

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL7996**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Buffo House / Zado House**
6. Current building name: **Adams House**
7. Building address: **909 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Andrew P. Adams**
Owner address: **909 LaFarge Avenue**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
NE% of **NE**% of **NW**% of **SE**% of section **8**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488640**
Northing: **4425220**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **3** Block: **4**
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:

Bungalow

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: **973 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Synthetics / Vinyl
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
Fence



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21. General Architectural Description

This house is situated on a narrow lot, with a small unfenced front yard to the east, and a larger planted grass backyard to the west, enclosed by a wood privacy fence and by a woven wire fence. The house is supported by a low concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with narrow white horizontal vinyl siding. The building is covered by an intersecting gables roof with grey asphalt shingles and closed eaves. A 10' by 11' shed-roofed addition to the west (rear) elevation predates 1948. There are no chimneys. An 8-light fixed-pane window, flanked by 4-light casement windows, is located on the east elevation (facade). Other window patterns include 1/1 double-hung sash, 1x1 horizontal sliders, and 4-light casements, all with painted white wood frames, and metal surrounds. A large 21' by 7' enclosed porch is located on the facade. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with three slender lights, and with an aluminum storm door, opens from the enclosed porch onto a 2-step concrete stoop. A painted white wood-paneled door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a concrete sidewalk on the west elevation. Another painted white wood-paneled door leads into the rear shed-roofed addition.

A two-car **Garage** is located on the alley, west of the house. This building rests on a concrete slab foundation and floor, and has narrow, painted white horizontal vinyl siding on its exterior walls, over wood frame construction. A low-pitched front-gable roof has grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Single-light fixed-pane windows are located on the east and south elevations. A metal roll-away garage door opens onto the asphalt paved alley on the west elevation. A single entry door opens onto a 2-step concrete stoop in the backyard on the east elevation.

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

Sanborn insurance maps show that this lot was first developed with a dwelling before 1893. The house was probably enlarged or rebuilt in the Bungalow style sometime in the 1910s or 1920s. The 21' by 7' enclosed front porch was historically open, and was enclosed sometime after 1948. A shed-roofed addition, and other modifications, to the west elevation are relatively recent, dating to the 1980s. The garage was built in the early 1990s.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

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

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

Sanborn insurance maps reveal that this lot was developed in the years prior to 1893. The 1893, 1900, and 1908 Sanborn maps all depict a rectangular-shaped dwelling near the front of the lot, with no secondary structures. This original house was evidently constructed sometime after the Jefferson Place Addition was platted in 1880, but prior to 1893. From the mid-1920s until 1945, this property was owned by Italian immigrants Dominic and Lillian Buffo. They also owned a house next door at what is today 913 LaFarge. The Buffos had three sons - James (Jim) born in 1925, William (Bill), born in 1931, and Kenneth (Ken) born in 1939. In 1937, the Buffos moved around the corner to 709 Walnut Street, where Bill Buffo, and his wife Betty, still live. The Buffo family rented out this house on LaFarge between 1937 and 1945.

In November 1944, Dominic was involved in a serious accident at the Columbine Mine near Erie. While working on the tippie, his clothing became entangled in the machinery, and his arm was torn off at the shoulder. Dominic miraculously survived the accident, but he was permanently paralyzed on one side of his body. With Dominic no longer able to work, the family was forced to sell this house and the one next door. Following the accident, the mining company offered Dominic a \$5000.00 cash settlement, or \$59.00 per month for the rest of his life. Dominic chose the latter, which was not a bad decision, because he did not pass away until 1976.

Following the Buffos, this house was owned by Joe and Mary Zado from 1945 until 1999. Joe was also a miner, and lived here in retirement for many years. Andrew P. Adams is the property's current owner.

36. Sources of Information

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

Buffo, William (Bill), and Buffo, Betty. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, May 5, 2000.

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 **xx**

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).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1890 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant for its association with Louisville's development as a coal mining community in the late 1800s and during the early 1900s. Families who lived here, including the Buffo and Zado families, earned their livings at area coal mines in the Northern Colorado Coal Field. Due to a rather significant loss of integrity, however, the property should be considered ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The historical integrity of this house has been compromised By the enclosing of the original front porch, by a shed-roofed addition and other alterations to the west elevation, by the alteration of some window openings, and by the application of vinyl siding. The modern garage built at the rear of the lot also detracts from the integrity of setting.

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-4**

Frame(s): **17-22**

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**

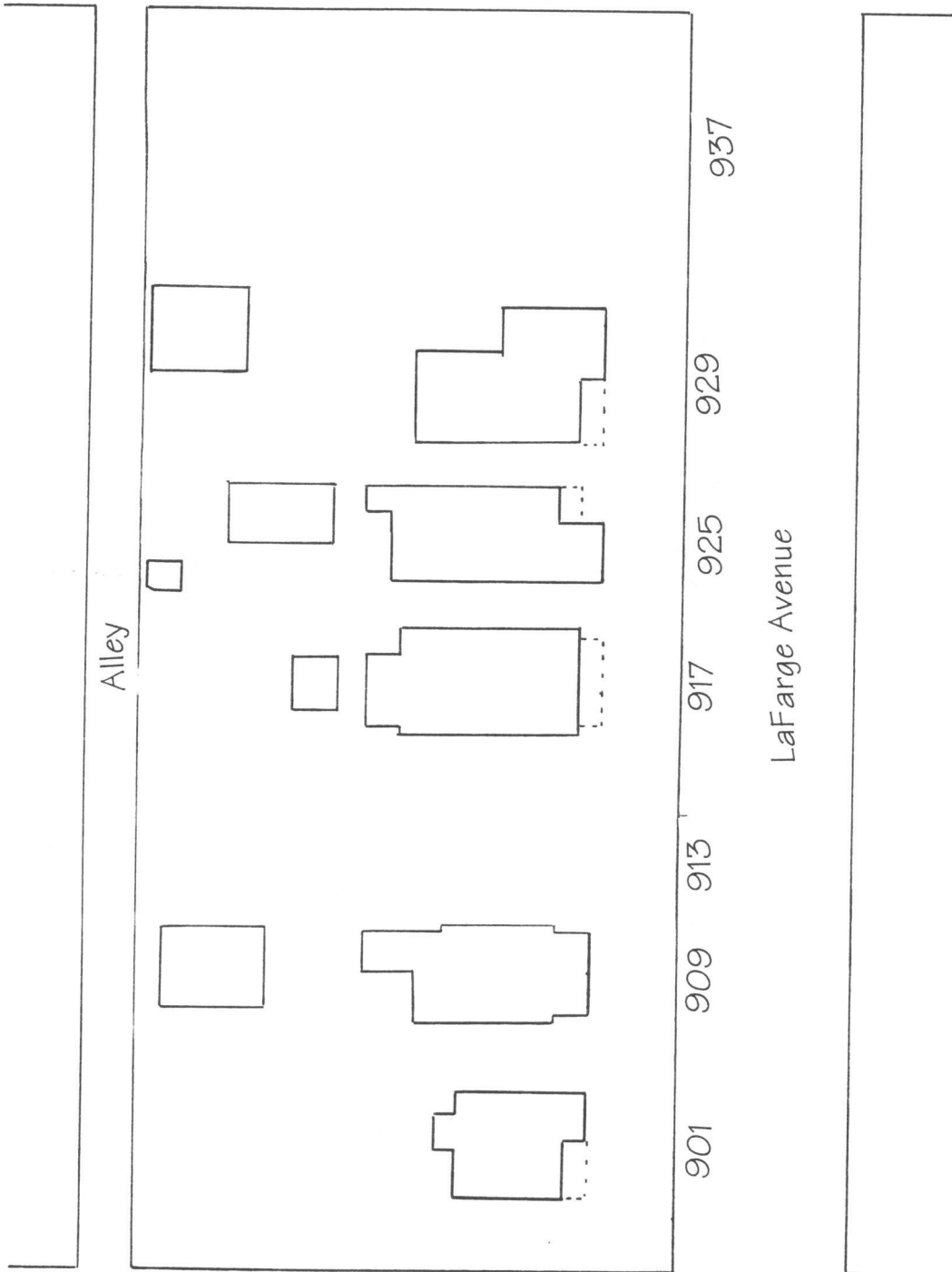
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

South Street

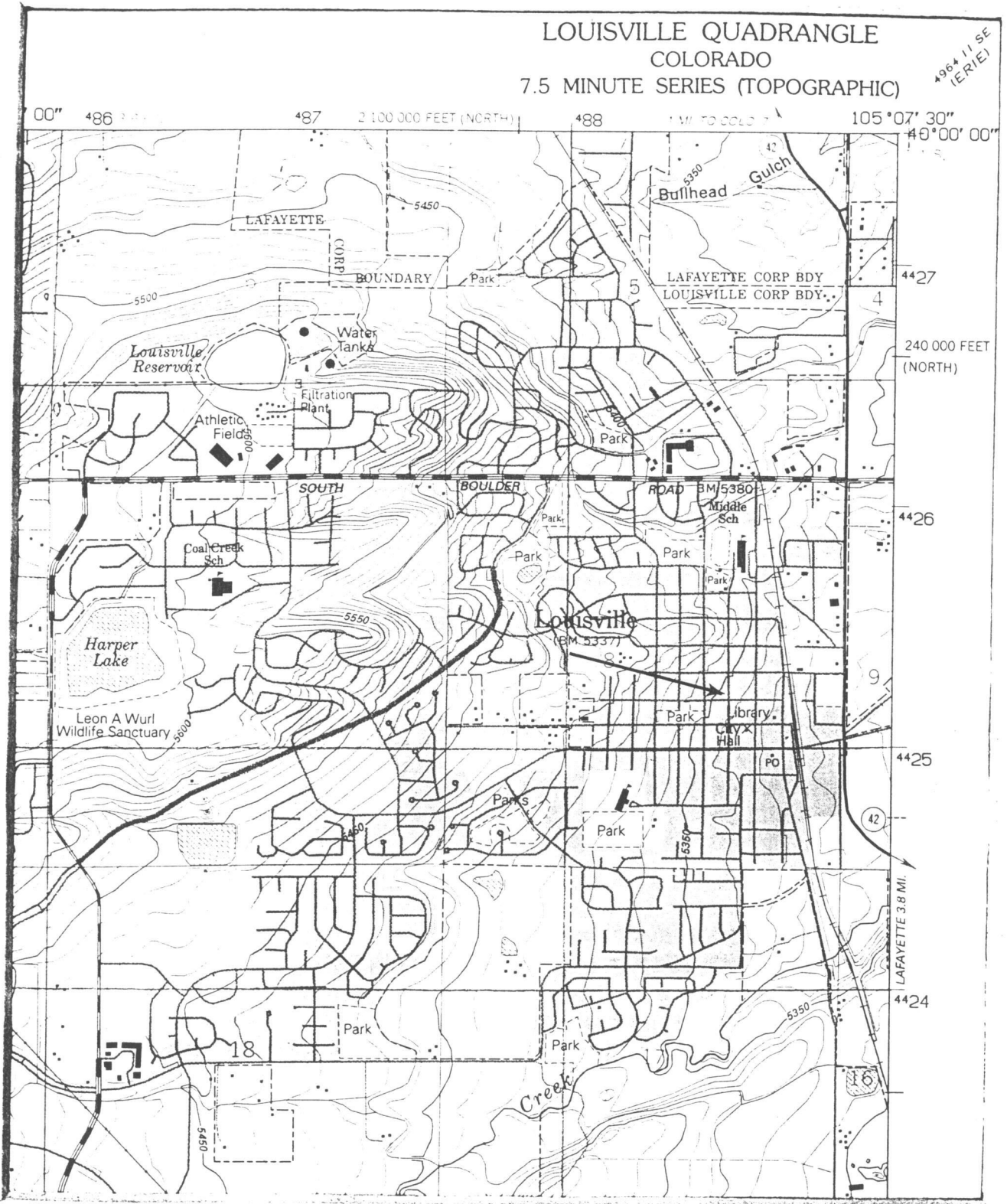


40 Feet

Walnut Street

SKETCH MAP

909 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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