

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL8026**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **Gardner House**
6. Current building name: **Gardner House**
7. Building address: **810 Spruce Street**
8. Owner name: **Violet M. Gardner**  
Owner address: **810 Spruce Street**  
**Louisville, CO 80027**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**NE**¼ of **SW**¼ of **NW**¼ of **SE**¼ of section **8**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488690**  
Northing: **4425090**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **11, 12** Block: **2**  
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.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**Other Style**  
**(Wood Frame Dwelling)**



### 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):  
**L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **929 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **one**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Stucco**
18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Gabled Roof / Hip-on- Gable Roof**
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof**
20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**

**21. General Architectural Description**

The Gardner House is a single-story, wood-frame, dwelling, with a modified L-shaped plan. The modest residence is supported by a low concrete foundation, and there appears to be a partial unfinished basement. The exterior walls are comprised of light brown stucco, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The house is covered by an intersecting gable and hip roof, with grey asphalt shingles and closed eaves. A painted light beige brick chimney, is located on the exterior of the west elevation. A band of four single-light fixed-pane windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and one 1x1 horizontal sliding window, are located on the building's facade, on the north elevation. Windows on the secondary elevations are a combination of single-light fixed-panes, 1x1 horizontal sliders, 3-lights, and 1/1 double-hung sash, all with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled front door, with an aluminum storm door, is located at the north end of the west elevation. This door opens onto a small concrete porch. Another painted white wood-paneled door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a concrete patio, at the east end of the south elevation. The patio is covered by a corrugated metal shed porch roof.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1910 as this building's year of construction. No buildings are depicted on this lot on the 1900 and 1908 Sanborn maps, corroborating the Assessor's date at least to the extent that this building was definitely constructed after 1908. The original building here appears to an L-shaped structure, comprised of a 32' N-S by 16' E-W gabled portion, and a 13' N-S by 8½' E-W hipped-roof portion, located at the south end of the gabled portion. A 15' N-S by 20' E-W flat-roofed addition to the south (rear) elevation probably dates to 1930.

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

This building is located on the south side of Spruce Street, less than a block west of Main Street, west of downtown Louisville.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**  
n/a**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**Estimate **ca. 1910**

Actual

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:****unknown**

Source of information:

n/a

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

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## 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

Boulder County Assessor records indicate that this house was built in 1910, and it has served as a single-family dwelling since that time. Although the home's original and early owners are unknown, there is a good chance that some members of their families were employed at area coal mines. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Louisville's economy was based, to a great extent, on the area's coal industry. As a result, the livelihoods of most of the community's inhabitants were directly, or indirectly, dependent on coal.

From the early 1950s to the present (2000) this house has been owned by the Gardner family. J.K. and Julia A. Gardner purchased it from G.R. Henning who owned it for an undetermined period of time. The Hennings appear not to have lived here, though, according to Boulder County directories. In 1959, this was the residence of Darold and Lorraine Bryan. From the late 1960s to the present, this has been the home of Mrs. Violet M. Gardner.

### 36. Sources of Information

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master", on file at the Boulder Carnegie 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

**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; Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of Significance: **1910 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

Although this house's historical significance is probably not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the building does have sufficient significance and integrity to qualify as a contributing property within a potential National Register historic district. The house is historically significant for its association with residential development in Louisville in the years prior to 1950. The house is also architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a somewhat unusual local example of a wood frame gabled and hipped roof house.

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

This house exhibits above average historical integrity. There have been no additions, and no noticeable exterior alterations, within the past fifty years.

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**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: **Platted in 1880 as the Jefferson Place Addition, the neighborhood, along LaFarge and Jefferson Avenues, is Louisville's oldest residential neighborhood. Historic houses 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: **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-8**

Frame(s): **16-18**

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**

Spruce Street

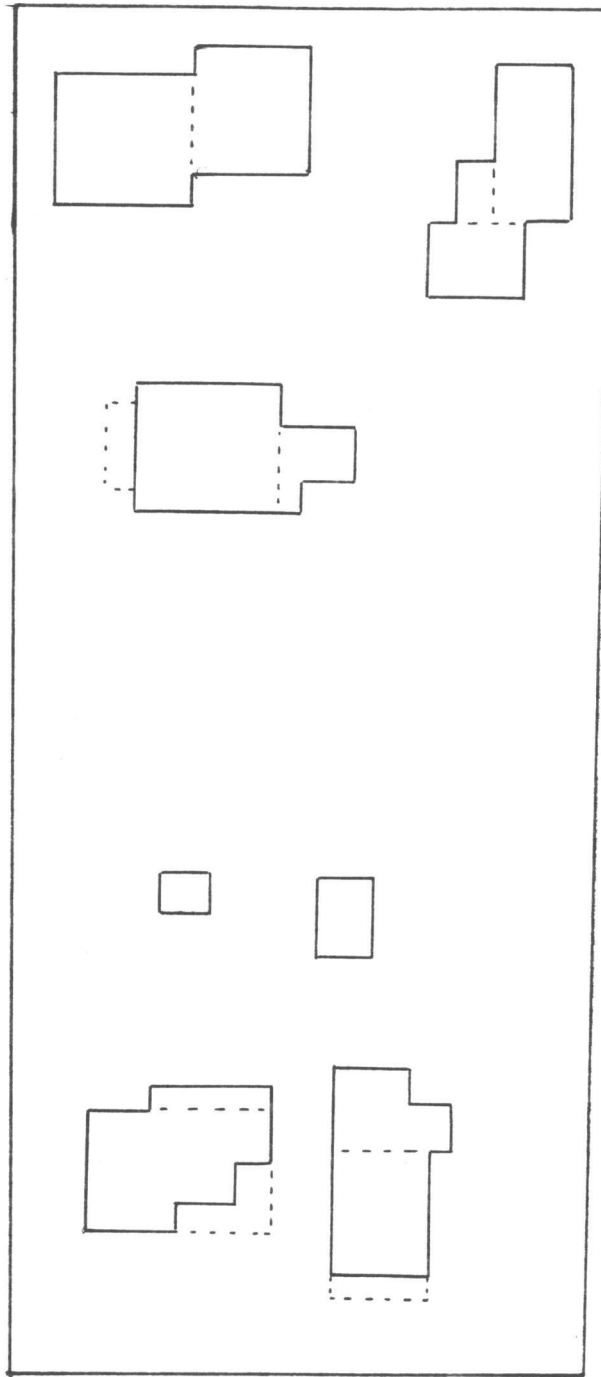
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LaFarge Avenue



Approximate Scale



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809

Pine Street

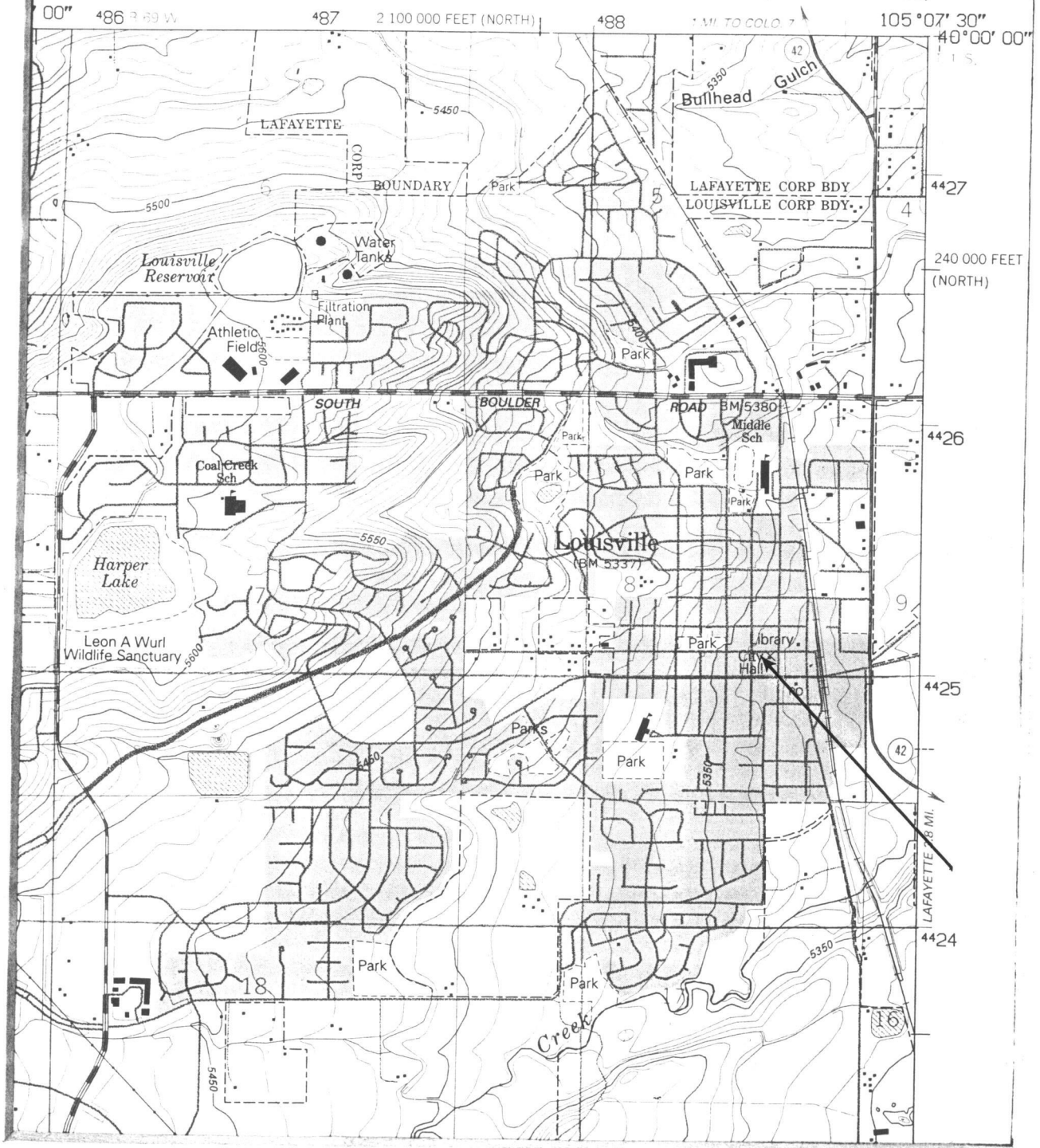
SKETCH

MAP

810 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 COLORADO  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

4964 11 SE  
 (ERIE)



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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