

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### Official Eligibility Determination

(OAH 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

### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8008**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Louisville Oil Co. Gas Station**
- 6. Current building name: **Phillips 66 Service Station**
- 7. Building address: **701 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Joseph Colacci**  
Owner address: **912 Lincoln Avenue  
Louisville, CO 80027**

### 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: **4425020**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **20** 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.**

### III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**Irregular Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **3314 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Concrete / Concrete Block**
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Shed Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**False Front**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**Modern Movements / Moderne**



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**21. General Architectural Description**

Located at the northwest corner of Main and Pine Streets, this service station building is set back considerably from the street, with a concrete paved area in front. It is a polygonal, one story building with painted yellow concrete block walls, supported by a concrete slab foundation and floor. The roof is nearly flat, and is covered with a gravel and tar roofing composition. A tall parapet wall, clad with brown asphalt shingles, extends above the roof line, on the south elevation. A shorter parapet wall, also clad with brown asphalt shingles, covers the north end of the east elevation, over a car wash bay. The building consists of: a small storefront, or office area, with a canted facade, on the east elevation; a large service bay located behind the office, to the west; a second service bay, located to the north of the office; and the car wash bay, located in the north end of the building. An outdoor car wash bay is located adjacent to the building's north elevation. A large 2-light storefront display window, with a painted yellow brick sill, is located on the facade. Windows elsewhere on the building, are primarily 9-light industrial sash openings.

23. **Landscape or setting special features:**  
This property is located at the northwest corner of Main and Pine Streets, in downtown Louisville.

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

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate  
Actual **1956**

Source of information:  
**Boulder County Assessor records**

26. Architect:  
**n/a**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**Joseph Colacci**

Source of information:  
**Boulder County Assessor records**

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

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

The first building on this lot was built prior to 1893. This was a large two-story brick building which housed the Miners Trading Company. A large wooden building was moved here circa 1919. Located at the front of the lot it was used as a gas station until 1956, when the present building was constructed.

**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Gas Station**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Gas Station**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Gas Station**
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

**35. Historical Background**

The first building on this lot was a large two-story brick building which housed the Miners Trading Company. Built prior to 1893, the Miners Trading Company was Louisville's foremost business which supplied equipment for the coal mining industry. In the 1890s, and early 1900s, the Trading Company was located on the building's first floor, while the second floor was occupied by the I.O.O. F, Hall. It was the coal mining industry which gave rise to this building, and ironically, it was the same industry that caused its demise. After a series of Acme Mine cave-ins in the early 1900s, this building partially collapsed, a victim of subsidence. The building was condemned in 1909, and the Miners Trading Company moved into what became the State Mercantile Building, a block to the north. Five years later, in 1914, what was left of this building was razed. A few years later, a large wooden building was moved onto this site by Michael Colacci and Lawrence Mossoni. This building, had previously been located further north on Main Street, where it had served as a miners' boardinghouse, and was later used by federal troops during the period of labor unrest at the Hecla Mine. After it had been moved here, in about 1919, Mossoni established a gas station in the front part of the building, while Colacci opened the Blue Parrot Cafe in the back part of the building. Two years later, Colacci moved the Blue Parrot to its present location at 640 Main Street, on the opposite corner of Main and Pine Streets, from this site. The gas station business at this location became known as Tony and Jim's Service Station. Lawrence Mossoni was the proprietor, although Joseph Colacci (Michael's son) was involved in the business as well. In the 1950s, the name of the service station was changed to the Louisville Oil and Gas Company. In 1956, the old wooden building was torn down, and a new concrete block service station was constructed, set well back from Main Street. In the late 1970s, the business became known as the Louisville 66 Gas Station. During the 1980s and early 1990s, Louisville's Phillips 66 was owned by Bud Tharp, who ran it as a full-service station, in an era of no frills quick stops. The gas pumps were removed in the 1990s, but the Phillips 66 Service Station is still in business (in the year 2000) as an auto repair facility and car wash.

**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.

"Gas Station Revives an Old Concept: Full Service." *Boulder Daily Camera*, n.d. (circa 1990) (article taken from clipping file at the Louisville Public Library)

*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.

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### 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:

**Architecture; Commerce**

40. Period of Significance: n/a

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

### 42. Statement of Significance

This building was constructed in 1956. Because it is less than fifty years old, and because it does not meet the requirements for National Register Criteria Consideration G, the property is ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be considered a non-contributing property within a potential downtown Louisville historic district.

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

This building has changed little since its construction in 1956.

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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: **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:

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-11**

Frame(s): **11-14**

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**

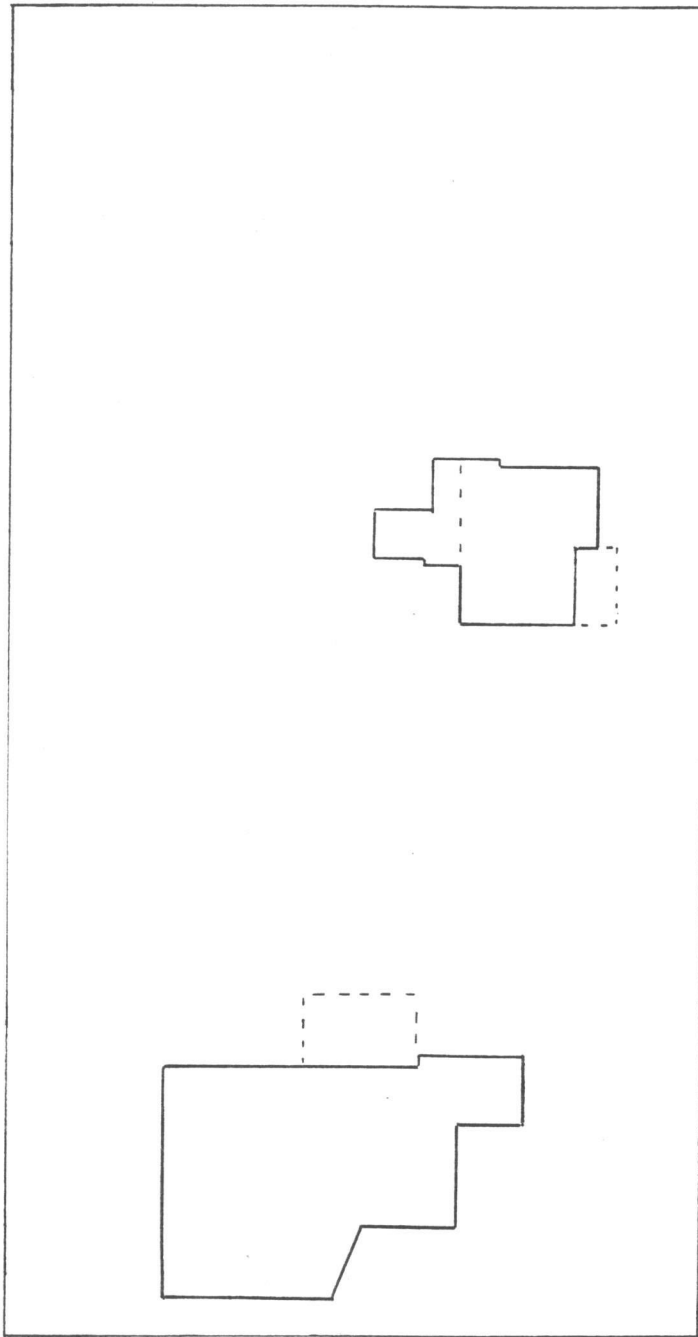
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

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

Spruce Street



Alley



717

Main Street

Approximate

Scale



40 Feet

701

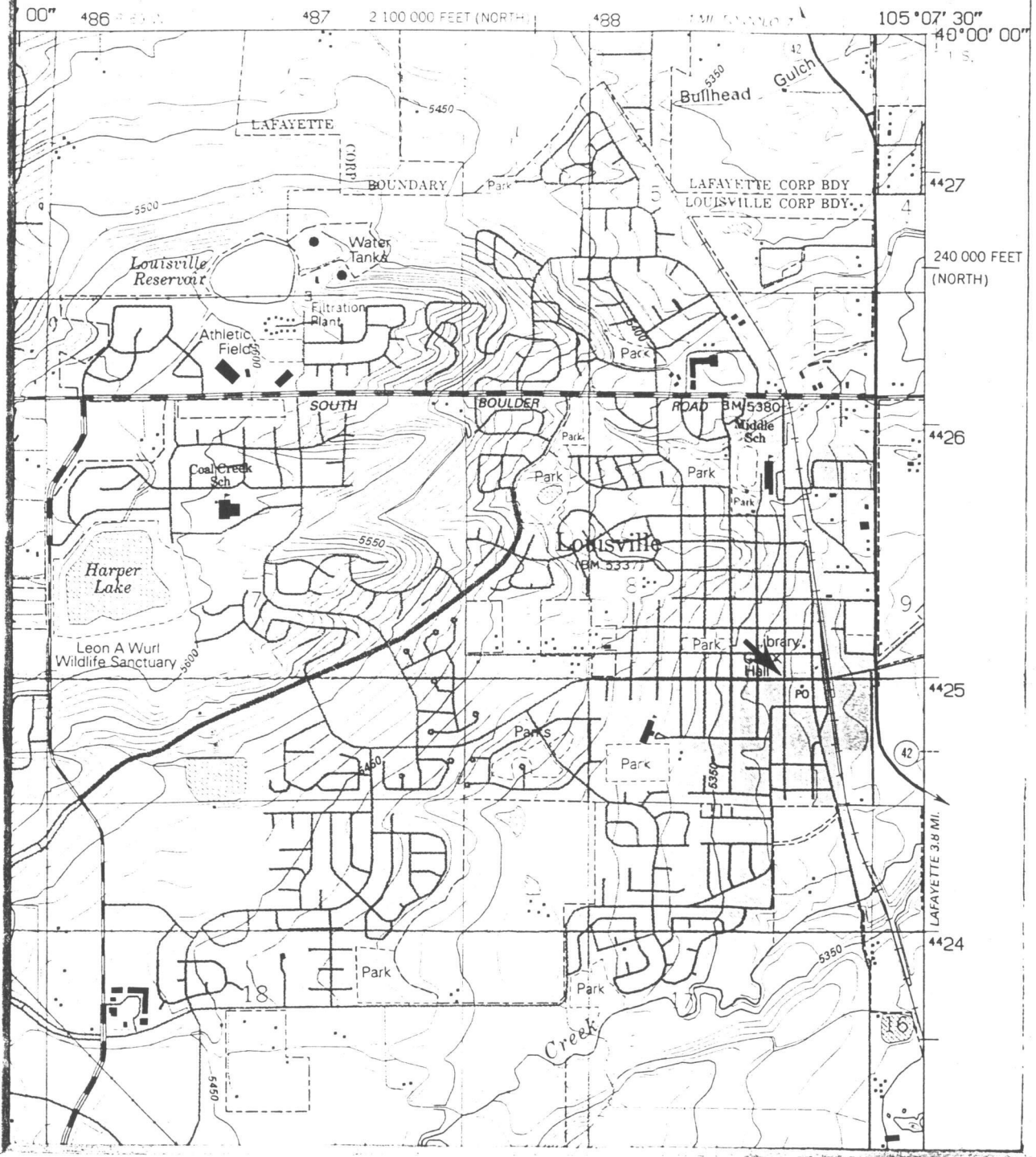
Pine Street

• • • SKETCH MAP • • •

701 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
COLORADO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

496° 11' SE  
(ER/E)



• • • LOCATION MAP • • •

701 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado







5BL8008            701 Main Street, Louisville  
Phillips 66 Building  
27 April 2000  
Negative located at: City of Louisville  
749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027  
Photographed by Carl McWilliams  
Roll CM-11        Frame 12  
View to North