

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL961.5**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Louisville Bank**
- 6. Current building name: **Karen's Country Kitchen**
- 7. Building address: **700 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Four Leaf Properties LLC**
Owner address: **7250 Island Green Drive
Boulder, CO 80301**

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SW¼ of **SW**¼ of **NE**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488790**
Northing: **4425020**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **7** Block: **3**
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.**

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: **~2464 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Metal / Pressed Metal
Wood / Plywood/ Particle Board
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Flat
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
False Front
Decorative Cornice
Finial

22. Architectural style / building type:

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



Survey completed April 2000
National Register Landmark 1984

21. General Architectural Description

Situated on a prominent corner lot in downtown Louisville, this commercial building features a tall one-story rectangular plan. The structure is supported by a stone foundation, covered with painted concrete pargeting. The building's primary exterior walls - facing toward Main and Pine Streets on the west and south elevations - are comprised of pale blue pressed metal, in a faux stone pattern. The building's original north elevation was also clad with pressed metal. The east (rear) elevation wall is clad with painted pale blue vertical wood siding. Parapet walls extend well above the roof lines on the west and south elevations. The parapets are decorated with distinctive cornices, with dentil courses, and with a cannonball finial located at the north end of the west elevation. A recessed corner storefront entryway, topped by a gabled pediment, opens onto the concrete sidewalk at the corner of Main and Pine Streets (southwest corner of the building). Paired, stained natural brown, glass-in-wood-frame entry doors, each with one large oval light, and topped by a single transom light, opens onto a brick paved floor in the recessed entryway. A large, single-light fixed-pane storefront display window, with painted purple wood frames and surrounds, and covered by a burgundy color canvas awning, is located on the west elevation, to the north of the corner entry. Windows along the south elevation include two 28-light fixed-panes, four 1/1 double-hung sash, and one single-light fixed-pane with a rounded arch, all with painted blue wood frames and surrounds, all topped by distinctive segmental cornices, and all with burgundy color canvas awnings. Two signs extend from the building's wall, above the corner entry, advertising "**Karen's Country Kitchen**", and "**Bakery, Gifts, Dining.**" Additional sign's advertising the business are located on the west and south elevations. Two service entrances are located on the building's east (rear) elevation.

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

This lot was originally built on in 1894. The extant building evidently dates to 1905. At some point, during the early years of the twentieth century, the building was extended toward the alley to the east. More recently, the building has been connected to 702 Main Street next door to the north. Both building's are now part of Karen's Country Kitchen.

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

This building is located at the northeast corner of main and Pine Streets, in Louisville's downtown commercial district.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects
n/a

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate
Actual 1905

Source of information:
Previous cultural resource survey, conducted by Steve Whissen, ca. 1982; Boulder County Assessor records.

26. Architect:
unknown

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): **Commerce and Trade / Financial Institution**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Government / Post Office**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Restaurant**
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

35. Historical Background

According to *The Louisville Story*, by Carolyn Conarroe, the first building on this lot was constructed in the early 1894, and was the Tego Brothers Drugstore, which later became known as the Louisville Drugstore. Sanborn insurance maps corroborate that a building was constructed here between 1893 and 1900, and that it was in fact a drugstore. The 1908 Sanborn map depicts a different building here, with a corner storefront and a "footprint" which matches the extant building. Sources indicate that this was a new building constructed as the Louisville Bank in 1905, and not a modification of the wood frame drugstore, which had been built here in 1894.

During the early twentieth century, this new building housed the Louisville Bank. Edward Affolter, a prominent Louisville citizen, was one of the bank's early managers, and later became the building's owner. An lawyer, Affolter served as the Louisville City Attorney for many years, and he had his law offices in this building from 1907 to circa 1950. A democrat, Affolter also served in the Colorado State Senate from 1912 to 1915, and again from 1932 to 1936. Following its use as a bank, this building served as the Louisville Post Office, at least into the 1940s. In 1951, offices for the Louisville - Lafayette Coal Company were located here. By the late 1950s, this building had become the Varra Grocery Store. The Varras (Albert and Elizabeth) purchased the property from Edward Affolter in November 1961. Varra's Grocery was gone by the mid-1960s, and in the ensuing years the building served as a florist's shop, an antique store, and as a pottery center. In 1974, Karen and John Mulholland opened Karen's Country Kitchen, a cafe and gift shop in the building. Having been in business now for more than a quarter century, Karen's Country Kitchen has expanded into the building next door to the north, and has become a downtown Louisville landmark.

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.

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.

Whissen, Steve. "Karen's Country Kitchen." (Colorado Historical Society Cultural Resource Inventory form), ca. 1982.

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:

Architecture; Commerce

40. Period of Significance: 1905 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local:

42. Statement of Significance

This building has been individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with commercial development in downtown Louisville through the first half of the twentieth century. The building is architecturally significant as well, under National Register Criterion C, as an excellent example of corner storefront commercial building dating from the very early years of the twentieth century. The building is also Louisville's only remaining commercial building with a pressed metal facade.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Considering its changes in use over the years, from a bank, to a post office, to a grocery store, to a restaurant, this building has retained a remarkable share of its historical integrity.

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: xx

No:

Discuss: **Historic buildings along Main Street in downtown Louisville, 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: xx

Noncontributing:

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-12**

Frame(s): **22-25**

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 11, 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**

Spruce Street

Sidewalk

Double Happy
Chinese
Restaurant

740

Melting Pot Restaurant Building

Gateway Healing Center

724 / 728

Hank's Model Trains

Sidewalk

Boulder County Annex

702/704

Karen's Country Kitchen

700

Sidewalk

Alley

Approximate

Scale

40 Feet



Main Street

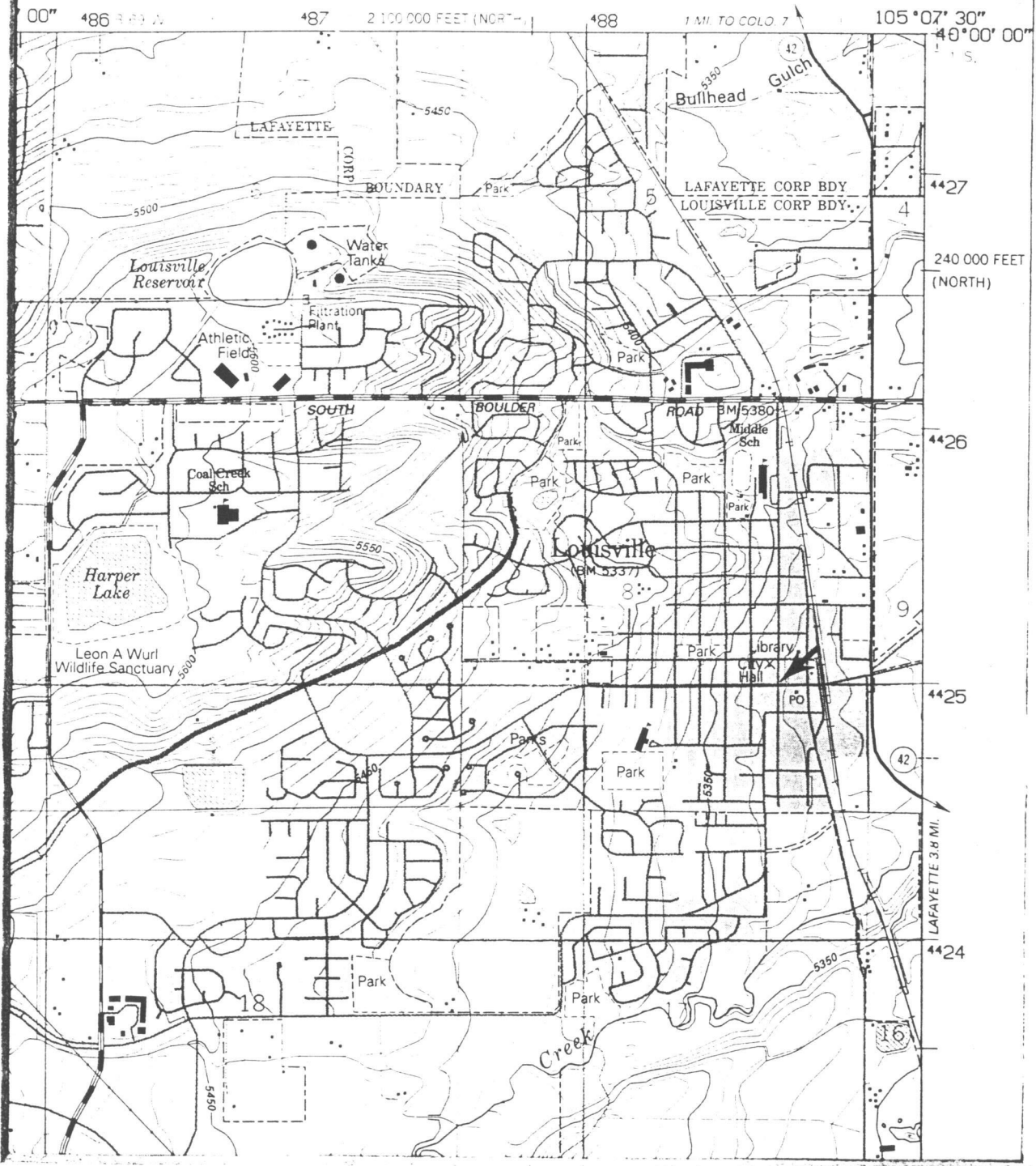
Pine Street

• • • SKETCH MAP • • •

700 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
 COLORADO
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

4964 11 SE
 (E/1E)



• • • LOCATION MAP • • •

700 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado





5BL961.5 ~~700640~~ Main Street, Louisville
Karen's Country Kitchen
27 April 2000
Negative located at: City of Louisville
749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027
Photographed by Carl McWilliams
Roll CM-12 Frame 23
View to East