

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL958**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Moffitt House**
6. Current building name: **Moffitt House**
7. Building address: **625 Main Street**
8. Owner name: **Michael J. Hirsch**
Owner address: **P.O. Box 18508**
Boulder, CO 80308

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SW of **SW** of **NE** of **SE** of section 8
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488760**
Northing: **4424960**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **23** Block: **5**
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 Gable
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: **1656 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



21. General Architectural Description

The Moffitt House is a roughly rectangular-shaped, one-story, wood-frame dwelling. The building is set well back from the curb on a lot on the west side of Main Street, at the south end of downtown Louisville. The building is supported by a concrete foundation (possibly with stone underneath), and the exterior walls are clad with non-original white vinyl siding. The intersecting gables roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and has boxed eaves. There are no chimneys. A concrete porch, covered by a shed roof, held up by painted white turned columns, covers the middle three bays on the facade (east elevation). A painted green wood-paneled door, with two slender upper sash lights with rounded tops, and with a distinctive wood screen door, opens onto the porch at its south end. A secondary entrance is located on the building's west (rear) elevation. At this location, a painted white wood-paneled door, with a painted green wood screen door, opens onto a concrete porch, covered by a shed roof. The house's windows are single and paired 1/1 and 2/2 double-hung sash, with painted green wood frames and surrounds.

A large **Garage** is located near the southwest corner of the lot. This building features a concrete slab foundation and floor, unpainted concrete block walls, and a low-pitched saltbox roof. 4-light hopper windows are located on the garage's west, south, and east elevations, all with painted white wood frames and surrounds. Two white metal roll-away garage doors are located on the north elevation. A single, painted white, wood-paneled door is located at the east end of the north elevation. Vehicle access to the garage is from the asphalt paved alley to the west.

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

Boulder County Assessor records indicate the oldest part of this building (the part to the south) was constructed in 1880. As originally built, this was a front-gabled structure, which was oriented east to west. The building originally was extended to the east, and fronted directly onto the sidewalk along Main Street. The front end of this part of the building, which had a false-front facade, was removed in the 1960s. Sanborn insurance maps provide evidence that the north end of the extant building was constructed between 1893 and 1900.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on a large lot on the west side of Main Street at the south end of downtown Louisville.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate

Actual **1880**

Source of information:

Boulder County Assessor records

26. Architect:

n/a

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:

George Giles (possibly)

Source of information:

**Conarroe, Carolyn. The Louisville Story,
Louisville: Louisville Times Inc., 1978.**

28. Original owner:

John Moffitt (probably)

Source of information:

Boulder County Directories

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 1880, this wood-frame structure is one of Louisville's oldest remaining buildings. Throughout much of its existence the building served as both a residence and as a business. Prior to the 1960s, the building also included a gabled wing at the south end which extended east to the sidewalk along Main Street. This part of the building had a false-front facade, and was used as a hardware store, a grocery store, and as a plumbing shop.

This property has been associated with a single family - the Moffitt family - throughout nearly all of its 120 year history. John Moffitt came to Louisville at about the time this building was constructed, and may have been the original owner. In the early 1890s, Moffitt worked as a tinsmith, before he, and his wife Anna (Annie), began operating a hardware store at this location. For awhile, the Moffitts lived in a house between Pine and Hutchison, on Second Street (Main Street), before establishing their residence here as well. By 1916, John and Anna were operating a grocery store at this site, while continuing to live here. Also living here in 1916 was Frank A. Moffitt, a plumber. By the early 1920s, John Moffitt had taken up plumbing as well, and their business here was eventually transformed into a plumbing shop. This business became a Louisville fixture, lasting into the early 1960s. In the 1950s, the plumbing shop was known as Moffitt Plumbing and Heating.

The Moffitt family continued to reside, as well as have their business here, for several decades. The family was involved in other endeavors as well. John Moffitt served as the Louisville City Clerk in the late 1930s, and other members of the family were engaged in mining. Mrs. Loretta Moffitt, the widow of John B. Moffitt, continued to live and own here into the 1990s. The property just recently, in 1997, passed out of the Moffitt family's hands.

36. Sources of Information

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

Mehls, Steven F., Mehls, Carol Drake, and Fell, James E. Jr. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (625 Main Street), July 28, 1985. On file at the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Denver, CO.

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;

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:

Commerce; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: 1880 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This property is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with commercial and residential development in Louisville during the last two decades of the nineteenth century, and throughout the first half of the twentieth century. It is particularly notable because it is one of Louisville's oldest remaining buildings, and because it has had a long association with a single family. Accordingly, the building is individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The building would also be a contributing resource within a potential National Register historic district. The building's architectural significance, relative to Criterion C is more problematic to evaluate due to the removal of the false front facade in the 1960s.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building's historical integrity was compromised in the 1960s when a business wing with a false front facade was removed. The building, though, still retains enough integrity to convey a sense of its historic significance, as an integral part of Louisville's built environment during the period of significance.

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 at the far south end 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-11**

Frame(s): **15-19**

Negatives filed at: **City of Louisville, Administration
749 Main Street
Louisville, Colorado 80027**

48. Report title: **"Old Town" Louisville Historical Building Survey**

49. Date: **April 5, 2000**

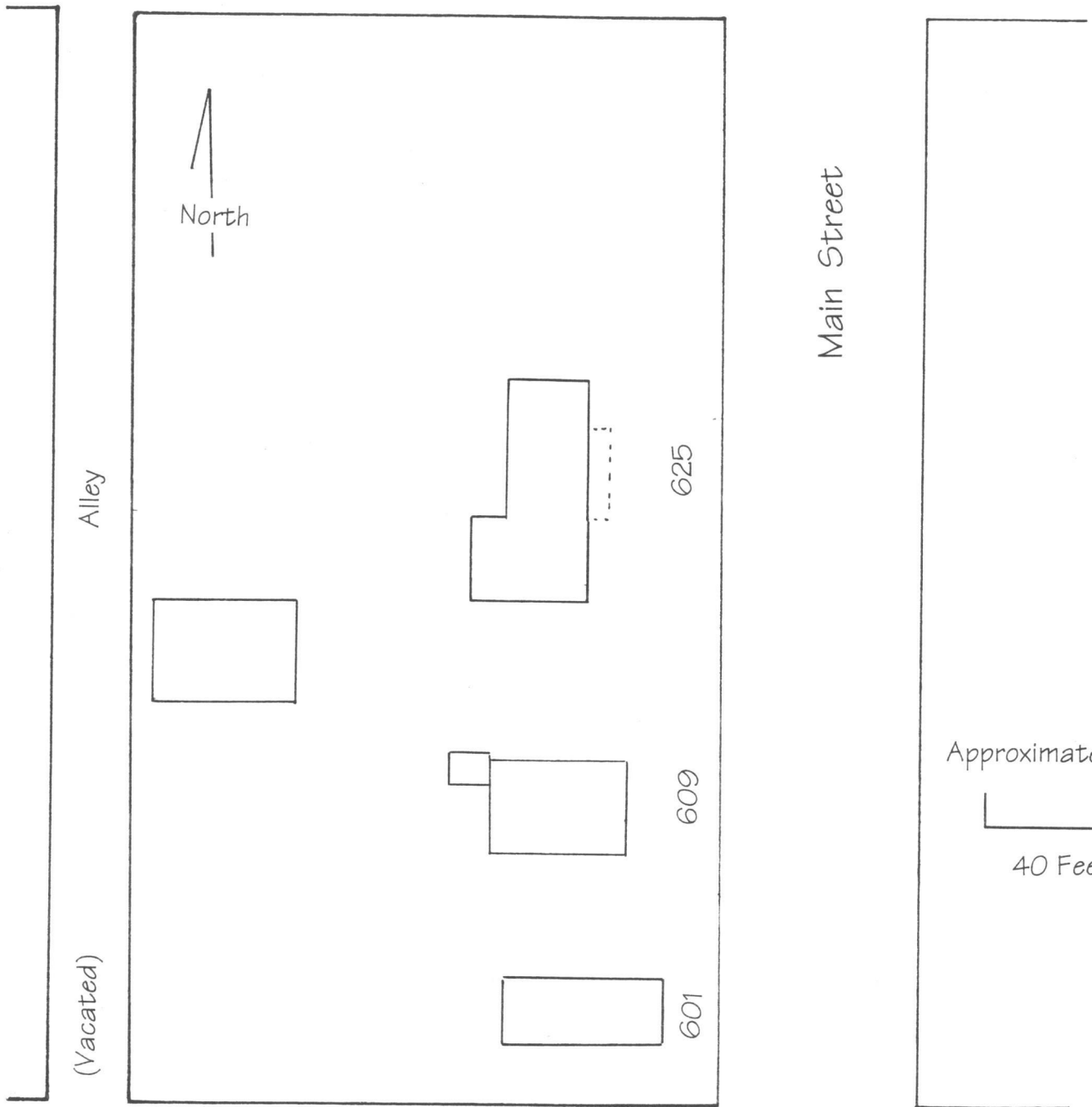
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

Pine Street



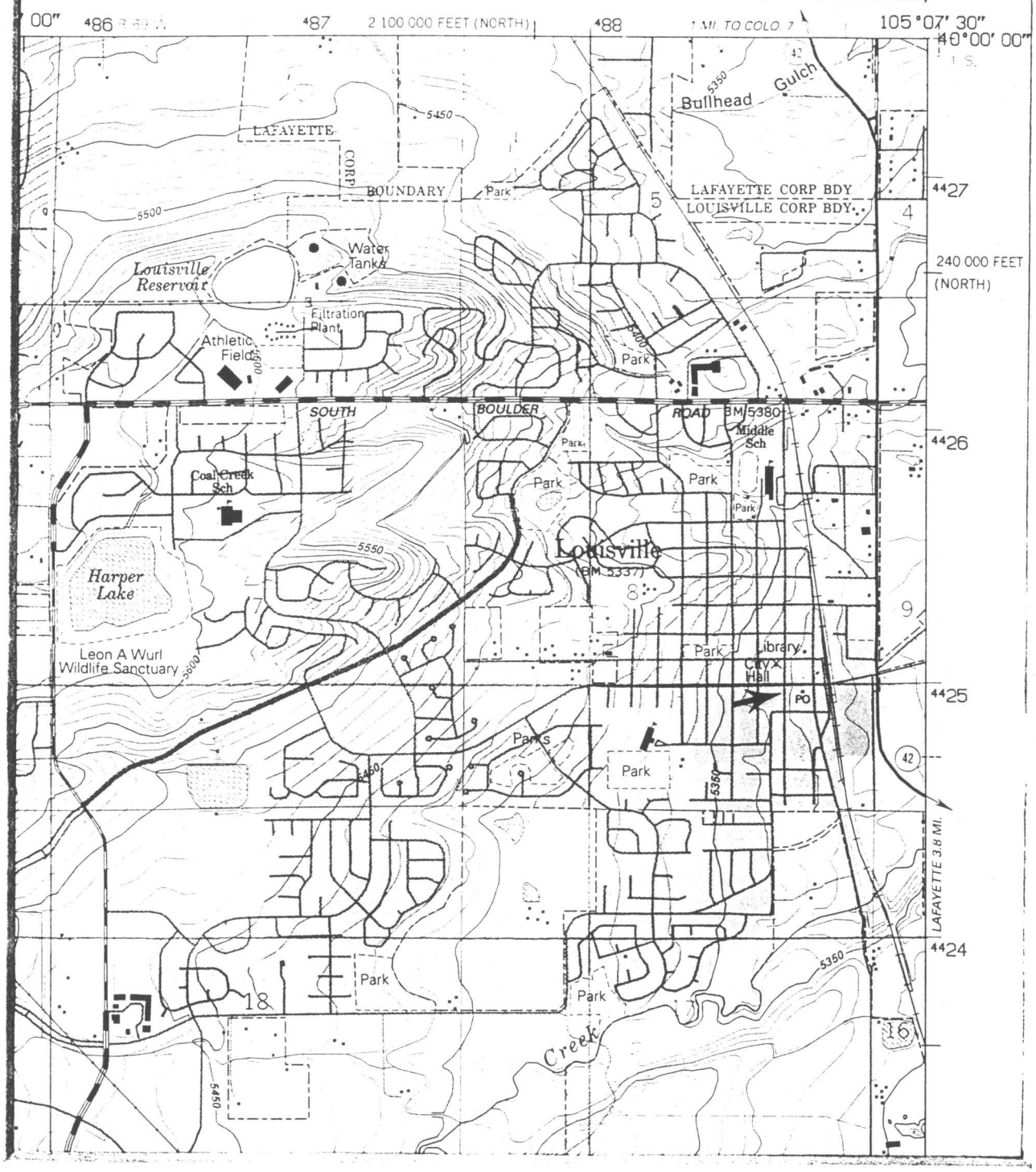
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SKETCH MAP

625 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

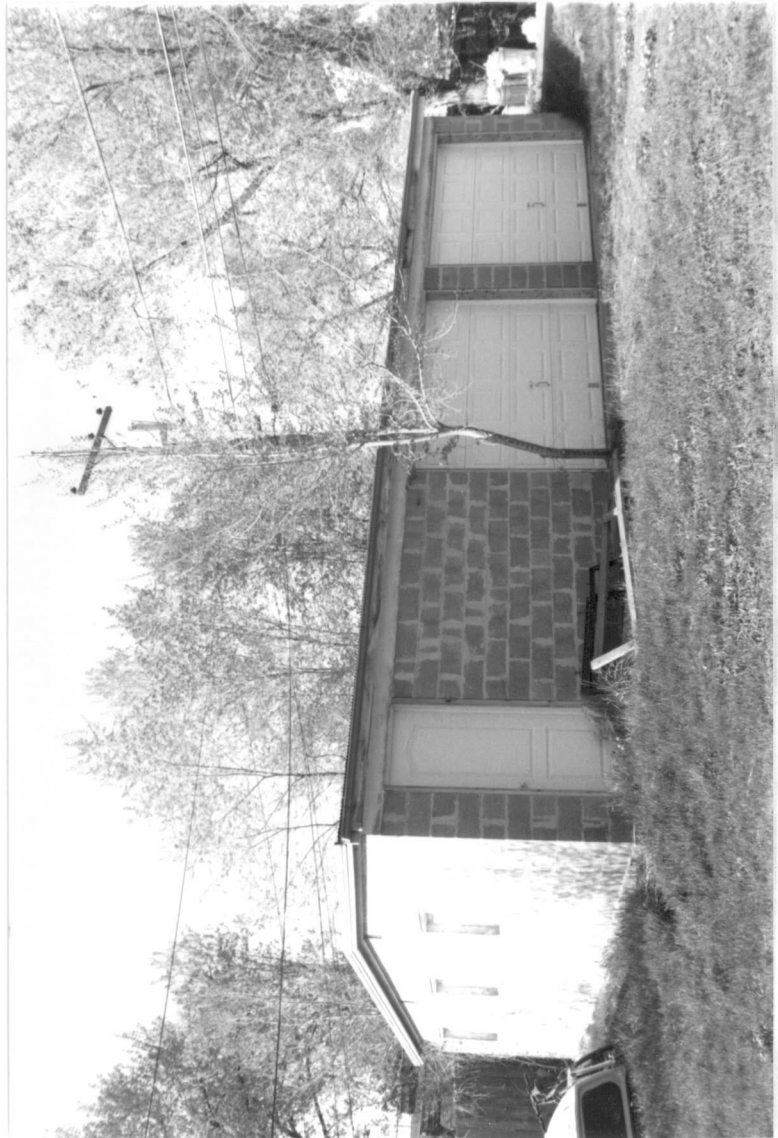
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COLORADO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

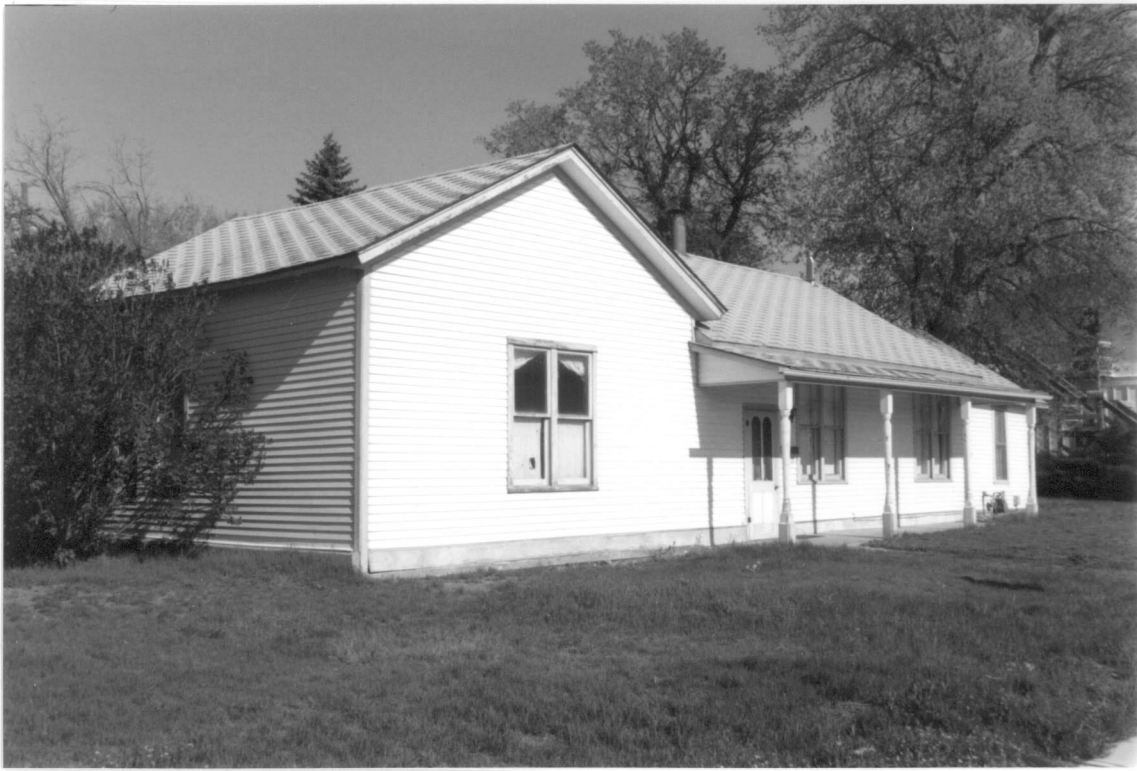
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. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

625 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado





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