

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8033**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Coors Saloon**
- 6. Current building name: **Olson Studio**
- 7. Building address: **700/702 Front Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Anne E. and Rex A. Olson**
Owner address: **834 North Street**
Boulder, CO 80304

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SE% of **SW%** of **NE%** of **SE%** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488890**
Northing: **4425010**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **6** Block: **B**
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:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements / Commercial Style



Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHF 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: **2038 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **1½**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Weatherboard
Wood / Shingle
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gross Gable Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Dormers
Chimneys
Porch

Survey completed April 2000
2nd floor added ~2001

21. General Architectural Description

The Coors Saloon building is supported by a concrete foundation, with a bulkhead cellar entrance located on the north elevation. The building's exterior walls are painted peach color horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards. Fishscale and square-cut wood shingles appear in the upper gable end on the west elevation (facade). The building is covered by a cross gabled roof with grey asphalt shingles, and boxed eaves with returns. Two metal-clad brick chimneys are located on the ridge. Two gabled dormers are located on the south elevation, and a single gabled dormer, with a 1/1 double-hung sash window, is located on the west elevation. A large non-original shed-roofed dormer, with four single-light windows, is located on the east elevation. Window patterns include 1/1 double-hung sash, 3/1 double-hung sash (ribbon style), and single-light fixed-panes, all with painted wood frames and surrounds, and wood cornices. Two painted green wood-paneled doors, each with nine upper sash lights, open onto concrete stoops on the sidewalk along Front Street, on the building's west elevation. A painted green wood-paneled door is set within a gabled recessed entryway on the east elevation. Two painted green wood-paneled doors, with wood screen doors, open onto a non-original wood porch located on the north elevation. One other wood-paneled door, with a white metal storm door, opens onto this porch from the east elevation.

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

The original portion of this building was constructed prior to 1892, by Buckingham and Stokes, according to that years Boulder County Business Directory. The 1893 and 1900 Sanborn Insurance Company maps depict a rectangular building here, while the 1908 Sanborn map depicts an L-shaped building which matches the current building.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

The Coors Saloon building is located at the northeast corner of Front and Pine Streets, near the southeast end of downtown Louisville. The building fronts directly onto a wide concrete sidewalk paralleling Front Street to the west, while the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks run behind the building to the east. The Louisville Post Office is located across the intersection to the southwest, while the Pine Street Junction is across Pine Street to the south.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects
n/a**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**Estimate **ca. 1890**

Actual

Source of information:

**1892 Boulder County Business Directory;
Sanborn map, 1893****26. Architect:**

n/a

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:**Buckingham and Stokes**

Source of information:

1892 Boulder County Business Directory**28. Original owner:****Adolph Coors Co.**

Source of information:

Boulder County Assessor**30. Original location: yes**Moved **no**Date of move(s) **n/a**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Specialty Store**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Multiple Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Vacant / Not In Use**
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

35. Historical Background

An earlier cultural resources survey, conducted in 1985 by Western Historical Studies, indicates that this building was originally known as the Coors Saloon, and that it was converted to apartments in the 1940s or 1950s. The 1893 Sanborn map indicates that 2/3s of the building, to the south, was a saloon, while the northern 1/3 of the building housed a barbershop. By 1900, the barbershop was gone, and by 1908, the entire building was being used as a saloon. This was one of as many as six saloons located in a two block area of Front Street (then known as First Street) in the 1890s and very early 1900s. According to the 1916 Boulder County Directory, by that time at least part of the building had been converted to residential use. Henry Kahl, a shoe and boot maker, who served as Louisville's Mayor from 1900 to 1902, is listed as a resident here in 1916. Kahl's boot and shoe business was located on the east side of Front Street, in the block between Spruce and Walnut Street.

The building was vacant for a time in the 1940s, and by 1950, it had been converted into a multiple dwelling (apparently a duplex). Boulder County and Longmont City Directories list numerous people living here during the period 1950 - 1980. (Listings for Louisville are included in Boulder County Directories through the late 1950s; beginning in 1966, Louisville listings appear in the Longmont City Directory.) In 1985, the property was known as the Front Street Apartments. Jewell Hendricks resided here in the late 1980s and early 1990s. (John and Jewell Hendricks were previously listed at 724 Front Street, going back to 1951. The property's current owner is Rex A. Olson, a Boulder architect. He plans to convert the building into an architectural studio.

36. Sources of Information

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

Mehls, Steven F., Mehls, Carol Drake, and Fell, James E. Jr. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record" (700/702 Front 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.

Smith, Phyliss. *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

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:

Commerce; 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 and architecturally significant for its association with Louisville's early commercial development, which occurred in support of the area coal mining industry. Platted in 1878, and incorporated four years later, Louisville was founded and initially grew as a result of the effort to extract coal from Colorado's northern coal field. Architecturally, this building is a good representative example of a wood frame commercial building, dating from before the turn of the twentieth century. The property, therefore is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building has not had any additions subsequent to circa 1908. Its exterior appearance has been modified to some extent, though, by such changes as a large shed-roofed dormer on the east elevation. Nonetheless, the building still conveys a sense of its historic 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: **Too many historic buildings in this area of Front Street have been lost. Those that remain are too few in number, and do not collectively display enough historic 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-7**

Frame(s): **5-7**

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

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

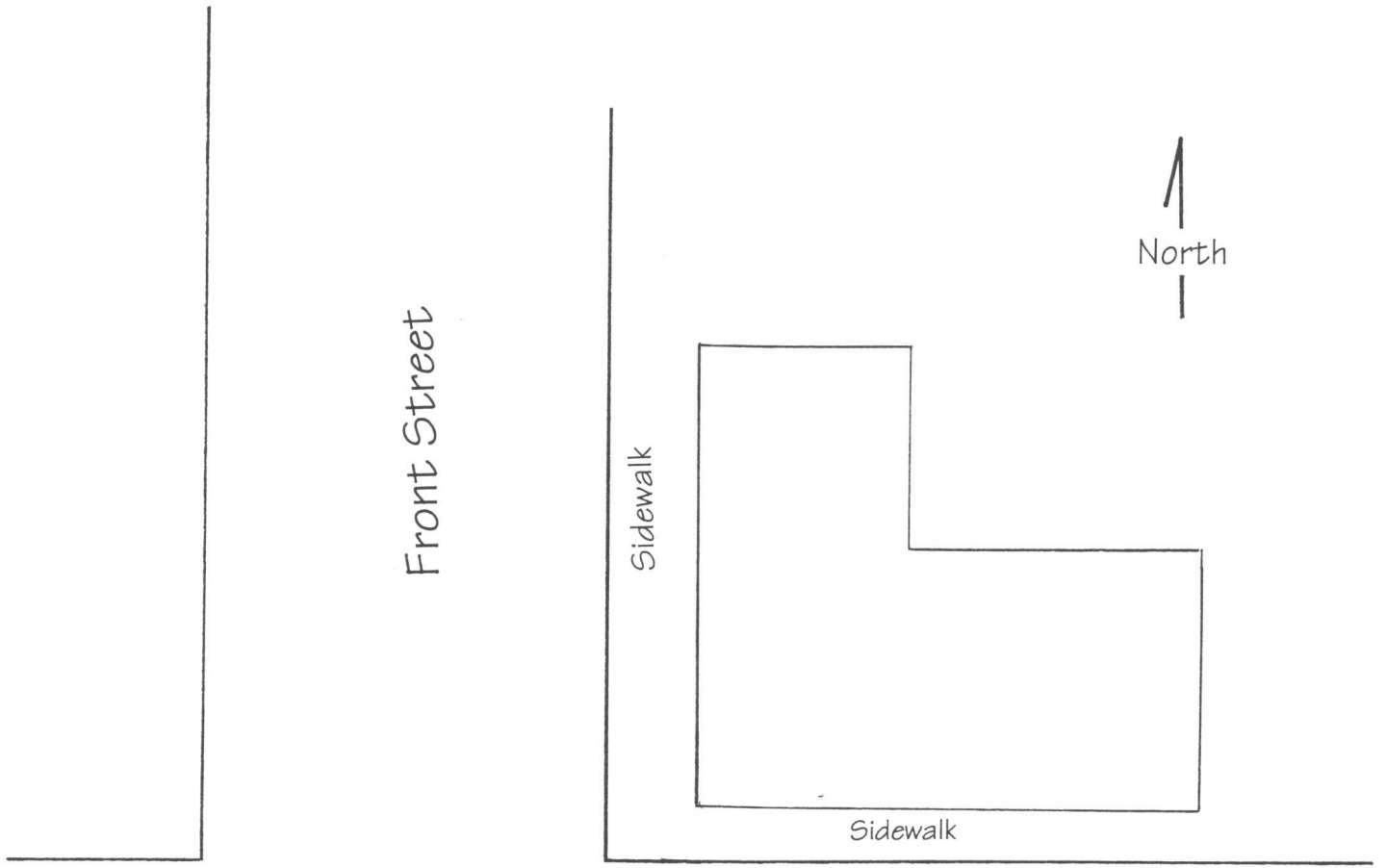
49. Date: **January 13, 2000**

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

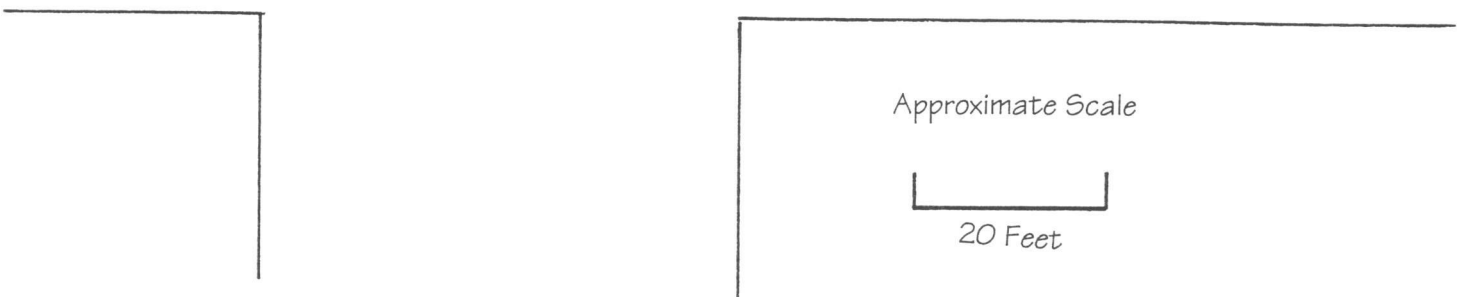
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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



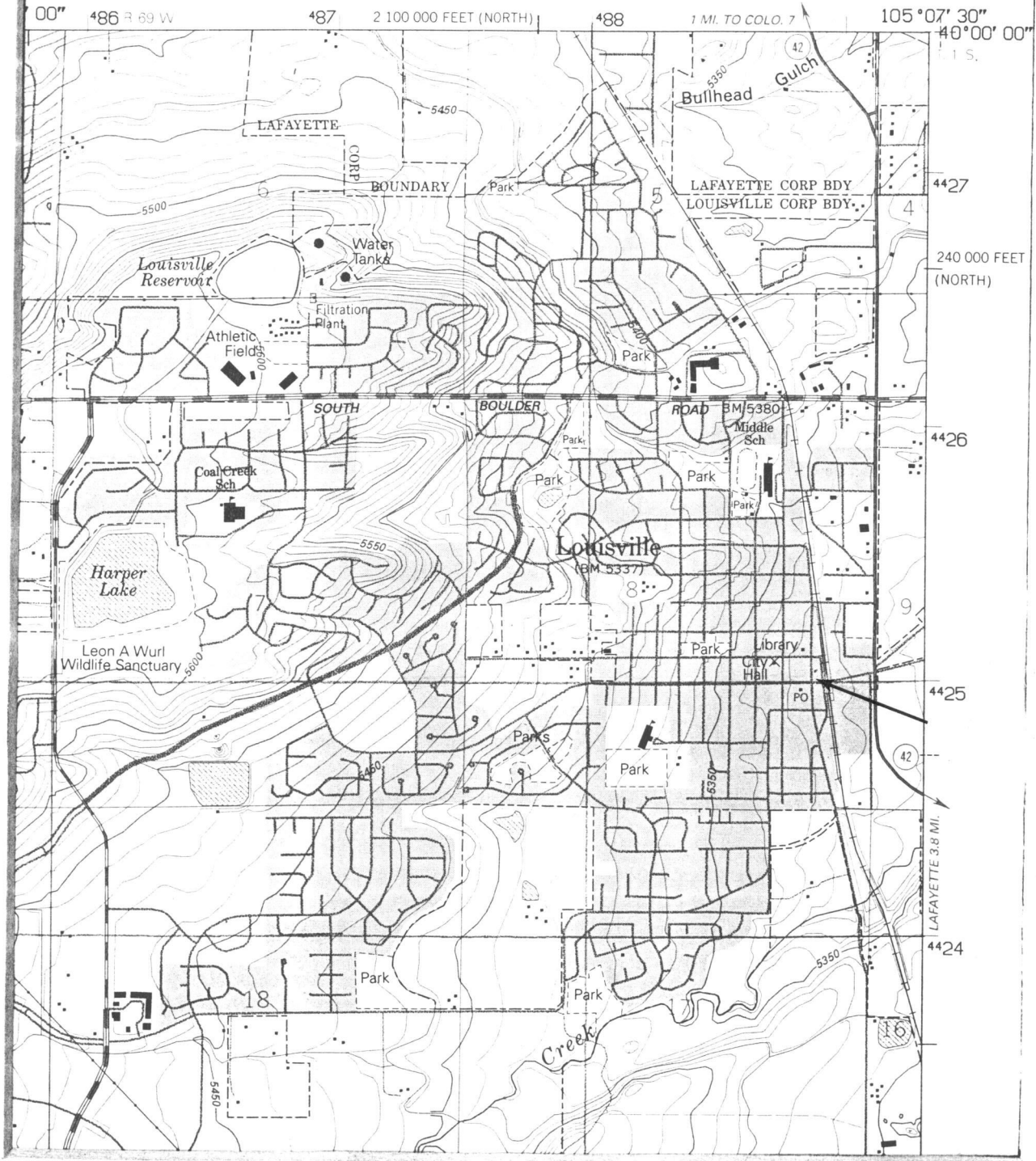
Pine Street



. . . SKETCH MAP . . .

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
COLORADO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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(ERIE)



LOCATION MAP

700/702 Front Street Pine Street, Louisville, Colorado

