

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8011**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **First State Bank Building**
- 6. Current building name: **Wildwood Music Building**
- 7. Building address: **800/804 Main St., 925 Spruce St.**
- 8. Owner name: **Carolee V. Taylor**
Owner address: **725 Carver Road**
Las Cruces, NM 88005

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SW¼ of **NW**¼ of **NE**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488790**
Northing: **4425120**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **7** Block: **2**
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

(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
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **3530 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material:
Wood / Plywood / Particle Board
Concrete / Concrete Block
- 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
Chimney

Survey Completed April 2000

21. General Architectural Description

The Wildwood Music Building is a one-story L-shaped commercial building located at the northeast corner of Main and Spruce Streets in downtown Louisville. The building presently houses three businesses: Wildwood Music at 804 Main Street, Exquisite Enterprises Inc. at 800 Main Street, and Beebo's Used Books at 925 Spruce Street. The building is of brick and concrete block construction, and its primary elevations (fronting onto Main and Spruce Streets) have been clad with vertical particle board siding. The building's rear (east) elevation is partially covered with particle board siding, with exposed concrete block on the remainder of the elevation. The building is covered by a flat roof. Parapet walls extending above the roof line on the west and south elevations, are clad with square-cut wood shingles. The building's west elevation, which fronts to Main Street, has two single-light and one 2-light fixed-pane storefront windows, with wood frames. Two entry doors on this elevation provide access to Wildwood Music and to Exquisite Enterprises Inc. Two signs on the west elevation advertise "Wildwood Music", and "Exquisite Enterprises Inc. Awards, Plaques, Trophys, Engraving." A wood-paneled door on the building's south elevation enters Beebo's Used Books at 925 Spruce Street. Secondary entrances are located at the east end of the south elevation, and on the east (rear) elevation.

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

Sanborn insurance maps provide evidence that the south end of this building was constructed sometime before 1893, while the north end was built between 1908 and 1916. Boulder County Assessor records indicate that major renovations of the building were carried out in 1952 and 1975.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This building is located at the northeast corner of Spruce and Main Streets, in the heart of downtown Louisville.

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

Estimate ca. 1890; ca. 1910

Actual

Source of information:

Sanborn maps, 1893 and 1908**26. Architect:**

n/a

Source of information:

n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:**Herman H. Fischer (possibly)**

Source of information:

**Conarroe, Carolyn. The Louisville Story.
Louisville: Louisville Times Inc., 1978.****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 / Department Store**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Financial Institution**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Specialty Store**
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

35. Historical Background

Sanborn insurance maps indicate that the south half of this building was built prior to 1893, and that for many years it housed a general store. From 1916 (and perhaps several years earlier), until the early 1960s, a clothing business known as the Hub Store was located here. Frank A. Mangus was the manager of the Hub Store in the 1910s and 1920s. By 1930, the Hub Store had been taken over by O.C. Anderson and George A. Webster. This business later became known as Webster's Hub Store, and operated here into the 1960s. The current retail tenant at 800 Main Street, Exquisite Enterprises Inc., has been here since 1966.

This building is best known, though, as the location of the First Bank of Louisville. Also known as the Louisville Bank, and as the First State Bank, this institution was in business at what is now 804 Main Street from shortly after the turn of the twentieth century, until the 1950s. Some of the bank's officials over the years included L.E. Chenault, J.R. Thirlaway, J.E. Park, W.L. Armstrong, Roy N. Austin, W.L. Tanner, H.H. Hoyt, Lawton W. McCorkle, and G. Russell Henning. Henning, a bank president who was also a mortician, served as Mayor of Louisville from 1926 to 1930. After the bank closed in the 1950s, this part of the building was used by the Public Service Company of Colorado until circa 1990. Wildwood Music, specializing in the sale of guitars, opened in this part of the building at 804 Main Street, in the early 1990s.

The north half of this building was built within a few years following 1908.

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.

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:

Commerce

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1890 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This building is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with early sustained commercial development in downtown Louisville. Due to a lack of integrity, though, the building should be considered ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and as a non-contributing property within a potential downtown Louisville historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building's historical integrity has been compromised by particle board siding put up on the west and south elevations, and by the wood shingles applied to the parapet walls, also on the west and south elevations. The building's windows and doors have also been altered. In its present condition, the building is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic significance.

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-13**

Frame(s): **7-9**

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 12, 2000**

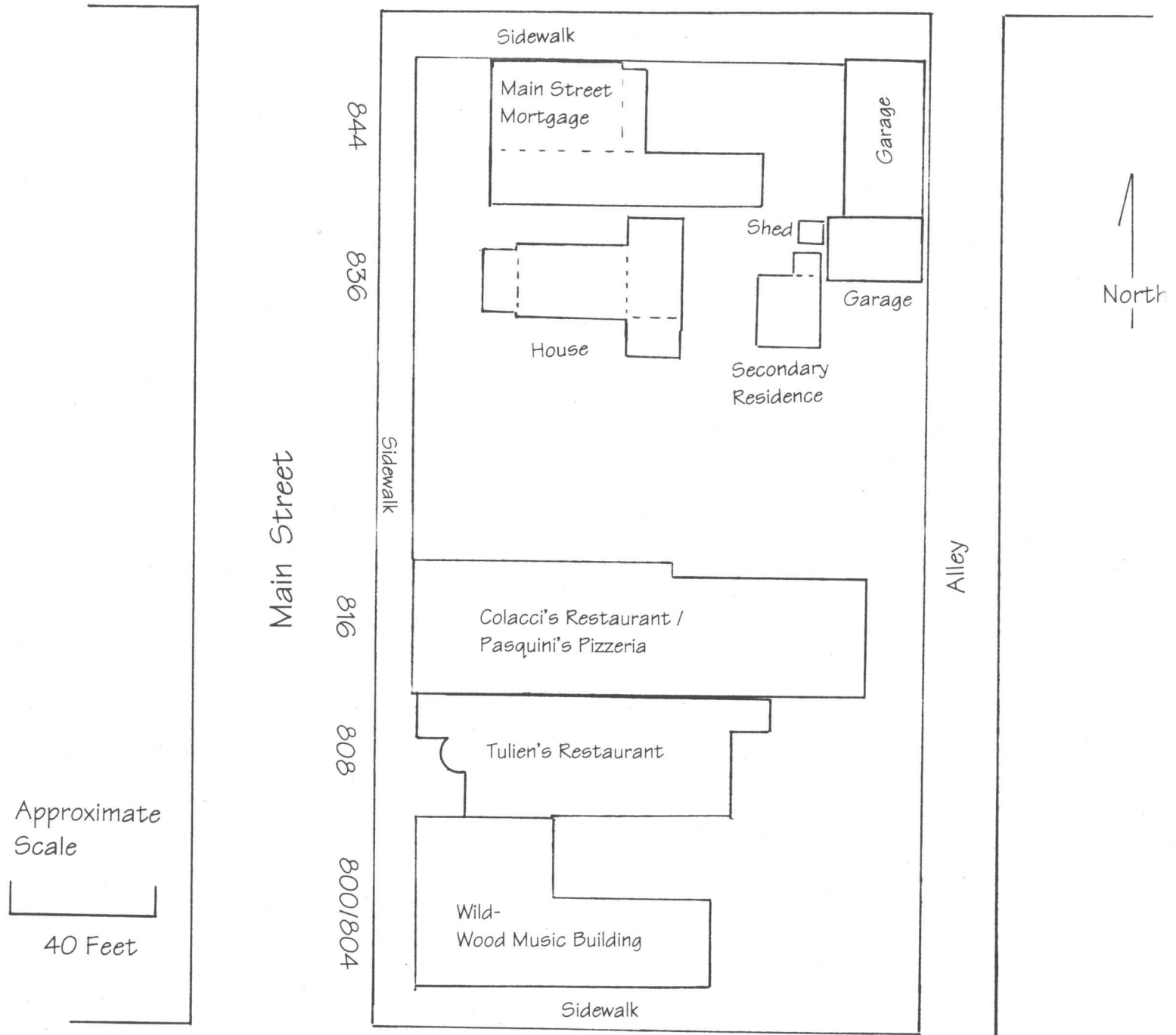
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

Walnut Street



Approximate Scale

40 Feet

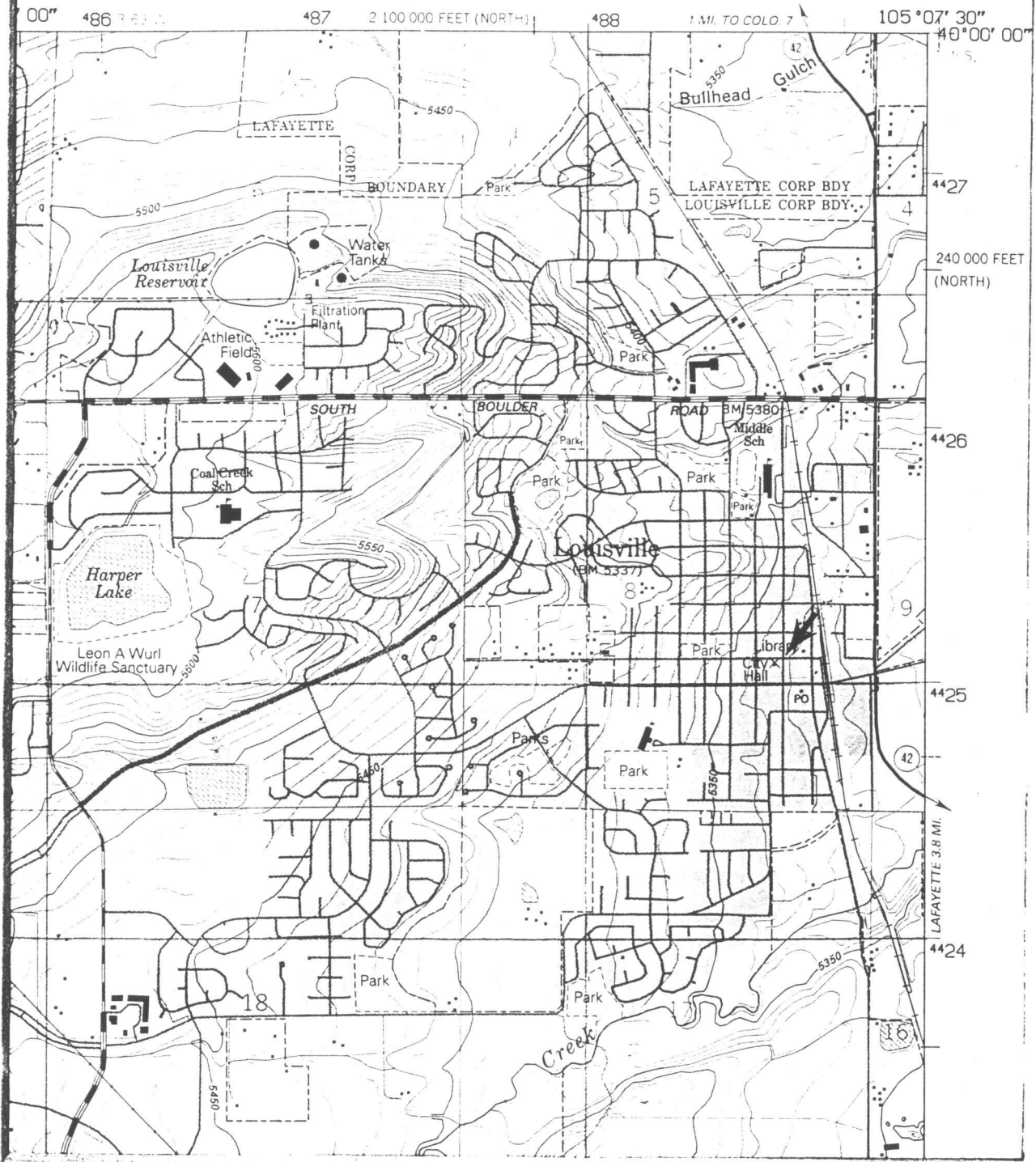
Spruce Street

SKETCH MAP

800/804 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
COLORADO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

49° 11' SE
(ERIE)



LOCATION MAP

800/804 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

