

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8030**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Merciez House**
- 6. Current building name: **Bradt House**
- 7. Building address: **1013 Walnut Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Gerald E. Bradt**
Owner address: **1013 Walnut Street**
Louisville, CO 80027

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**
NW of **NE** of **NE** of **SE** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **488960**
Northing: **4425210**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **1** Block: **n/a**
Addition: **Patzer Replat** Year of Addition **unknown**
- 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: **812 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Plywood/ Particle Board
- 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
Fence

22. Architectural style / building type:

Other Style
(Wood Frame Side Gabled Dwelling)



Survey Completed April 2000

21. General Architectural Description

The Bradt House is a modest one-story, wood-frame, dwelling with a side-gabled rectangular plan. Located on the north side of Walnut Street, this property is situated in the block east of the railroad tracks, east of downtown Louisville. The house is supported by a low concrete foundation, with a bulkhead cellar entrance located on the west elevation. The exterior walls are non-original wide horizontal masonite siding, with painted white 1" by 6" corner boards. The roof is a moderately-pitched side gable, with a gabled and shed roofed extension to the north (rear). The roof is covered with black asphalt shingles, and the roof eaves are boxed. There are no chimneys. Window patterns include 1/1 double-hung sash, and 1x1 horizontal sliders, with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown glass-in-wood-frame entry door opens onto a small concrete porch at the west end of the facade (south elevation). A secondary entrance is located on the west elevation. This is a painted white wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights, which opens onto a small concrete porch.

A **Garage** is located northwest of the house. This building has a concrete slab foundation and floor, painted brown concrete block walls, and a low-pitched front gable roof, with asphalt shingles and exposed rafter ends. Single 2-light windows are located on the north and west elevations. A painted brown wood-paneled roll-away garage door, located on the south elevation, opens onto a concrete driveway which extends to Walnut Street to the south.

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

Boulder County Assessor records indicate that this house was built at the turn of the twentieth century. Sanborn insurance maps are unavailable for this area of Louisville.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the north side of Walnut Street, in the eastern part of Louisville.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

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

Estimate **1900**

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**

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 1900. The property's early residents and owners are difficult to trace through Boulder County directories, because there is no street guide in the directories prior to the 1960s. Moreover, the addresses for people in this part of town are often listed, in the directories, simply as "East Louisville", with no specific street or number given. 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 late 1930s to the early 1950s, this was the home of Jules and Mary Merciez (Mercaz). The Merciez family had come to Louisville sometime between 1928 and 1936, and had lived in a house on Jefferson Street, before moving into this house in about 1938. By 1966, this house had become the residence of John J. and Edith Chiolino. In the late 1950s, Mr. Chiolino was working as a driver for Steinbaugh's Lumber Company. The Chiolinos owned and lived here into the late 1970s. The property's current owner and occupant is Gerald E. Bradt. He has owned the property since February 1986, but apparently maintained it as a rental until about 1997 or 1998.

36. Sources of Information

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.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

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).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Community Planning and Development

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1900 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

This house is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its associations with residential development in this eastern Louisville neighborhood in the years prior to 1950. The property's significance and integrity, though, is probably not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. There does not appear to be the potential for a National Register Historic district in this area.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building's historical integrity has been compromised by additions to the north and west elevations which have more than doubled the size of the original building. The house's exterior wall material is not historic.

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: **Houses and other buildings in this area east of downtown Louisville do not collectively display sufficient historical integrity to qualify as 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-6**

Frame(s): **1-5**

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

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

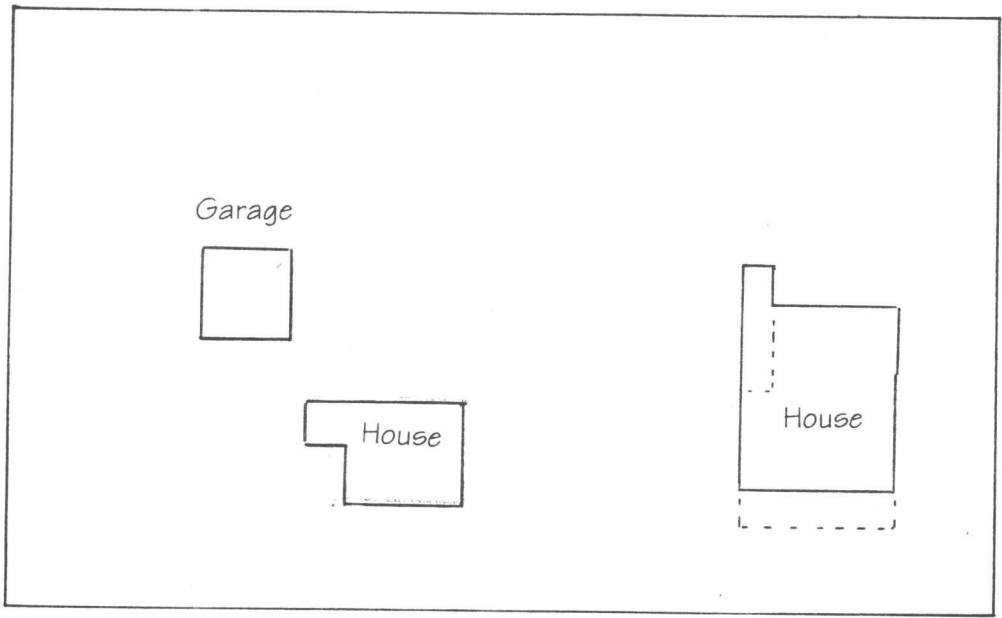
49. Date: **April 24, 2000**

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**



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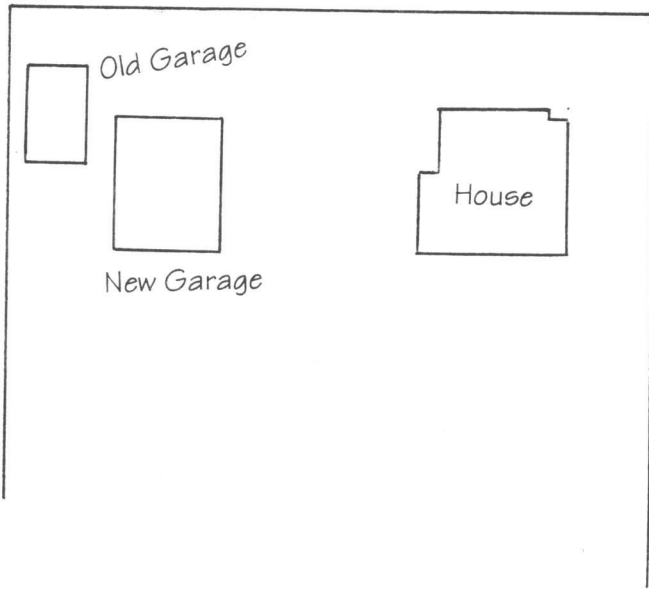
Walnut Street



Approximate Scale



1036



Alley

Old Garage

New Garage

House

Lee Avenue

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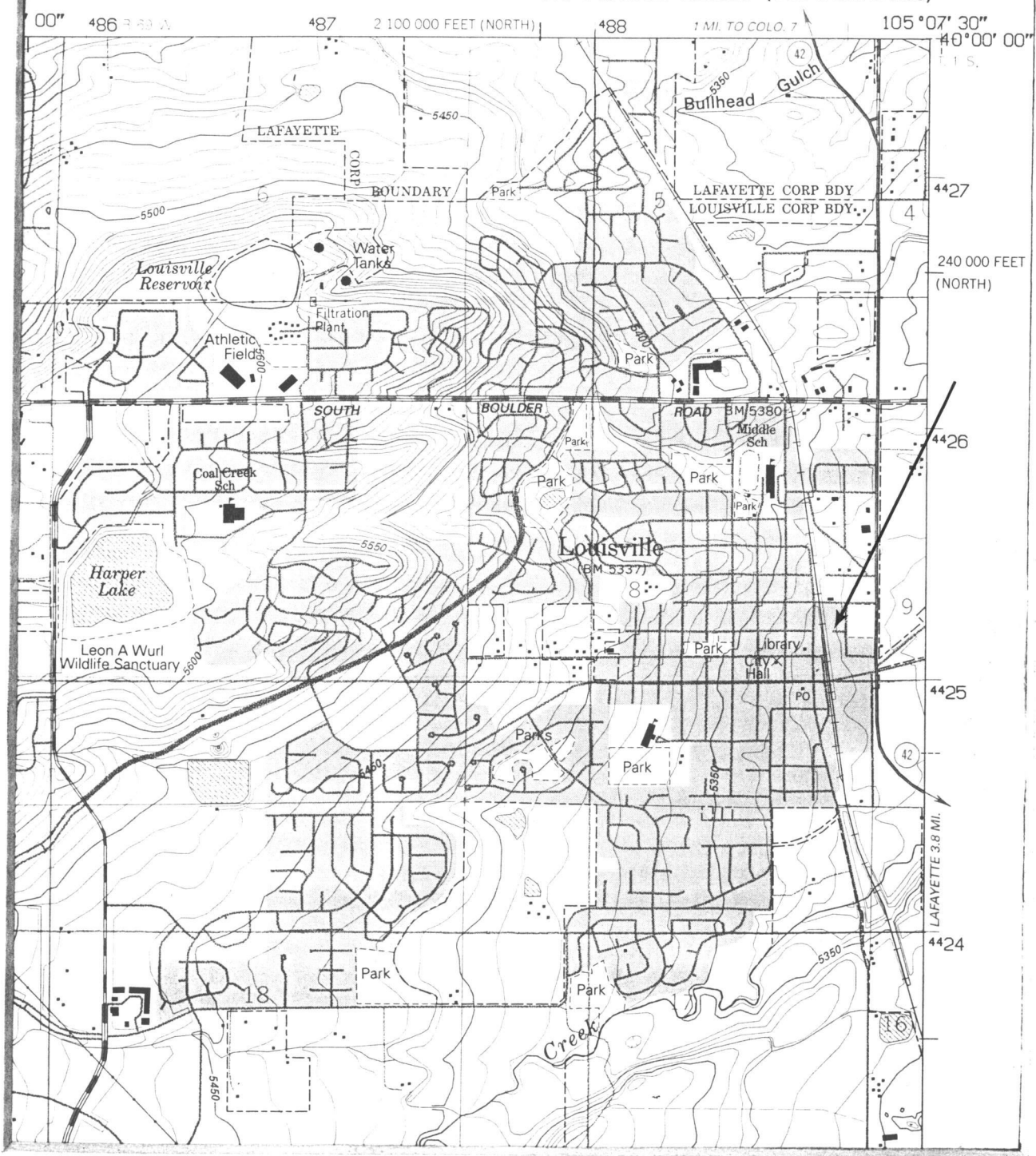
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MAP

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LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE
COLORADO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

49° 11' SE
(E/R/E)



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

1013 Walnut Street, Louisville, Colorado

