

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL961.1**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Stolns House**
- 6. Current building name: **Chavez House**
- 7. Building address: **616 Front Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Virginia K. Chavez**  
Owner address: **600 Front Street**  
**Louisville, CO 80027**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**NE**¼ of **NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of **SE**¼ of section 8
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488870**  
Northing: **4424930**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **4, 5** Block: **C**  
Addition: **Original Town of Louisville** Year of Addition **1878**
- 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 cross gabled 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):  
**L-Shaped Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **682 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Weatherboard**
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Cross Gabled Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Fence**

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**21. General Architectural Description**

The house at 616 Front Street is supported by a low concrete foundation, and features painted yellow horizontal weatherboard walls, with 1" by 4" cornerboards. The cross gabled roof is covered with brown asphalt shingles, and has painted white boxed eaves. A brick chimney is located on the ridge. Window patterns include 2/2 double hung sash, 4/4 double hung sash, and 2-light hoppers, all with painted white wood frames and surrounds. Located on the west elevation, the house's primary entry features a painted white wood-paneled door with two upper sash lights with rounded tops. This door, accompanied by a painted black wood screen door, opens onto a concrete shed-roofed porch, with a painted yellow 4" by 4" wood post. Another wood-paneled door, located at the south end of the facade, features carved sunburst motifs in its panels, egg-and-dart molding, and a single light in its upper sash. An 18' by 6' shed-roofed extension to the east (rear) elevation features 1x1 horizontal sliding windows. A painted white wood-paneled door, with a glass-in-steel frame storm door, opens from the addition onto a concrete, shed-roofed porch, on the east elevation.

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

Sanborn Map Company maps, from 1893, 1900, and 1908, provide evidence that this house was constructed prior to 1893, and that there have been no additions to the original structure.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This house is located on the east side of Front Street, south of downtown Louisville. A planted grass front yard to the west, features twin cedar trees, and is enclosed by a chain link fence. Planted grass back and side yards, to the east, north and south, are enclosed by a wood privacy fence.

**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**

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## 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

According to Sanborn maps, prepared for fire insurance purposes in 1893, 1900, and 1908, this house was constructed in the years prior to 1893, and has not been built onto since that time. In the 1940s, and probably in earlier years, this was the home of the Stolns family. Members of the Stolns family living here in 1940, according to that year's Boulder County Directory, included Lewis B. Stolns, his wife Anna B. Stolns, along with Edwin, and Julius Stolns. Lewis and Edwin are both listed in the directory as laborers. In the late 1950s the property was sold by Elsie M. Stolns to Solomon S. and Mary P. Duran. Solomon's occupation is also listed as laborer. According to Boulder County Directories, and later Longmont City Directories, the property stayed in the Duran family until the early 1990s. (Listings for Louisville are included in Boulder County Directories through the late 1950s; beginning in 1966, Louisville listings appear in Longmont City Directories.) Solomon Duran evidently passed away in the early 1970s. Mary Duran lived here until the early 1990s. In recent years, in the mid-to-late 1990s, this property has been owned by Virginia Chavez. She lives next door at 600 Front Street. (The Duran name occasionally is misspelled "Dauran" in the Longmont City Directories.)

### 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.

Chavez, Virginia. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, January 13, 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, Phyliss. *Once A Coal Miner: The Story of Colorado's Northern Coal Field*, Boulder: Pruett Publishing Company, 1989.

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## 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; Ethnic Heritage - European**

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1890-1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local:

### 42. Statement of Significance

Built circa 1890, this small residence is historically and architecturally significant for its association with Louisville's early development as a coal mining community. Platted in 1878, and incorporated four years later, Louisville evolved as a result of the effort to extract coal from Colorado's northern coal field. From the late 1870s until the mid-1950s, Louisville's socioeconomic development was closely aligned with the coal mining industry. Early owners and residents of this house undoubtedly worked at area coal mines. Architecturally, this house is a good local example of a relatively unaltered wood frame cross gabled dwelling dating from before the turn of the twentieth century.

### 43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house displays an overall high degree of historical integrity. There have been no additions subsequent to the original construction. Alterations to the dwelling, including a shed-roofed patio to the east (rear) elevation, are minimal.

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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:

No: **xx**

Discuss: **Houses and other buildings in this area southeast of downtown Louisville, do not collectively display sufficient historical integrity to qualify as a National Register Historic District.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

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-6**

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: **January 13, 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**

Pine Street

1006

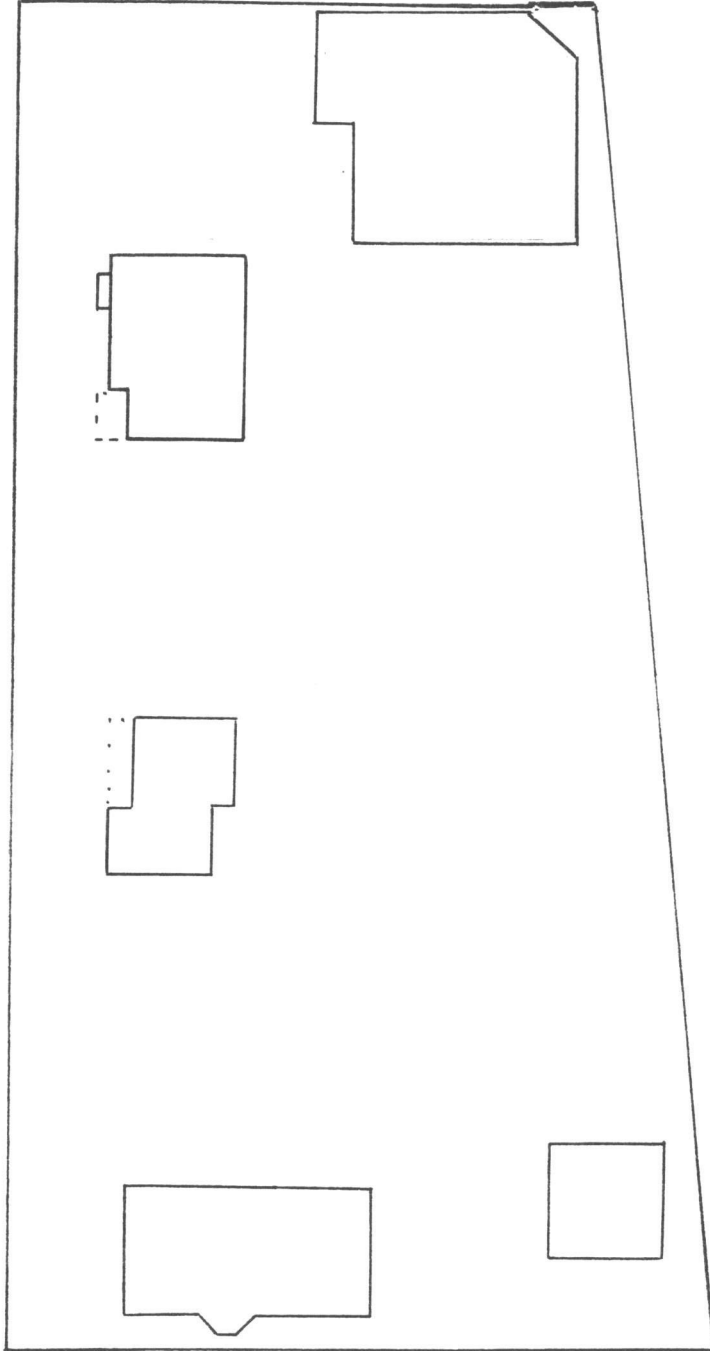


Front Street

630

616

600



Alley

Railroad Tracks

Approximate  
Scale  
40 Feet

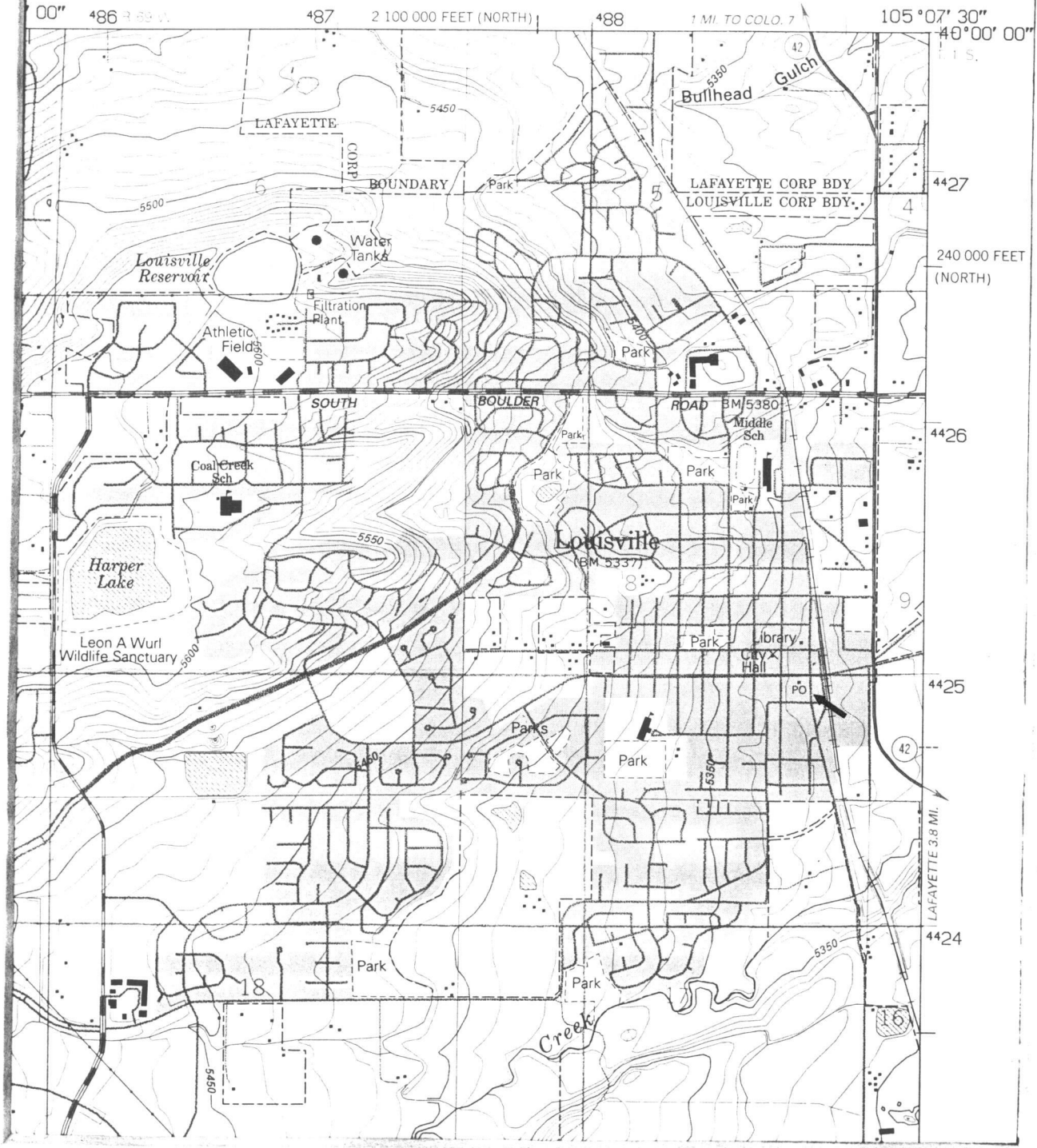
Elm Street

SKETCH MAP

616 Front Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
COLORADO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1964 11 SE  
(ERIE)



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616 Front Street, Louisville, Colorado



