

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8043**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Henning Mortuaries Building**
- 6. Current building name: **Main Street Mortgage Building**
- 7. Building address: **844 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Bessie M. Wood**  
Owner address: **844 Main Street**  
**Louisville, CO 80027**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**SW** of **NW** of **NE** of **SE** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488790**  
Northing: **4425200**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **12** 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.**

### 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: **3838 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **two**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Stucco**  
**Wood / Weatherboard**
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Hipped Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**Foursquare**



**21. General Architectural Description**

This building is comprised of two main sections - a two-story stuccoed brick masonry (or possibly wood frame) building to the north, with a square plan, and a stuccoed wood frame portion to the south, with a rectangular plan. Together, the two sections come together to create an L-shaped building.

The two-story portion has a stone foundation, with concrete pargeting, and a hipped roof, with asphalt shingles and exposed rafter ends. One red brick chimney is located on the interior of the east elevation. Window patterns on the entire building include: 6/1 double-hung sash (ribbon style), flanked by 6-light hoppers; single-light fixed-panes; 3-light fixed-panes; 3/1 double-hung sash (ribbon style); 6/1 double-hung sash (ribbon style); and 8-light fixed panes. Many of these windows are not historic, and have painted black or white wood frames and surrounds. The main entry door on the facade (west elevation), is glass-in-wood-frame, which opens onto a concrete porch, with a gabled hood supported by Doric columns. This entrance presently provides access to Cutting Edge Communications. Another glass-in-wood-frame door opens onto a small wood porch, located on the north elevation. On the east elevation, yet another glass-in-wood-frame door opens onto a handicapped ramp. (All of these doors and porches are not historic.)

The portion of the building to the south, features a front gabled plan, which is one story tall at the front (west) end, and two stories tall at the rear. A pseudo Classical Revival style facade has been put on the front end of the building, on the west elevation. Paired glass-in-wood-frame entry doors here, with flanking sidelights, provide entry into Main Street Mortgage LLC.

A large **Garage / Workshop** is located on the alley, at the east end of the lot. This building abuts to, and is part of the same construction, as the garage next door at 836 Main Street. The garage / workshop has a concrete slab foundation and floor, and red glazed brick walls, covered with concrete pargeting. The roof is flat, with stepped side gables along the north and west elevations. The roof is covered with corrugated metal over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Two painted white wood-paneled roll-away garage doors, open toward Walnut Street on the north elevation. Two metal overhead garage doors are located at the south end of the west elevation.

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

Sanborn insurance maps show that this lot was first built on prior to 1893. The 1893 and 1900 Sanborn maps both depict a dwelling here, which fronted directly onto Main Street. By 1908, this building had been razed. The 1908 Sanborn map depicts the north end of the extant building (the square hipped-roof portion), and lists its use as a dwelling. Also depicted on the 1908 Sanborn, is the east end of the south part of the extant building. This building's use is labeled "Bake Oven." In 1908, these two buildings were two separate structures, which had not yet been joined together. Finally, one other small building is depicted on this lot on the 1908 Sanborn map. This building, labeled "Bakery" fronted directly onto Main Street at the southwest corner of the lot. By the 1940s, it had been razed. Boulder County Assessor records suggest that the modern alterations to the extant building were carried out in 1975.

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

This property is located at the southeast corner of Main and Walnut Streets, in downtown Louisville.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**  
**Garage/ Workshop****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/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; Commerce and Trade / Specialty Store**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Funerary / Mortuary**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**
34. Site type(s): **Residence; Mortuary; Commercial Building**

### 35. Historical Background

This lot was first developed in the years prior to 1893, and in the years surrounding the turn of the twentieth century, a dwelling and bakery were located on the property. The extant building here, was originally two separate structures constructed circa 1904. It has served as a residence and mortuary throughout most of the twentieth century. Charles W. Powell (wife, Emma L.) was an early undertaker here, in business in the 1910s and early 1920s. By 1928, George Russell Henning, and his wife, Marguerite Henning, had come to Louisville. They took over Powell's undertaking business, and renamed it Henning Mortuaries. L.D. Lay was involved in the business as well. The Hennings lived here and operated the mortuary independently into the late 1950s. Mr. Henning also served as President of the First State Bank of Louisville for a time. The Hennings had two children: Blossom and Welcome. By 1960, the Henning Mortuary had entered into a partnership with Howe Mortuaries, and the business here was subsequently known as the Henning - Howe Mortuary. The mortuary business closed in the early 1980s. From that time to the present (2000), this building has housed numerous professional and retail tenants.

### 36. Sources of Information

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

Mehls, Steven F., and Mehls, Carol Drake. "Colorado Historical Society, Historic Building Inventory Record", (844 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.

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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:

**Commerce; Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1904 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local:

### 42. Statement of Significance

As Louisville's most prominent (if not only) mortuary during the first half of the twentieth century, this property was historically significant for its association with the community's socioeconomic development during these years. Due to an almost complete loss of historical integrity, however, the property must be considered ineligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would also be a non-contributing property within a potential historic district.

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

This building's historical integrity was destroyed when it was converted to professional office and retail spaces in the late 1970s or early 1980s. It no longer conveys a sense of its past historic significance. All associations of the building's traditional use as a mortuary have been lost.

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## 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): **15-18**

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 12, 2000**

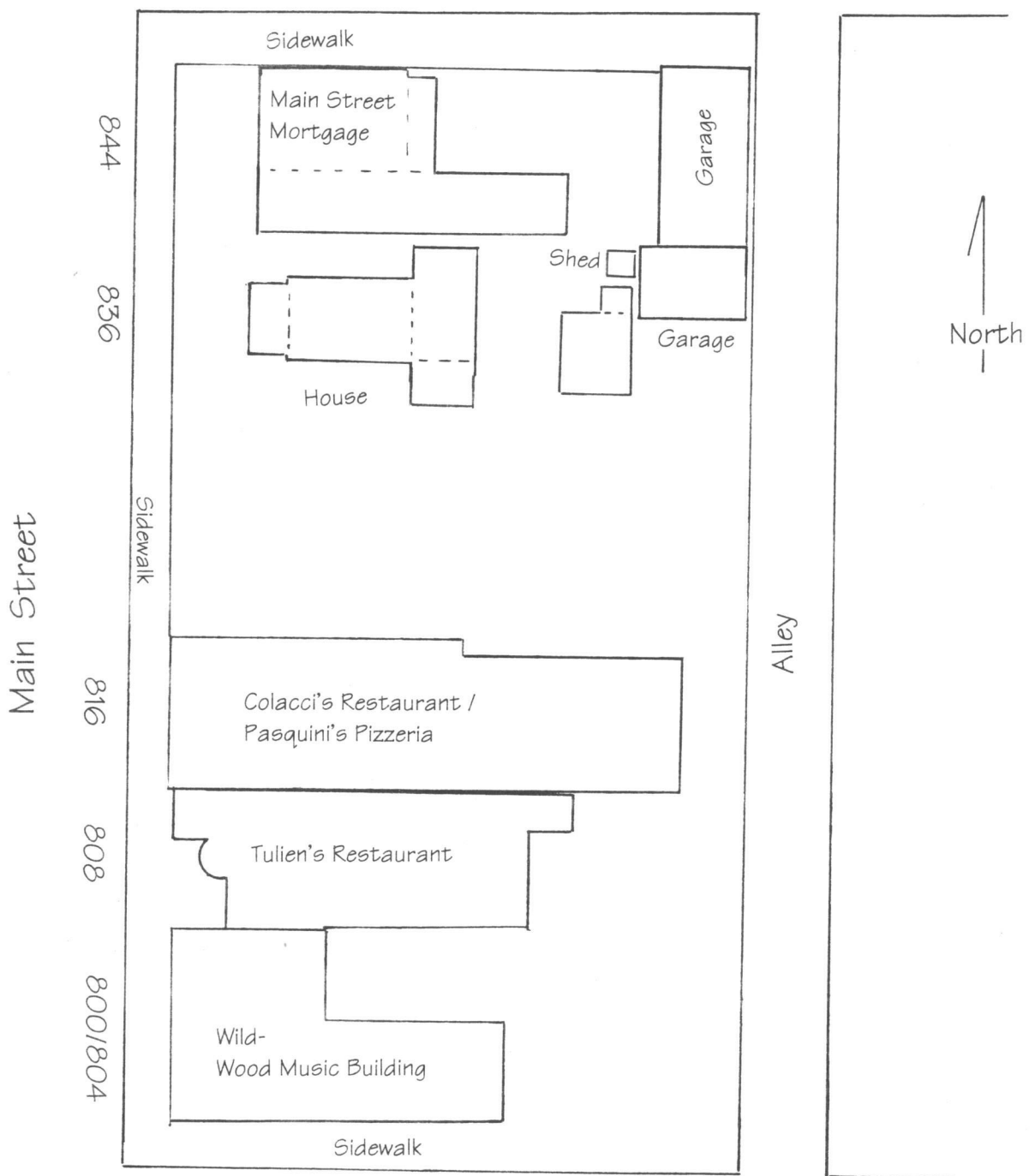
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

Walnut Street



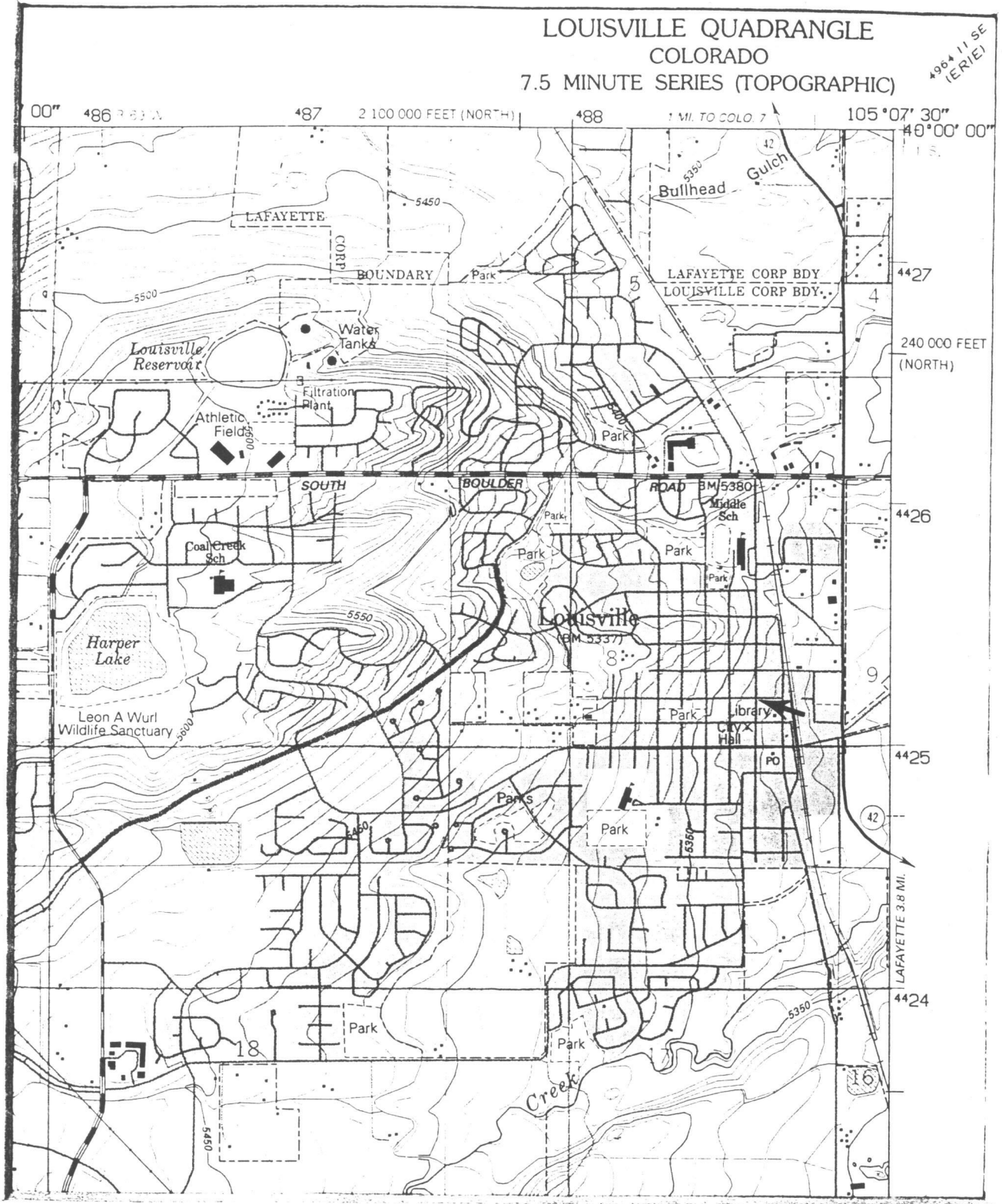
Approximate Scale



Spruce Street

SKETCH MAP

844 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

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