted white wood frames and surrounds. A concrete porch, covered by a shed roof with black wrought iron supports, is located at the south end of the facade. Two painted white wood-paneled doors, each with an aluminum storm door, open onto the porch. A secondary entrance is located near the west end of the south elevation, where a solid wood door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a concrete sidewalk.

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

Constructed in 1882, this is one of the oldest houses in Louisville. Sanborn insurance maps published in 1893 and 1900 show the small building unchanged during those years. The 1908 Sanborn map shows that the building had been slightly enlarged. A shed-roofed addition to the west (rear) elevation does appear on a 1948 property appraisal, indicating that it was built prior to that time.

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
n/a**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate

Actual **1882**

Source of information:

**Boulder County Assessor records;
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

Constructed in 1882, this is one of Louisville's oldest residences. Efforts to uncover information about early residents of the property were generally unsuccessful, because Boulder County Directories do not list addresses for Louisville residents until the 1910s. Street addresses in Louisville changed several times, further hampering research through county and city directories. What is known about this property, is that from the late 1940s until 1997, it was owned and occupied by the Charles and Eloise (possibly a.k.a. Louisa and Mildred Eloise) Coet family. Charles Coet, who had previously labored as a coal miner, was a construction worker in the early 1950s, and was later employed by Dow Chemical (circa 1959). Charles evidently passed away in the early 1970s, but his widow continued to live here until 1997. In earlier years, in the late 1930s and early 1940s, the Coet family lived in a house on Walnut Street, and before that, in east Louisville. Other Coets lived elsewhere in Louisville, including Joseph and Mary Coet, and George Coet. This property's current owners are Gerald R. and Rebecca R. White. They have owned and lived here since 1997.

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.

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: 1882 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: ☒

42. Statement of Significance

This house is historically and architecturally significant because it is one of Louisville's oldest residences, and because it was long associated with Louisville's early development as a coal mining community in the late 1800s, and through the first half of the 1900s. Families who lived here were undoubtedly employed, either directly or indirectly, by area coal mines. Due to some loss of integrity, the property is probably not individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, however it is eligible as a 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 compromised by the alteration of several window openings, including one on the facade, and by the application of asbestos shingle siding, probably in the 1950s.

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): **20-22**

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 27, 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**

Walnut Street

Alley

833

825

821

817

815

809

805

801

LaFarge Avenue



Approximate Scale



40 Feet

Spruce Street

. . . SKETCH MAP . . .

809 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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