

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7993**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Biella House**
6. Current building name: **Dhieux House**
7. Building address: **825 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **A.W. & Vivian R. Dhieux**
Owner address: **825 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: **4425170**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **7-9** 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: **1008**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Stucco
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 Side
Gabled Dwelling)



21. General Architectural Description

Comprised of a house and two secondary structures, the Dhieux property is situated on a large lot with a small unfenced front yard to the east, and a larger backyard to the west. The backyard is landscaped with white birch or aspen trees, and is partially enclosed by a woven wire fence and by a wood privacy fence. The house rests on a low painted red concrete foundation, and the exterior walls are white stucco over wood frame construction. An intersecting gables roof has boxed eaves, and is covered with grey asphalt shingles. One red brick chimney is located on the ridge. Windows on the facade (east elevation) include a large 3-light fixed-pane, and a small 1x1 horizontal slider, both with painted white wood frames and surrounds. Windows on the secondary elevations include 2/1 and 3/1 double-hung sash (ribbon style), 1/1 double-hung sash, and 1x1 horizontal sliders. The windows predominantly have painted white wood frames and surrounds, and some have exterior painted black wood screens. A stained natural brown wood-paneled front door, with four slender upper sash lights, and with a white metal storm door, is located on the east elevation. The door opens onto a 4-step concrete porch, with stuccoed wood-frame half-walls, and painted white squared piers, which hold up a hipped porch roof. A 12' by 14' gabled addition to the west (rear) elevation predates 1947. The addition serves as an enclosed rear porch, and opens onto a large concrete patio covered by a shed roof with painted red 4" by 4" wood post supports.

A 22' by 24' **Garage** is located to the north of the house. This building features a concrete slab foundation and floor, white stuccoed concrete block walls, and a nearly flat roof, with stepped side gables along the north and south elevations. Two painted white vertical wood plank overhead garage doors open onto a concrete driveway on the east elevation which extends to LaFarge Street. A single, painted white, wood-paneled door is located on the garage's south elevation.

A **Chicken House / Old Garage** is located near the alley, northwest of the house. This building has a low concrete perimeter walls foundation, unpainted concrete block walls, and a shed roof with rolled green asphalt roofing material over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A large plywood covered window opening is located on the south elevation. A single metal covered door is located at the west end of the south elevation. A horizontal sliding, vertical wood plank, door faces onto the alley on the west elevation.

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

Sanborn insurance maps provide evidence that this house was constructed in the years prior to 1893. It is depicted on the 1893 Sanborn map, and was evidently constructed sometime prior to that date, but after the Jefferson Place Addition was platted in 1880. A 12' by 14' enclosed rear porch addition predates 1948. and was probably completed in 1947. The house was stuccoed, and several windows changed, probably about the same time. The garage was probably built in the late 1940s. The smaller garage/ chicken coop at the rear of the lot, is much older, but does not appear on the 1908 Sanborn map.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

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

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects **Garage, Shed**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:

Estimate **ca. 1885**

Actual

Source of information:

Sanborn maps, 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

The Jefferson Place Addition (LaFarge and Jefferson Avenues between Elm and South Streets) was platted in 1880, and residential development in this area began not long afterward. This house was built sometime prior to 1893, and based on its size was probably the residence of a fairly well-to-do merchant or mining company official. For many years, from circa 1930 to the early 1960s, this was the residence of Santino (Sandy) G. and Mary L. Biella. Mr. Biella was the manager of the Rex Theater on Main Street for many years. He passed away in the 1950s, but Mary, his widow, continued to live here for another decade or so.

In the early 1960s, this property was acquired by its current residents, August William (Bill) and Vivian R. Dhieux. Bill's father, August Dhieux, was born in France in the 1890s. August immigrated to the United States with his parents at a young age, settling first in Pennsylvania before coming west. In Colorado, the Dhieux family initially lived at Canfield before moving to Louisville. August married Julia (Gosline [sp.?!]) in the early 1910s, and they subsequently had two sons - Henry, born in 1915, and Bill, born circa 1919. The Dhieux family lived for many years at what is now 1000 Rex Street. Henry presently (in 2000) lives across the street from that location, while Bill lives in this house on LaFarge Avenue. August Dhieux worked in area coal mines for some fifty years. Henry Dhieux began working in the mines for twenty-two years, before switching to carpentry work. Among others, Henry worked at the Centennial Mine, at the Monarch Mine, and at the Hi-Way Mine. Bill Dhieux also worked in the mines, before working as a machinist at Rocky Flats.

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.

Dhieux, Henry. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, May 15, 2000.

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. 1885 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

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

This house is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with early residential development in Louisville. It is also architecturally significant under National Register Criterion C, as a good example of a wood frame side gabled dwelling, dating from before the turn of the twentieth century. Because there has been some loss of integrity, the house is probably not individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The house could be eligible, however, as a contributing property within a potential National Register historic district, comprised of properties within the Jefferson Place Addition. Both of the secondary buildings date from the period of significance, and should also be considered contributing resources to the potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house's historical integrity has been compromised to a moderate degree by an enclosed rear porch addition, by the alteration of many window openings, and by the application of stucco to the exterior walls. All of these changes apparently occurred in the late 1940s, however, and have achieved some level of historic significance in their own right.

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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-4**

Frame(s): **2-8**

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

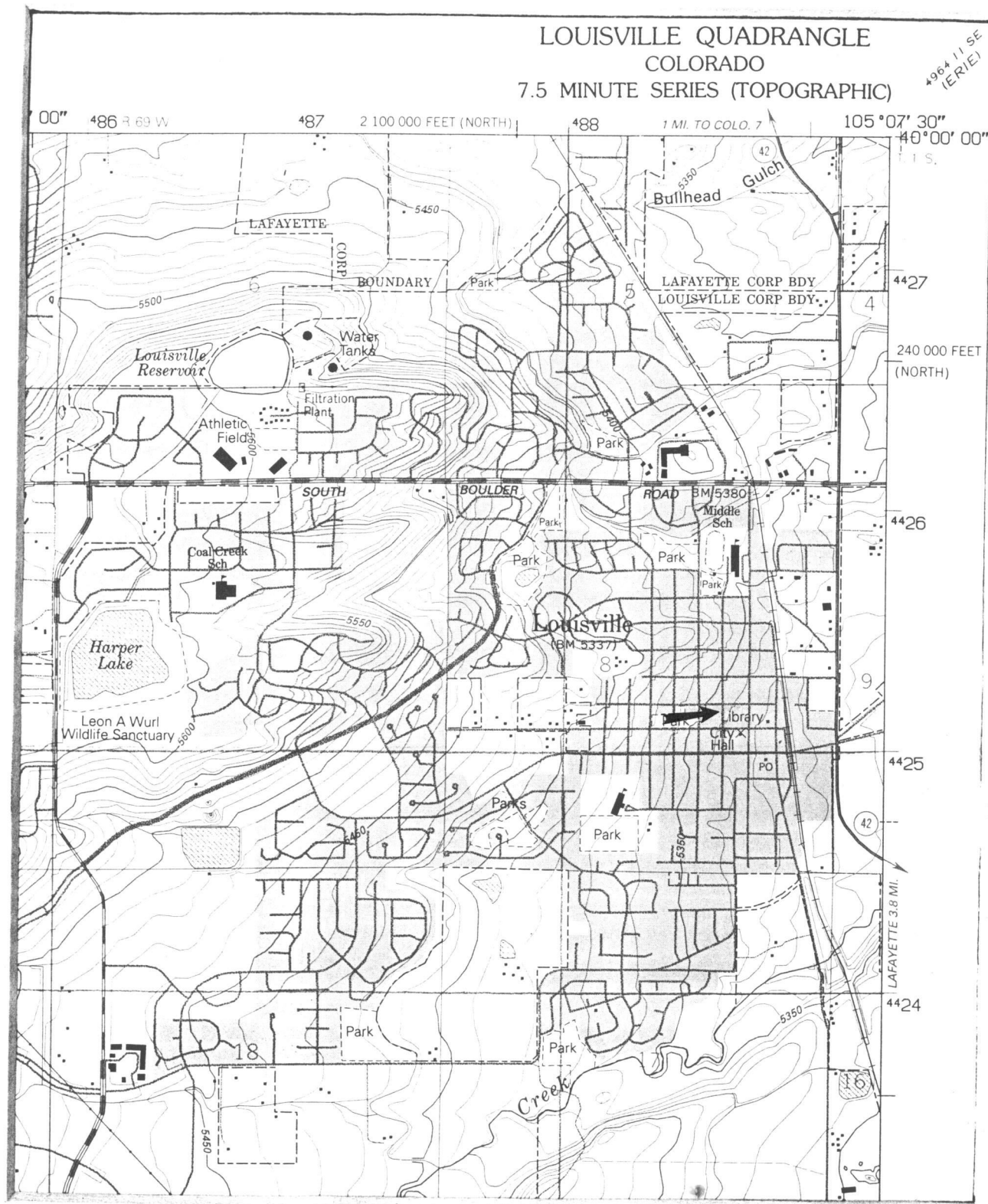


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Spruce Street

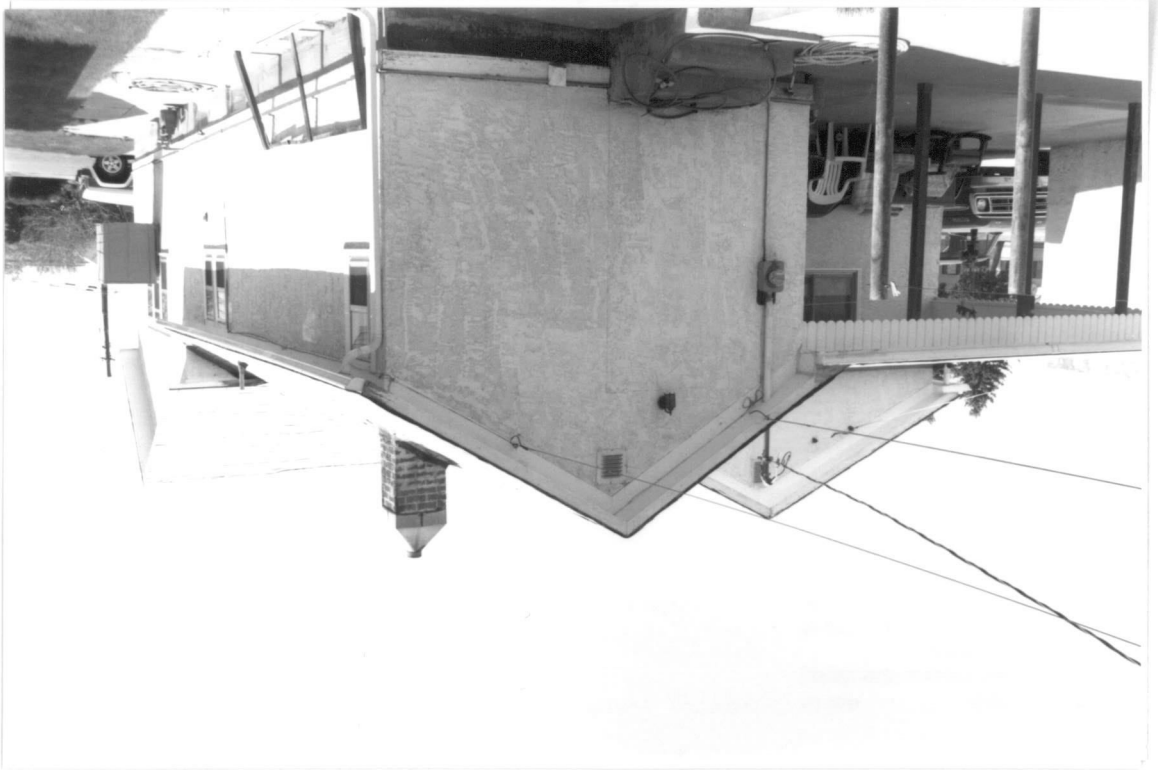
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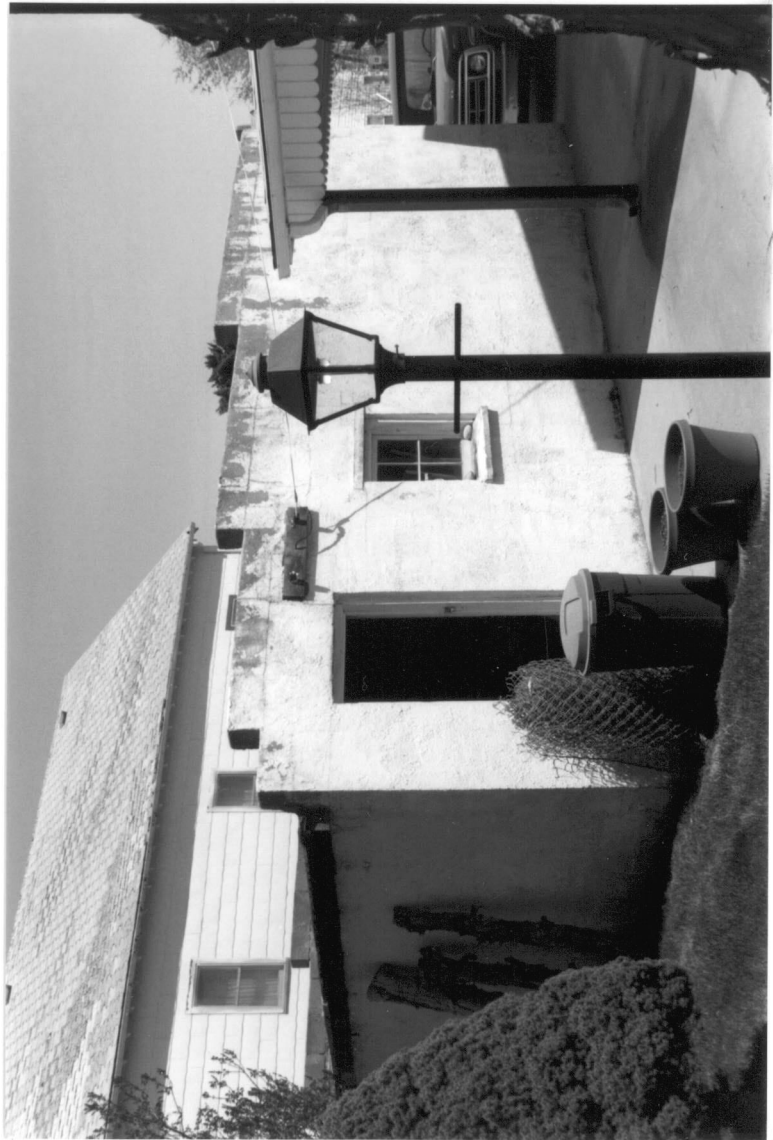
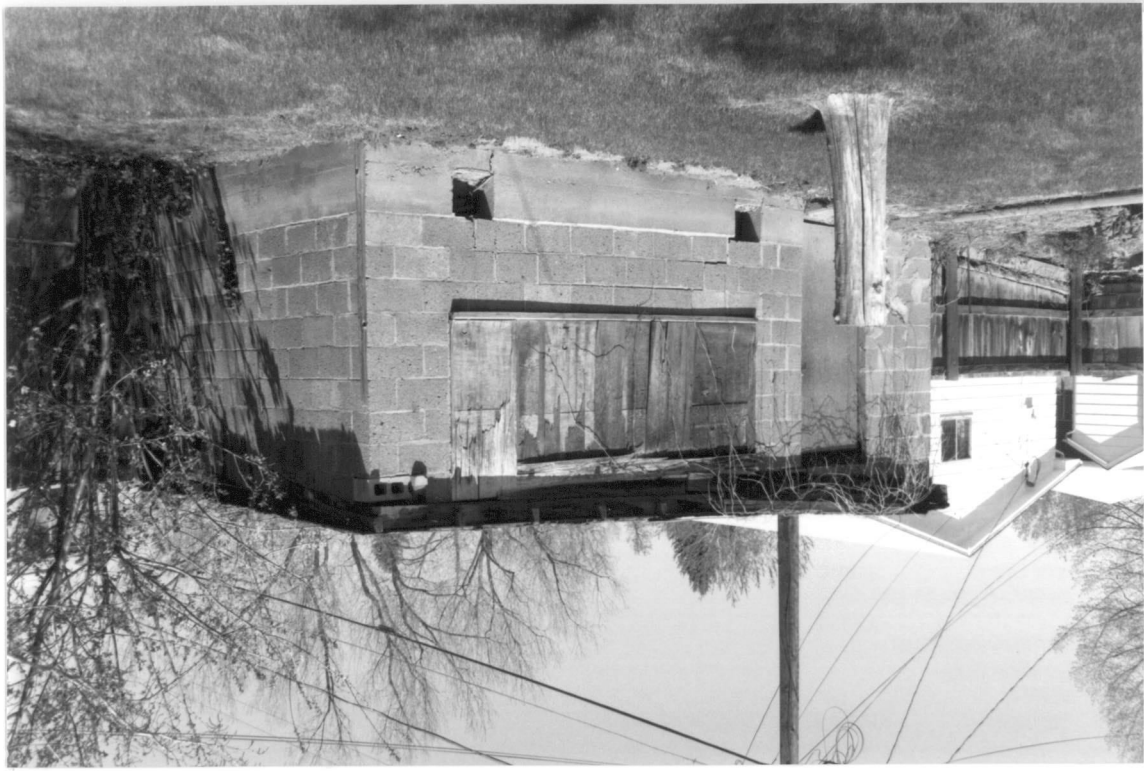
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. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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