

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

(Page 1 of 5)

### 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

### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8041**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Powers & McQuain Second Hand Store**
- 6. Current building name: **The Druids Arms Tavern**
- 7. Building address: **809 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Tebo Partnership LLLP**  
Owner address: **1301 Walnut Street  
Boulder, CO 80306**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**SW**¼ of **NW**¼ of **NE**¼ of **SE**¼ of section 8
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488750**  
Northing: **4425150**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **12** 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):  
**Rectangular**
- 15. Dimensions in feet:
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Weatherboard**  
**Brick**
- 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):  
**False Front**  
**Decorative Cornice**

22. Architectural style / building type:

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



**21. General Architectural Description**

This is an early twentieth century wood frame commercial building, with a false front facade. Fronting onto Main Street to the east, the building features a rectangular plan, and is supported by a concrete or stone foundation. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. A shed-roofed addition, from the 1960s or 1970s, has been built onto the west (rear) elevation. The building's facade features two large 2-light storefront display windows, with red brick rowlock slipsills. The windows flank a glass-in-wood-frame entry door, with a transom light. The kick plate area, below the windows, are faced with red brick, and brick columns are located at either end of the facade. The upper facade wall features horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted black corner boards, and with a dentil course beneath a projecting cornice. A wood sign board projects from the upper facade wall, advertising **The druids Arms**. Small neon signs in the storefront display windows advertise **Guinness Draught, Bass, Boddingtons, and Caffrey's Irish Ale**.

A flat-roofed walk-in refrigerator/ freezer is located behind the building to the west. Also behind the building, is a small storage shed, with a wood timbers on grade foundation, particle board walls, and a low-pitched gable roof.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1902 as this building's date of construction. Sanborn insurance maps corroborate that the building was constructed sometime between 1900 and 1908.

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

This building is located on the west side of Main Street, in downtown Louisville. The building fronts directly onto a wide concrete sidewalk which parallels Main Street. The State Mercantile Building is adjacent to the south. A concrete parking lot, behind the building to the west, extends to the alley.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**  
**Walk-in Refrigerator, Storage Shed****IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate

Actual **1902**

Source of information:

**Boulder County Assessor records;**  
**Sanborn insurance maps****26. Architect:****n/a**

Source of information:

**n/a****27. Builder/ Contractor:****unknown**

Source of information:

**n/a****28. Original owner:****Charles Wolfer**

Source of information:

**Mehls, Steven F., and Mehls, Carol Drake. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (809 Main Street), July 28, 1985.****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 / Department Store**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Restaurant**
34. Site type(s): **commercial building**

### 35. Historical Background

Sanborn insurance maps reveal that the first building on this lot was a small dwelling constructed prior to 1893. By 1900, a larger building was located here, and served as a barbershop, as well as a dwelling. The property's extant structure was constructed in 1902. In its early years, this building housed a second hand store, reportedly operated by Powers and McQuain. By 1940, this was where the Romano Restaurant was located. Celiste (Celeste) and Angelina Romano had come to Louisville in the years prior to 1916, and for many years ran a billiards hall on Main Street.

The Romano Restaurant was in business here until the early 1960s, when it was replaced by Pasquale's Restaurant and Bar. Pasquale's was in business here for more than thirty years, and became a Louisville institution before it closed in 1997. The property's current commercial tenant, The Druids Arms tavern, has been located here since 1998.

### 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.

Mehls, Steven F., and Mehls, Carol Drake. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (809 Main 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.

---

**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:

**Architecture; Commerce**

40. Period of Significance: 1902 - 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 Louisville. The building is architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a representative early twentieth century false-front commercial building. Due to some loss of integrity, the building's significance is not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, however, it is eligible as a contributing resource 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 a shed-roofed addition to the west (rear) elevation, and by the application of brick facing to the facade. The fixed-pane windows are also not historic. As commercial buildings evolve, their facades are periodically altered to accommodate new businesses. Such facade changes are representative of these buildings' patterns of use, and are an important element of their history. As a result, alterations to a commercial building's facade should not automatically preclude its eligibility to be listed as a contributing property within a potential National Register historic district.

---

**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-10**

Frame(s): **35-37**

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**

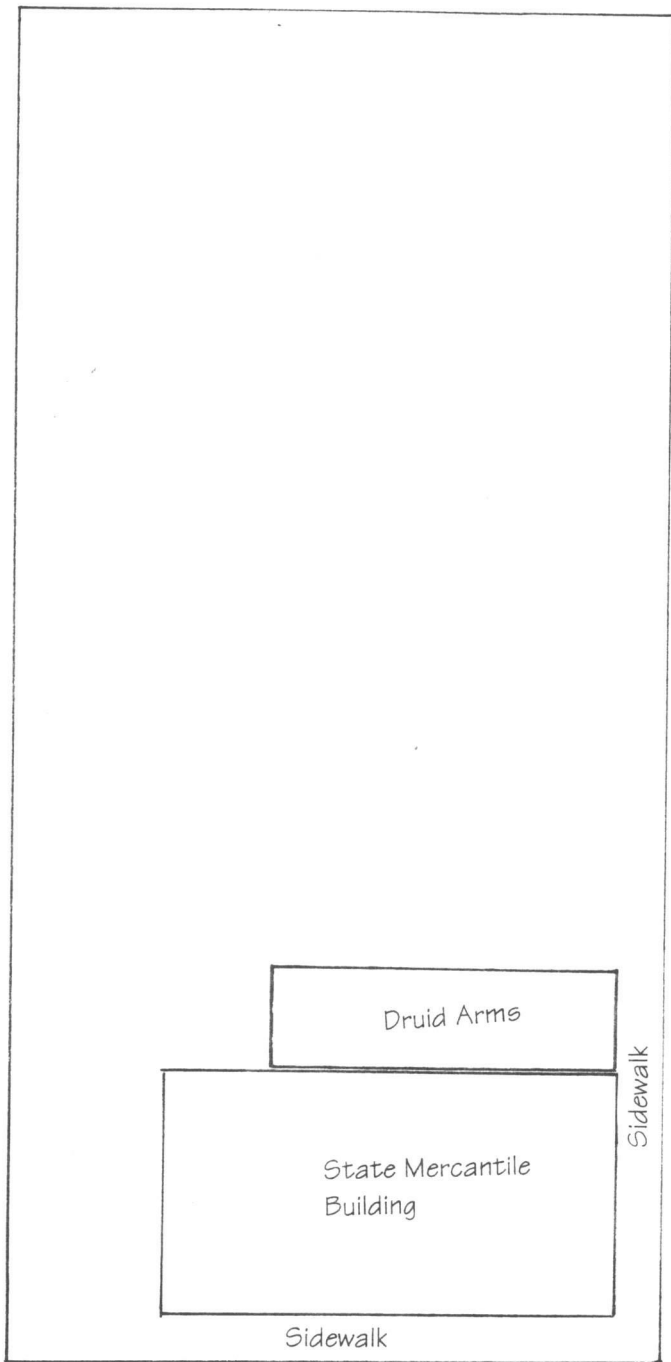
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

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

Walnut Street



Alley



Main Street

Approximate

Scale

40 Feet

809

801

Sidewalk

Sidewalk

State Mercantile Building

Druid Arms

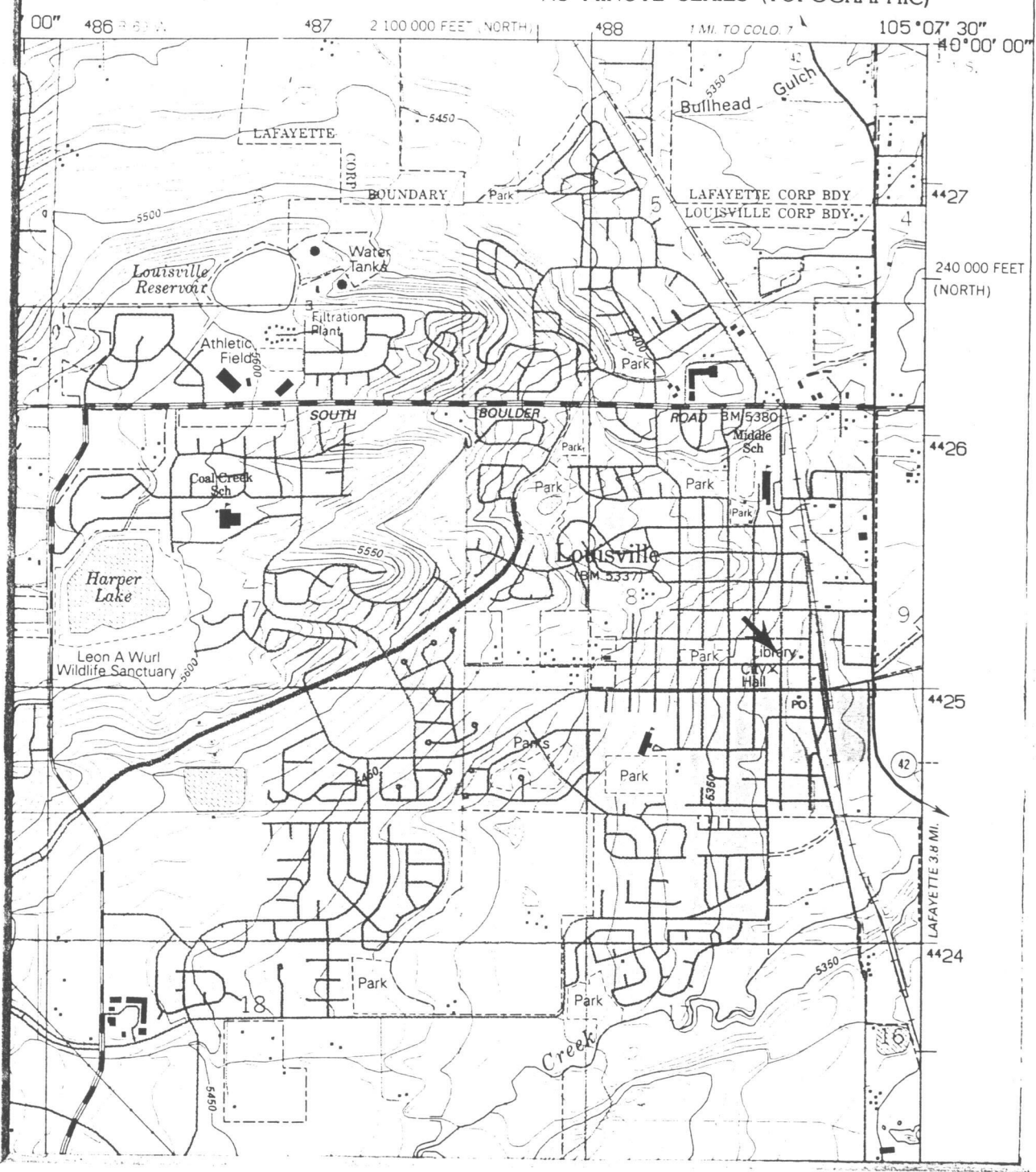
Spruce Street

• • • SKETCH MAP • • •

809 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 COLORADO  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1964 11 SE  
 (ERIE)



LOCATION MAP

809 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado



