

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8045**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Dr. Wolfer's Office**
- 6. Current building name: **Eagle's Nest Real Estate**
- 7. Building address: **909 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Vanatta Limited Partnership LLLP**  
Owner address: **1492 Alpine Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80304**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**NW** of **NW** of **NE** of **SE** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488750**  
Northing: **4425240**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **1** Block: **n/a**  
Addition: **Brock Subdivision** Year of Addition **1979**
- 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):  
**Rectangular Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **500 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **One**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**  
**Wood / Plywood/ Particle Board**
- 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**  
**Chimney**

- 22. Architectural style / building type:

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



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**21. General Architectural Description**

This modest wood-frame commercial building features a rectangular plan, and is supported by a low concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad with narrow horizontal wood siding, although the north elevation wall has been covered with non-historic vertical wood siding. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. One red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the west elevation. The building has a false-front facade, with a gabled pediment, which fronts toward the sidewalk along Main Street, on the east elevation. The facade is symmetrical, with a centered recessed entryway. Within the entryway, a glass-in-wood-frame door, and two flanking sidelights, are topped by three frosted glass transom lights. The recessed entry opens onto a 3-step concrete porch, flanked by black wrought iron railings. Two wood benches are located on a small concrete patio which extends to the sidewalk along Main Street. Two large fixed-pane storefront windows, with frosted glass transom lights, flank the front entrance. A painted white solid wood door, opens onto a concrete sidewalk, at the far west end of the south elevation. A historic entry door, on the building's west (rear) elevation, has been filled in. One single-light window is located on the west elevation.

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

This building was constructed in 1905 for use as a doctor's office by Dr. Charles F. Wolfer who lived in the house next door to the south. There have been no additions, and only minimal exterior alterations, subsequent to the original construction.

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

This property is located on the west side of Main Street in downtown Louisville.

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

Estimate

Actual **1905**

Source of information:

**Boulder County Assessor records;  
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:****Dr. Charles Wolfer**

Source of information:

**Conarroe, Carolyn. The Louisville Story,  
Louisville: Louisville Times Inc., 1978.**

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

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## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Health Care / Clinic**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Health Care / Clinic**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

### 35. Historical Background

This building was constructed in 1905 as Dr. Charles F. Wolfer's doctor's office. Wolfer was Louisville's town physician. Born in Germany on June 18, 1858, Wolfer immigrated to America, and came to Colorado as a young man. He graduated from the University of Colorado Medical School in 1890, and practiced medicine in Walden, Colorado, before coming to Louisville in 1892. Wolfer served as the town's doctor, and was employed directly by the coal company. His salary was deducted from the coal company employees' paychecks. Employees were free to seek medical assistance elsewhere, but at their own expense. Dr. Wolfer was married to Flora Mary Lutz, and they had four daughter: Alice, Flora, Winifred, and Nellie. After 1905, Dr. Wolfer had his office here in this building at what is today 909 Main Street. The Wolfer family lived next door at what is today 901 Main Street, until 1926. In subsequent years, in the 1930s - 1950s - the Martha Eberharder family owned both buildings.

From the late 1960s to the present, this building has been used as professional office, or as commercial space. John P. Tracy had his law practice here in the late 1960s. He was followed by Brock Realty, Farmers Insurance, and the Craft Cupboard in 1980. In 1997, J&S Jewelers was located here. The building is presently occupied by Eagle's Nest Real Estate.

### 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.

*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:

**Architecture; Commerce; Health / Medicine**

40. Period of Significance: 1905 - 1926

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **42. Statement of Significance**

This building is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its use as a doctor's office by Dr. Charles Wolfer during the early years of the twentieth century. The building is also architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a representative wood-frame false-front commercial building, dating from the early 1900s. The building's significance in these regards is probably not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It would, however, qualify as a contributing property within a potential downtown Louisville historic district.

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

This building displays a relatively high degree of historical integrity. There have been no additions subsequent to the original construction. The north elevation wall material is not historic, but other alterations are minimal.

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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: **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): **28-30**

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**

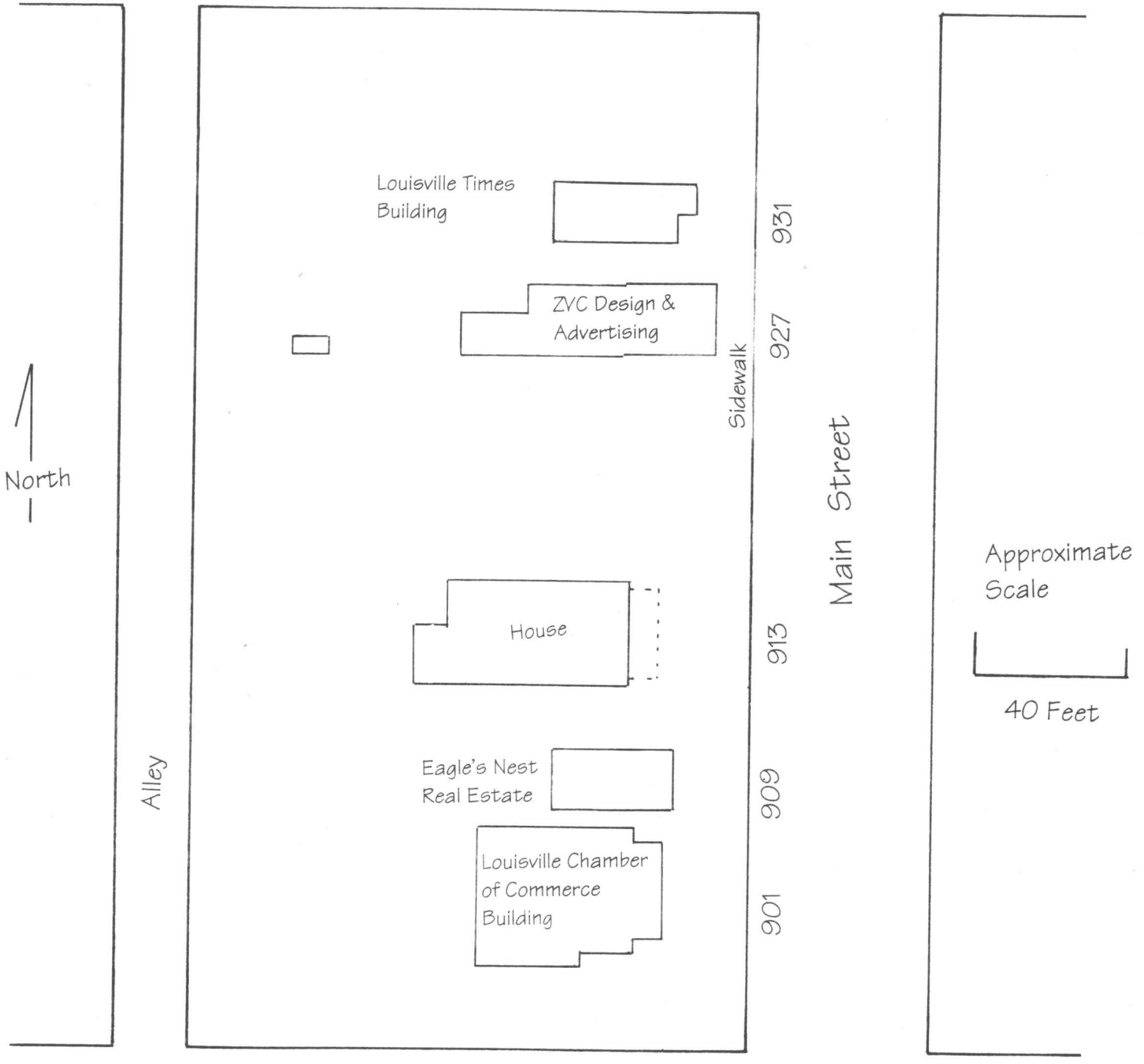
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

South Street



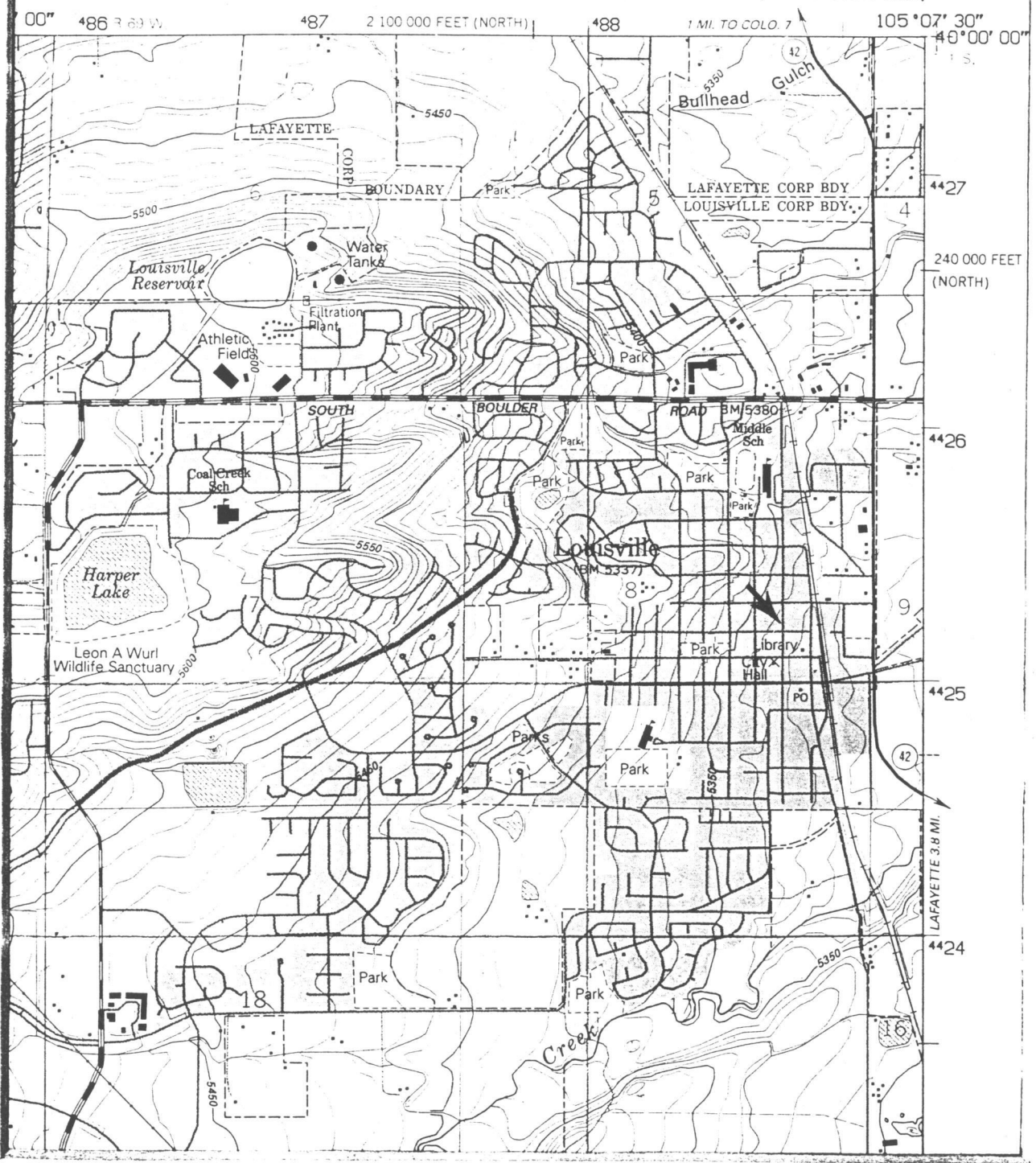
Walnut Street

SKETCH MAP

909 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
COLORADO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1964 11 SE  
(E/1E)



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

909 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

