

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL8001**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Wisek House; Bean House**
6. Current building name: **Brady House**
7. Building address: **929 LaFarge Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Richard T. & Erika L. Brady**
Owner address: **929 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: **4425260**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8, 9** 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:

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: **1028**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
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
Fence
Glass Block



21. General Architectural Description

The Brady property features a small planted grass front yard, landscaped with cedar bushes, east of the house, and a larger planted grass backyard, enclosed by a painted white picket fence, and by a wood privacy fence. The house is a wood-frame building, supported by a low, painted grey, concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad with painted green horizontal wood siding, and the intersecting gables roof has grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Windows on the facade (east elevation) include a small 8-light glass block, one 1/1 double-hung sash, and one 4-light fixed-pane, flanked by one 2/2 double-hung sash. Windows on the secondary elevations are primarily 2/2 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown solid wood door, with three upper sash lights, and with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a 4-step concrete porch which covers the south half of the facade. The porch is uncovered, and features a black wrought iron railing. A painted white wood-paneled door, with an aluminum storm door, is located at the west end of the south elevation.

A two-car **Garage** is located on the alley, west of the house. A one-story, wood frame, building, the garage rests on a low concrete foundation, and has painted green wide horizontal wood siding exterior walls. The gable and shed roof has grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. There are no windows. Two white metal roll-away garage doors are located on the north elevation, providing access to the alley to the west.

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

Sanborn insurance maps document that the first dwelling on this lot was constructed prior to 1893. The house, in its current configuration, dates to 1955. A note on the appraisal card for the property, dated May 10, 1955 states: "Old house completely rebuilt & increased in size like new, but old built in..."

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 original**Actual **1955 (remodeled)**

Source of information:

Sanborn map, 1893; Assessor card**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 document that the first dwelling on this lot was built prior to 1893. Subsequent Sanborn maps, prepared in 1900 and 1908, show the dwelling unchanged. Boulder County Assessor records indicate that the house was substantially remodeled and added onto in 1955. From the mid-1930s into the 1950s, this was the residence of Michael A. Wisek and family. Earlier, in the late 1910s and 1920s, Wisek and his wife Myrtle, had lived elsewhere in Louisville - on Front Street, on South Street, and on Pine Street. Wisek worked variously as a film operator (probably at the Rex Theater), as a laborer, and as a janitor. The Wises' children included Albert, Herman, and Mildred.

In the mid-1950s, the property was acquired by Darwin A. and Helen M. Bean, probably around the time the house was remodeled. Darwin worked for the Public Service Company. The Beans lived and owned here into the 1990s. In 1997, J.R. Garrett and V.M. Lambert resided here. The property's current owners are Richard Todd and Erika L. Brady, who purchased it in March 1999. Todd works for Specialized Bikes, and Erika is presently employed at Pet Smart in Boulder.

36. Sources of Information

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

Brady, Richard T. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, March 28, 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.

Smith, Phylliss. *Once A Coal Miner: The Story of Colorado's Northern Coal Field*, Boulder: Pruett Publishing Company, 1989.

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 Development40. 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 residential development in Louisville beginning in the late 1800s, and through the first half of the twentieth century. The earliest families who lived here were probably employed at area coal mines, while later residents like the Wiseks, worked in other endeavors. This property is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, however, because it has lost much of its historical integrity

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house was substantially remodeled and added onto in 1955, greatly diminishing its integrity. The garage is a non-historic structure. This property is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic significance. It should be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and a non-contributing resource within a potential historic district.

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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-4**

Frame(s): **33-36**

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 28, 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

Alley

937

929

925

917

913

909

901

LaFarge Avenue



40 Feet

717

Walnut Street

SKETCH MAP

929 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

496411 SE
(ERIE)



929 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado



929 LaFarge Avenue



5BL8001 929 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-4 Frame 34
View to SW