

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8027**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Scarpella House**
- 6. Current building name: **Davies House**
- 7. Building address: **817 Spruce Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Russel O. Davies**
Owner address: **8239 Hygiene Road**
Longmont, CO 80503

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
SE¼ of NW¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of section 8
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488690**
Northing: **4425110**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **15, 16** 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 Gabled Roof 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):
Rectangular Plan
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **624 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Asbestos
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Attached Garage

21. General Architectural Description

This building is a modest-scale wood-frame dwelling, located on the north side of Spruce Street, just to the west of downtown Louisville. The house is supported by a low concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with green undulated asbestos shingle siding. The roof has intersecting gables, and is covered with red asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. There are no chimneys. One non-historic single-light fixed-pane window is located on the facade. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and with aluminum screens. A small, enclosed gabled entry porch is located on the facade (south elevation). A painted white wood-paneled door, with three upper sash lights, and with a wood screen door, enters the porch on its east end. A secondary entrance is located on the house's north elevation. Here, a painted white wood-paneled door, with a wood screen door, opens onto a concrete stoop between the house and garage.

The house is connected to a **Garage**, by a short wall, with a narrow, painted white glass-in-wood-frame door. Located northeast of the house, the garage is a wood-frame structure supported by a concrete foundation. It has a concrete slab foundation and floor, green undulated asbestos shingle siding, and a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with red asphalt shingles, and boxed eaves. Three-light hopper windows, with painted white wood frames and surrounds, are located on the garage's east and west elevations. Paired, painted white, plywood and 1x wood doors, side hinged with metal strap hinges, open toward the alley on the east elevation.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list this building's date of construction as 1900. Sanborn insurance maps document that it was built sometime between 1900 and 1908. The garage does not appear on the 1908 Sanborn map, but it does appear to date from the period of significance.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the north side of Spruce Street, just to the west of downtown Louisville.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate **ca. 1904**

Actual

Source of information:

Sanborn maps, 1900 and 1908

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/w

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 house was built circa 1904, 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 approximately the mid-1950s, to the early 1970s, this was the residence of Pasquale and Clara Scarpella. In the 1959 Boulder County Directory, Mr. Scarpella's occupation is listed as clerk for the CB&Q Railroad. The Scarpellas were a long-time Louisville family, having come here at about the turn of the twentieth century. Pasquale Scarpella was the son of Thomas and Genevie Scarpella, and he had grown up in a home at 936 Jefferson Avenue. In the early 1940s, Thomas Scarpella worked as a conveyor man at the Centennial Mine. In addition to Pasquale, Thomas' and Genevie's other children were Frank, Charles, and Carmen. Frank Scarpella was also a coal miner.

In 1971, this property was acquired by its current owner, Russel O. Davies of Longmont. He has apparently maintained it as a rental from that time to the present.

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.

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: **ca. 1904 - 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 roof house. The garage dates from the period of significance and would also be a contributing resource within a potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building's historical integrity has been compromised to a moderate degree by the installation of a "picture window" on the facade, by the application of asbestos siding over the historic wall material, and by an addition to the north (rear) elevation.

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): **11-15**

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**

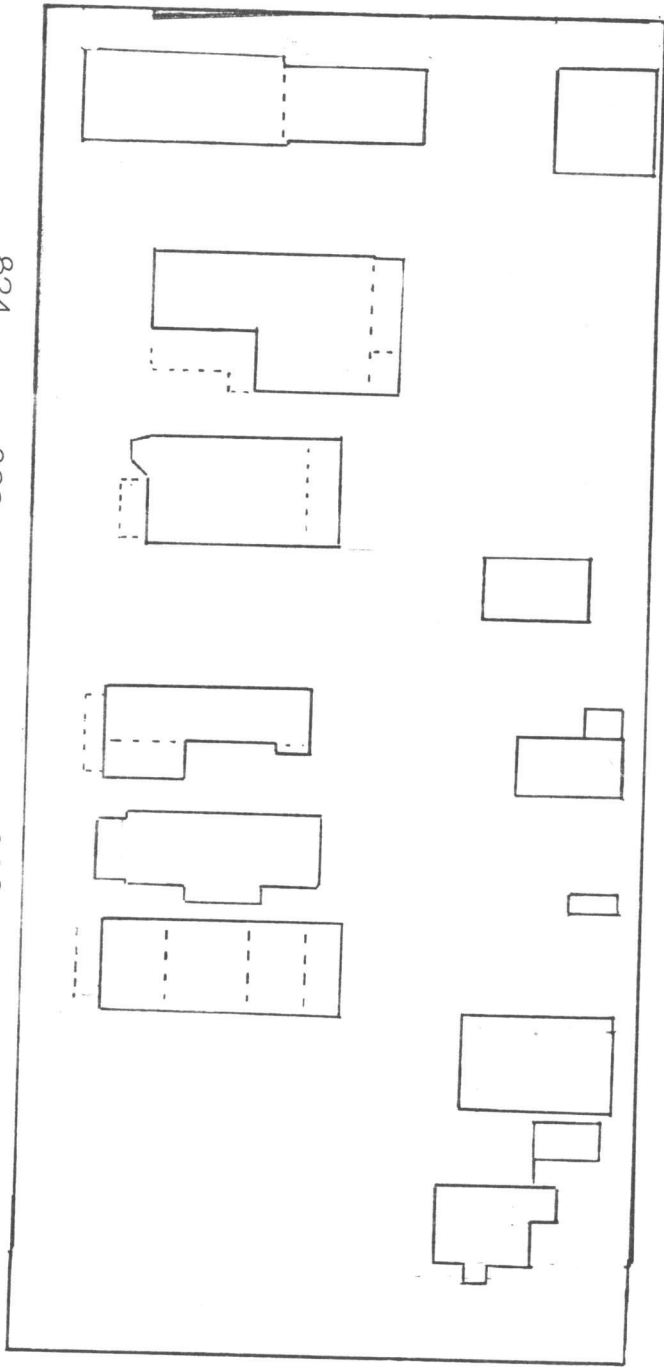
53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

Walnut Street



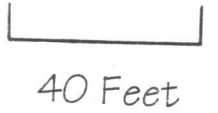
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824
822
812
808
804



Alley

Approximate Scale



817

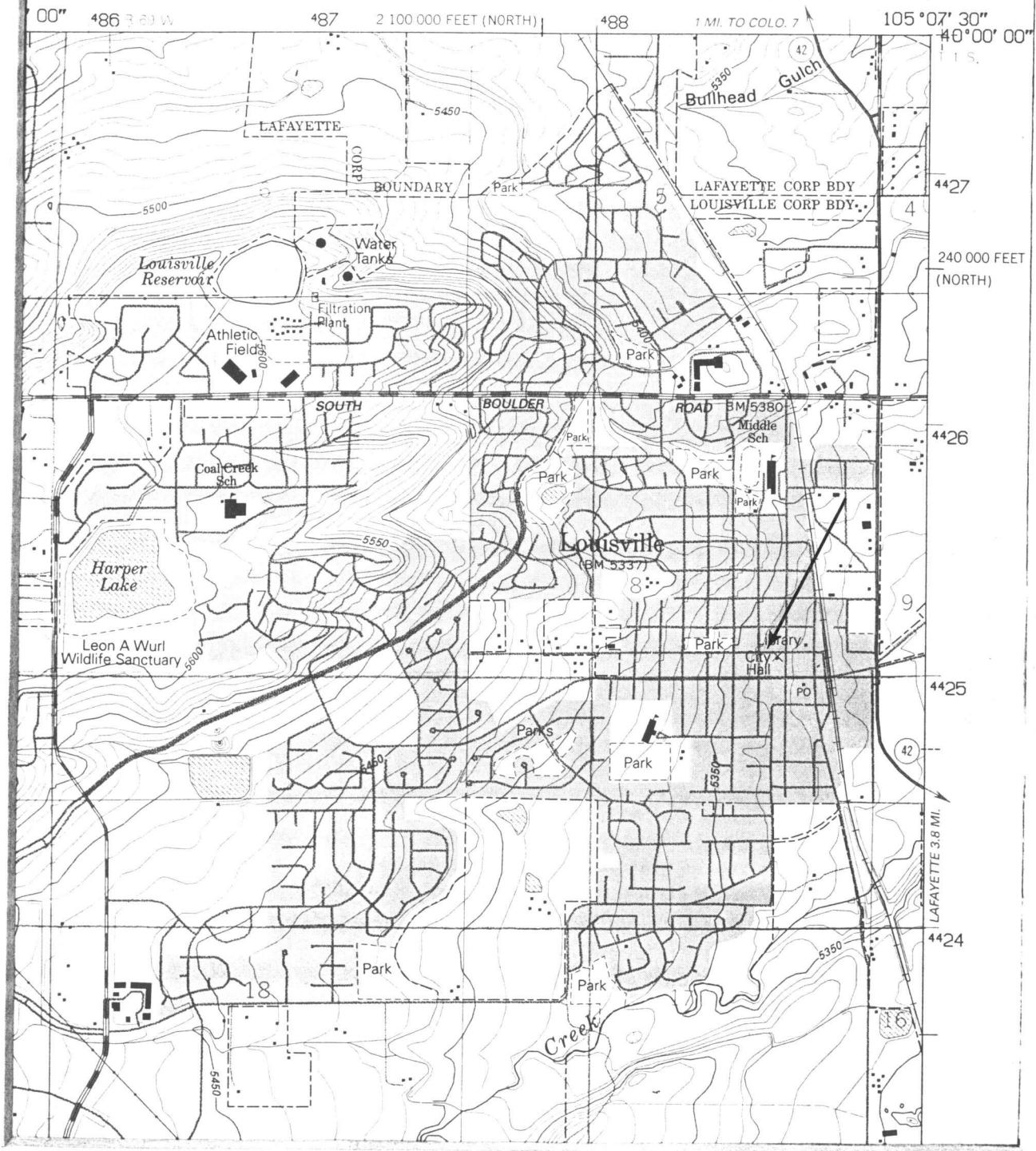
Spruce Street

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MAP • • •

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
 COLORADO
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

49° 11' SE
 (ERIE)



• • • LOCATION MAP • • •

817 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado



