

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL7968**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Razo House et. al.**
- 6. Current building name: **Lehman House**
- 7. Building address: **901 Front Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Arlin and Cynthia A. Lehman**  
Owner address: **1792 Park Lake Dr.**  
**Boulder, CO 80301**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**SE%** of **NW%** of **NE%** of **SE%** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488850**  
Northing: **4425210**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **6** Block: **1**  
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.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**No Style**  
**(Wood Frame Side Gabled 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

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## 21. General Architectural Description

Supported by a concrete foundation, this modest house features painted white wide horizontal wood siding exterior walls, over wood frame construction. Non-original sandstone facing appears on the lower wall surface, and around the entryway, on the facade (east elevation). The house is covered by a side gabled roof, with green asphalt shingles and closed eaves. There are no chimneys. Original windows are single or paired 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and painted green wood surrounds, and with exterior metal storm windows. Two non-original single-light fixed-pane windows are located on the building's east elevation (facade). A painted white wood-paneled door, with three stepped lights, and with a silver metal storm door, is set within a recessed gabled entryway, on the facade. Located on the west elevation, the house's rear entrance features a painted white wood-paneled door which opens onto a concrete patio. The patio is covered by a fiberglass roof, with black wrought iron supports. A 6' by 6' gabled addition to the west (rear) elevation predates circa 1950, or may in fact be part of the original construction.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list 1900 as this house's date of construction, although it was undoubtedly built much later, probably in the early 1930s. A Boulder County property appraisal card for the property, dated circa 19650, includes a photograph and building diagram. These document that there have been no additions to the building within the past forty years. A 6' by 6' gabled extension to the west (rear) elevation may be part of the original construction. In more recent times, the lower facade wall, and the front entryway, were faced with sandstone.

## 23. Landscape or setting special features:

Comprised of a single house, this property is located at the northwest corner of Front and Walnut Streets, east of downtown Louisville. A small planted grass front yard to the east of the house is dominated by a large fir or spruce tree. Small back and side yards, to the west and south of the house, feature minimal landscaping.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects  
n/a

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate ca. 1935  
Actual

Source of information:  
field estimate

26. Architect:  
n/a

Source of information:  
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
unknown

Source of information:  
n/a

28. Original owner:  
Romaldo and Carmen Razo (possibly)

Source of information:  
Boulder County Directories

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

Lot 6 of Block 1 of the Original Town of Louisville, where this house is located, was originally developed during the period 1878 to 1893. After the Original Town of Louisville was platted in 1878, this property at the intersection of Front and Walnut Streets was likely among the first lots developed. Sanborn insurance maps dated 1893 and 1900 show that in those years a dwelling was located at the front of the lot, with two smaller dwellings on the alley to the west. By 1908, these buildings were gone, replaced by a new larger dwelling which faced directly onto Front Street to the east.

The property's current residence was probably built in the early-to-mid-1930s. Boulder County Directories, and later Longmont City Directories list several owners and residents here over the years. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Romaldo Razo, a miner, and his wife Carmen, lived and owned here. The Razos were followed by another mining family, Charles and Sylvia Davis. Residents in the 1950s included Joseph and Ruth Machuga, G.D. Nevills, and Ellis W. and Nina Mae Paull. From circa 1966 to the late 1970s, Forrest A. Tyler owned and lived here. John Janetos was the owner here in 1980, and a few years later this was the Byrd Funeral Home. The property is presently a rental.

### 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

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

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1935 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local:

#### 42. Statement of Significance

Constructed in the 1930s, this building has only minimal historical associations with Louisville's early development period related to area coal mining activities. The property, thus, is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places

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

This building has had no additions within the past forty years. The appearance of its facade has been compromised to some extent by the application of sandstone to the lower wall surface and around the entry.

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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:

No: **xx**

Discuss: **Historic buildings in this area along Front Street do not collectively possess sufficient significance, or display adequate integrity, to constitute a National Register historic district.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

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-1**

Frame(s): **8-10**

Negatives filed at: **City of Louisville, Administration  
749 Main Street  
Louisville, Colorado 80027**

48. Report title: **"Old Town" Louisville Historical Building Survey**

49. Date: **January 13, 2000**

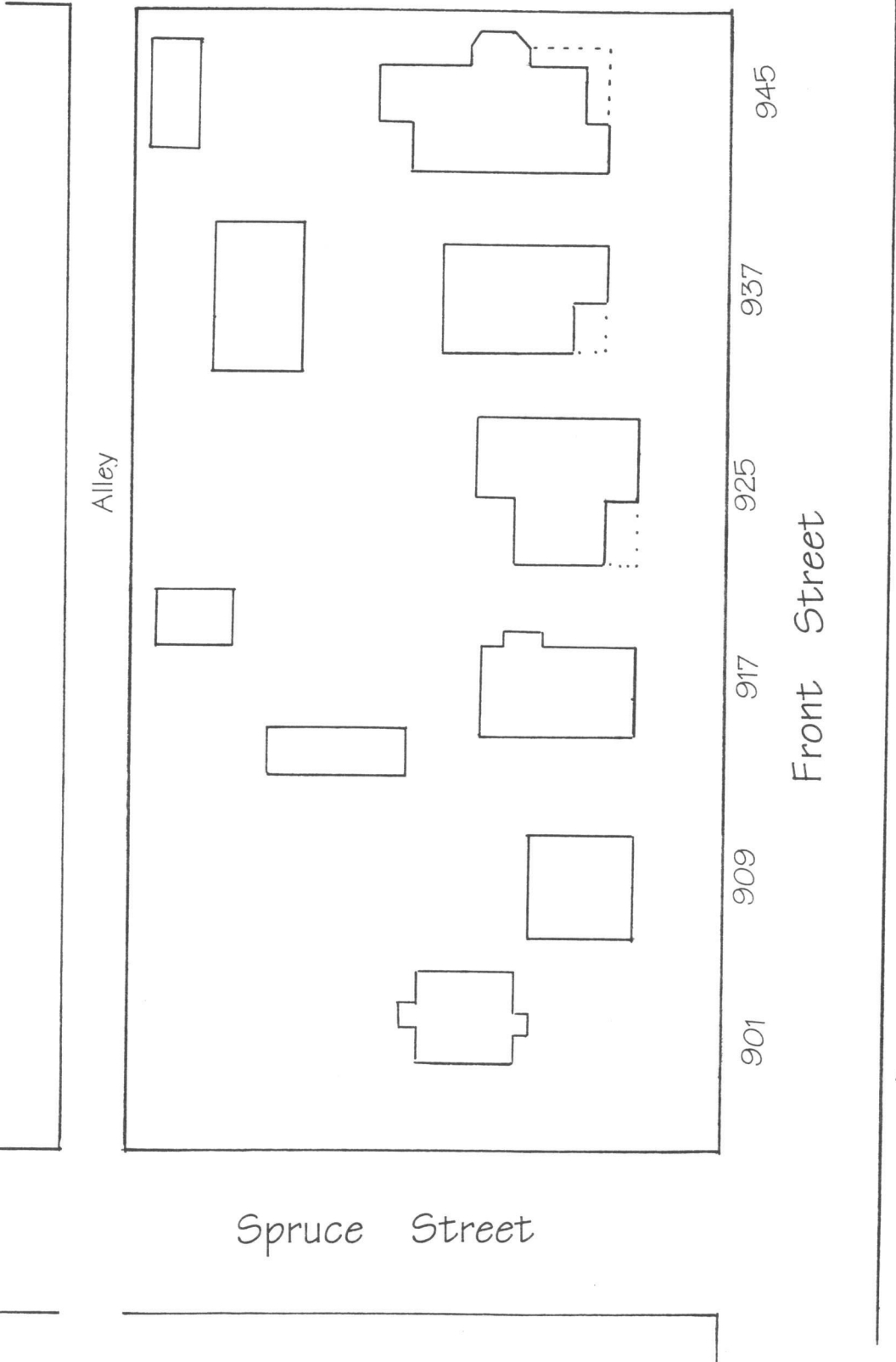
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

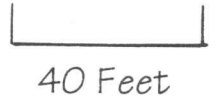
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

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

Walnut Street



Approximate Scale



Spruce Street

Front Street

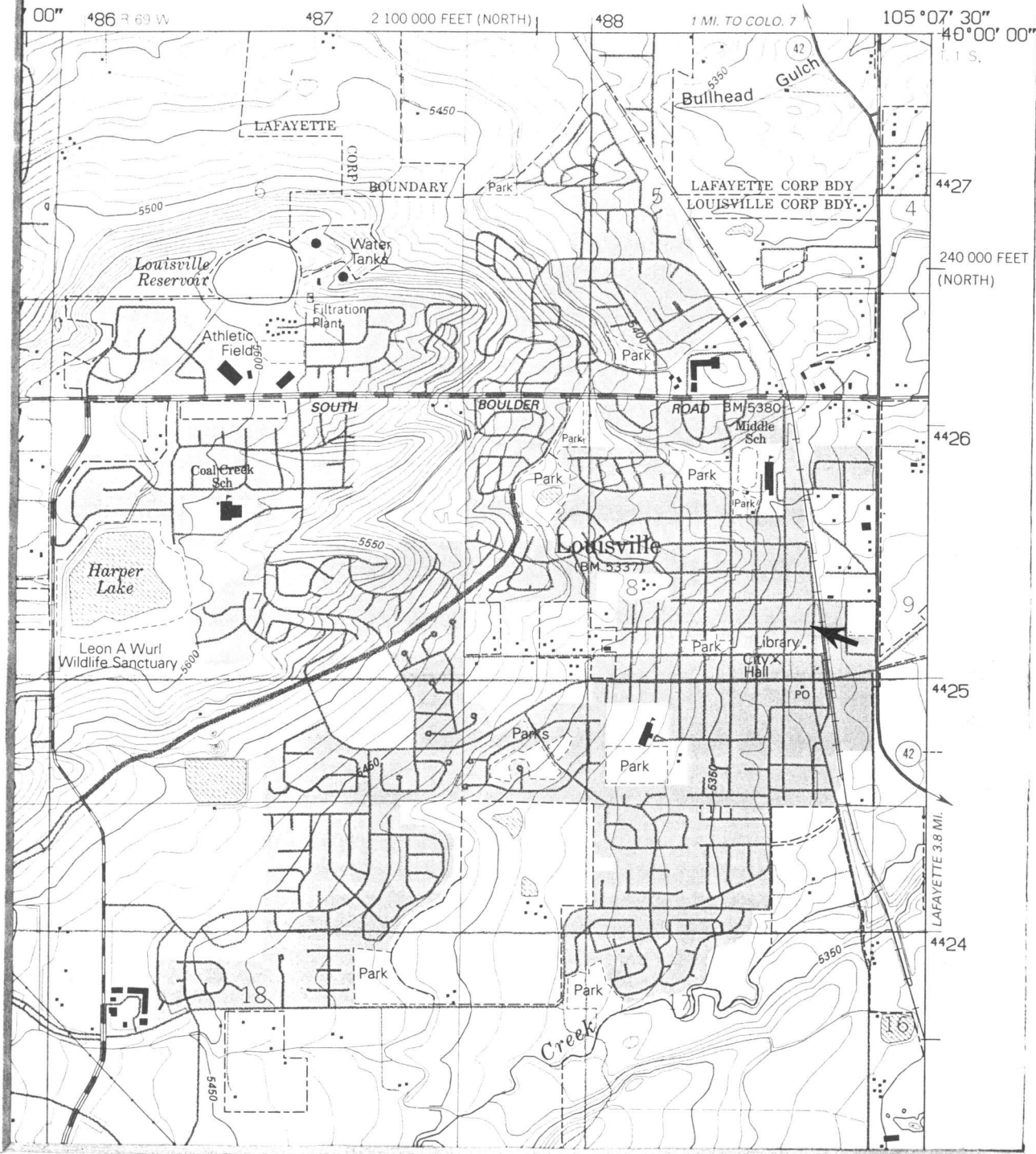
Alley

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925  
917  
909  
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. . . SKETCH MAP . . .

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
COLORADO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

49° 41' 11" SE  
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. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

901 Front Street Pine Street, Louisville, Colorado

