

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8028**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Forte House**
- 6. Current building name: **Lazuk House**
- 7. Building address: **801 Walnut Street**
- 8. Owner name: **George Jr. & Margie L. Lazuk**
Owner address: **801 Walnut Street**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
NE¼ of **NE**¼ of **NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488670**
Northing: **4425210**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **2-5** Block: **3**
Addition: **Jefferson Place** Year of Addition **1880**
- 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: **1472 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **1½**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Weatherboard
Wood / Shingle
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Decorative Shingles
Chimney
Porch
Fence

22. Architectural style / building type:

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements / Craftsman



21. General Architectural Description

The Lazuk House is a 1½-story wood-frame residence, exhibiting characteristics of the Craftsman style of architecture. Situated on a large corner lot, the building is supported by a low, painted white, concrete foundation. The exterior walls are painted white horizontal weatherboard, with fishscale shingles in the upper gable end on the north elevation, and with square-cut wood shingles in the upper gable end of the porch gable, on the west elevation. The roof is a tall moderately-pitched front gable, with asphalt shingles and exposed rafter ends. A painted white brick chimney is located on the north elevation. The house's historic Craftsman style, gabled-roof, porch was originally open, but has been enclosed in recent years. The porch now has a non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding glass bypass door, and four non-historic windows, flanked by single-light casement windows, all in metal frames. Windows elsewhere on the house are a combination of original 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and non-historic single-light fixed-panes, with flanking casement windows. A secondary entrance is located on the north elevation, where a painted white wood-paneled door opens onto a concrete driveway. There is no garage, however, the garage extends from the house to LaFarge Avenue to the west. A circa 1950s addition to the north end of the west elevation has particle board siding on its walls, and a shed roof.

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

Sanborn insurance maps show that the first dwelling on this lot was constructed prior to 1893, and that it was replaced by another dwelling, located at the northwest corner of the lot, sometime between 1900 and 1908. Boulder County Assessor records list 1918 as the current dwelling's date of construction. This date is plausible given the home's Craftsman detailing. It is possible, though, that the earlier dwelling here was incorporated into the new house's construction in 1918.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located at the northeast corner of LaFarge Avenue and Walnut Street, a block west of Louisville's Main Street.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects
n/a**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**
Estimate
Actual **1918**

Source of information:
Boulder County Assessor records

26. Architect:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
Michael and Ora Forte family

Source of information:
"Forte" no author, n.d. (Biographical manuscript relating the history of the Forte family, on file at the Louisville Historical Museum.)

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

This property was initially developed in the late 1800s, and in the years surrounding the turn of the twentieth century, the Joseph Massaro family had their home here. The Massaros were Italian immigrants. Joseph worked in the coal mines, and Mrs. Massaro ran a boardinghouse. In 1902 they took in a young boarder named Michael Forte. Born in Italy in 1872, Forte had immigrated to America in 1892, spending time in New York before heading west to join his two older brothers at Pueblo, Colorado. After arriving in Louisville in 1902, Michael found work as a coal miner, and before long, he also fell in love with the Massaro's daughter, Ora. Michael and Ora were married in 1903, and subsequently raised a family of seven children, including Leonard (b. 1904), Lorina (b. 1905), Virginia (b. 1907), Olivia (b. 1909), Alice (b. 1910), Joseph (b. 1912), and Patricia (b. 1923). In about 1908 or 1909 the Fortes began operating a grocery store located across the street from this house, at the southeast corner of LaFarge and Walnut. The Forte family lived in a dwelling attached to the store for a time, before moving into a house on this property after Ora's parents had passed away. The Fortes had the current house built here in about 1918. The Fortes lived here until about 1937, when Ora passed away at a relatively young age. Michael never remarried, and did not pass away until 1968, at the age of 96.

Following the Fortes, this house was owned by the Eberharder family during most of the 1940s and 1950s. Members of their family included Fred J. and Frances Eberharder, followed by LeRoy and Alice Eberharder. Fred was a coal miner who worked for the Louisville - Lafayette Coal Company. From the late 1950s to the present, this house has been owned and occupied by George and Margie Lazuk. Now retired, George worked for the Public Service Company.

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.

"Forte" no author, n.d. (Biographical manuscript relating the history of the Forte family, on file at the Louisville Historical Museum.)

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

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:

Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: 1918 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **42. Statement of Significance**

This house was historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with residential development in Louisville during the first half of the twentieth century. The house was architecturally significant as well, under National Register Criterion C, as a locally notable example of a Craftsman style dwelling. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, however, the property should be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be a non-contributing property within a potential downtown Louisville National Register historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house's historical integrity has been substantially compromised by the enclosing of the historically open front porch, by the installation of a horizontal sliding glass bypass door on the facade, and by the alteration of several window openings. As a result, the house 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: **Platted in 1880 as the Jefferson Place Addition, the neighborhood, along Lafarge and Jefferson Avenues, is Louisville's oldest residential neighborhood. Historic houses, and other buildings, in this area, 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-8**

Frame(s): **1-3**

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 24, 2000**

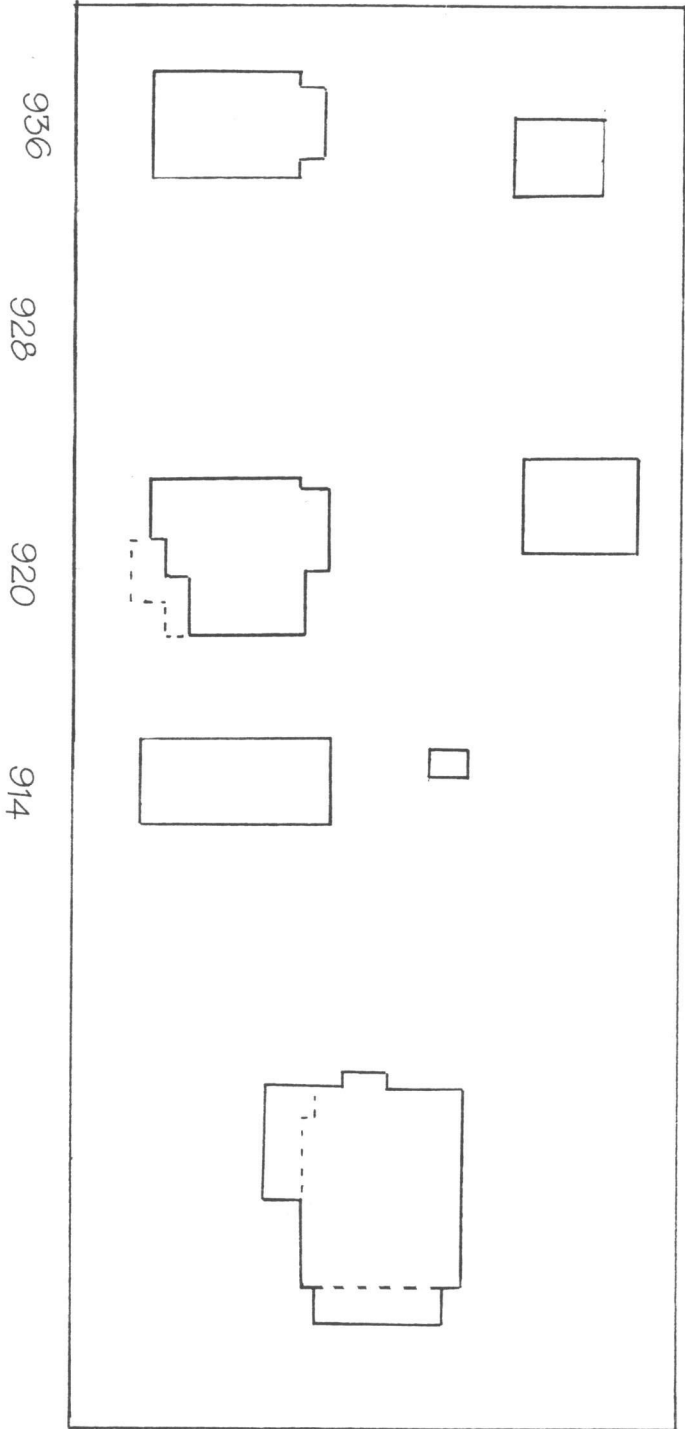
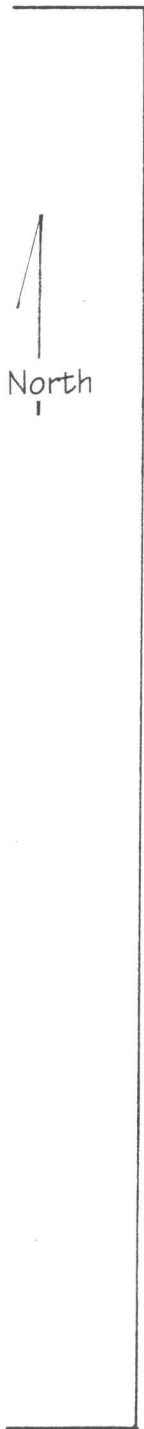
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

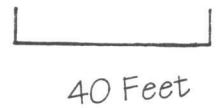
53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

South Street



Alley

Approximate Scale



LaFarge Avenue

801

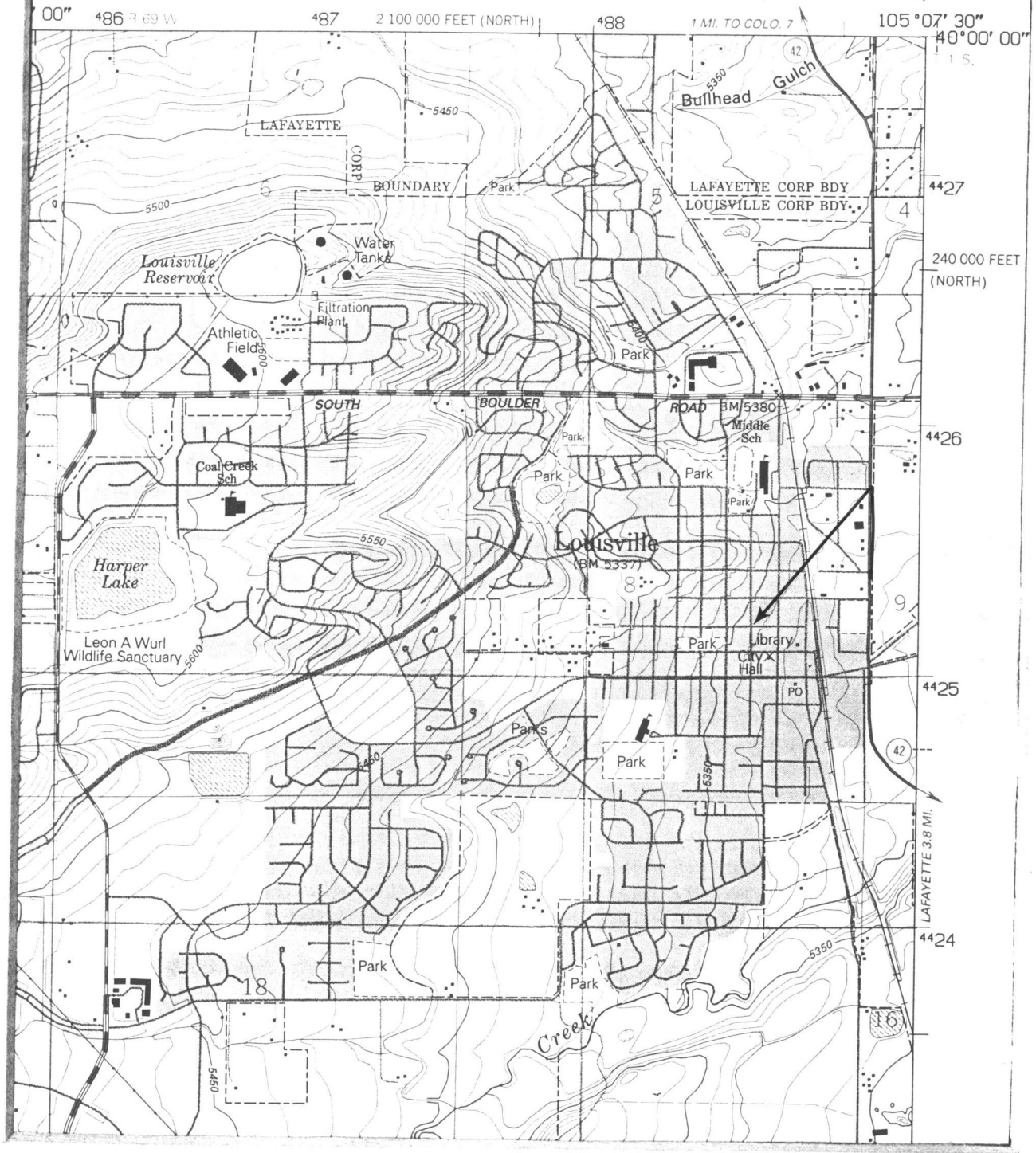
Walnut Street

. . . SKETCH MAP . . .

801 Walnut Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
COLORADO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

496 x 11 SE
(E/IE)



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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