

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL8017**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Kock House; Vehnke House**
- 6. Current building name: **Louisville Times Building**
- 7. Building address: **931 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Robert S. & Susan A. Dozier**  
Owner address: **654 Sandalwood Court  
Louisville, CO 80027**

### 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: **4425280**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **2** Block: **5**  
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

(OAHF 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: **648 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material:  
**Wood / Weatherboard**
- 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):  
**Porch**

22. Architectural style / building type:

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





## 21. General Architectural Description

The Louisville Times Building is a modest, rectangular-shaped, wood-frame structure, which is located on the west side of Main Street, near the north end of downtown Louisville. The building is set back a short distance from a wide concrete sidewalk which parallels Main Street to the east. A large planted grass lawn, to the north of this building, extends to South Street. The building presently has two professional office tenants: the *Louisville Times* newspaper, and Ledger Services Taxes and Accounting. The building is supported by a low concrete foundation, and the exterior walls are painted beige horizontal weatherboard, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with grey asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. There are no chimneys. The facade, located on the east elevation, is asymmetrically arranged. A painted white and purple wood door, with X-bracing, and with one upper sash light, opens onto a non-original 4-step wood porch, flanked by black wrought iron railings. (Although located on the facade, this door faces south.) Also on the facade, there are two large single-light fixed-pane storefront windows, with painted purple wood frames, and painted white wood surrounds. One of these windows - to the west of the entry - projects slightly from the wall surface, and is covered by a shed hood. A secondary entrance is located on the west (rear) elevation, where a single painted white solid wood door opens onto a concrete stoop.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list the year 1900 as this building's date of construction. This date is at least generally plausible, given the building's architectural character and appearance. Sanborn insurance maps are not available for this lot. Boulder County Assessor records also list 1980 as a year built, suggesting that some renovation work was carried out at that time.

## 23. Landscape or setting special features:

The Louisville Times Building is located on the west side of Main Street, near the north end of downtown Louisville. A gravel parking lot behind the building extends to the alley to the west.

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

## 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**

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## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**
34. Site type(s): **Professional Office Building**

### 35. Historical Background

Boulder County Assessor records indicate that this building was constructed at the turn of the twentieth century. Efforts to trace its early history, primarily through Boulder County directories, were generally unsuccessful. The building evidently served as a single-family dwelling until the mid-1970s. In 1940, this was the residence of William Kock. He was followed, in the 1950s, by Henry J. and Josephine F. Vehnke. Henry, who worked as a plasterer, passed away in the 1950s, but Josephine lived here into the early 1960s. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Dennis H. Harmon owned and lived here. In about 1974, the building was converted to commercial use. Lowe Alpine Systems, a distributor of mountain climbing equipment, was the tenant in 1975. In 1980, Huntsmith Sporting Goods was located here, and by 1986, this business had evolved into Colorado Gunsmithing and Sporting Goods. In 1990, Studio Interiors Pro Upholstery was in business at this location. In 1997, Ledger Services Inc. and Data Link Systems were both in business here. The two present tenants (in 2000) are the *Louisville Times* newspaper, and Ledger Services Taxes and Accounting. The *Louisville Times* has had its offices in several locations over the years. It began publication in 1913.

### 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.

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**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:

**Community Planning and Development; Commerce**

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1900 - 1950**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This building is historically significant, relative to National Register Criterion A, for its association with residential growth in Louisville during the first half of the twentieth century. The building is architecturally significant as a representative wood-frame front gabled dwelling. The building's significance in these regards is not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is, however, eligible as a contributing property within a potential downtown Louisville Historic District.

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

This building's historical integrity has been compromised to a moderate degree by changes to the facade as it has been converted to different retail and professional office uses during the period circa 1974 - 2000.

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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): **17-19**

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**

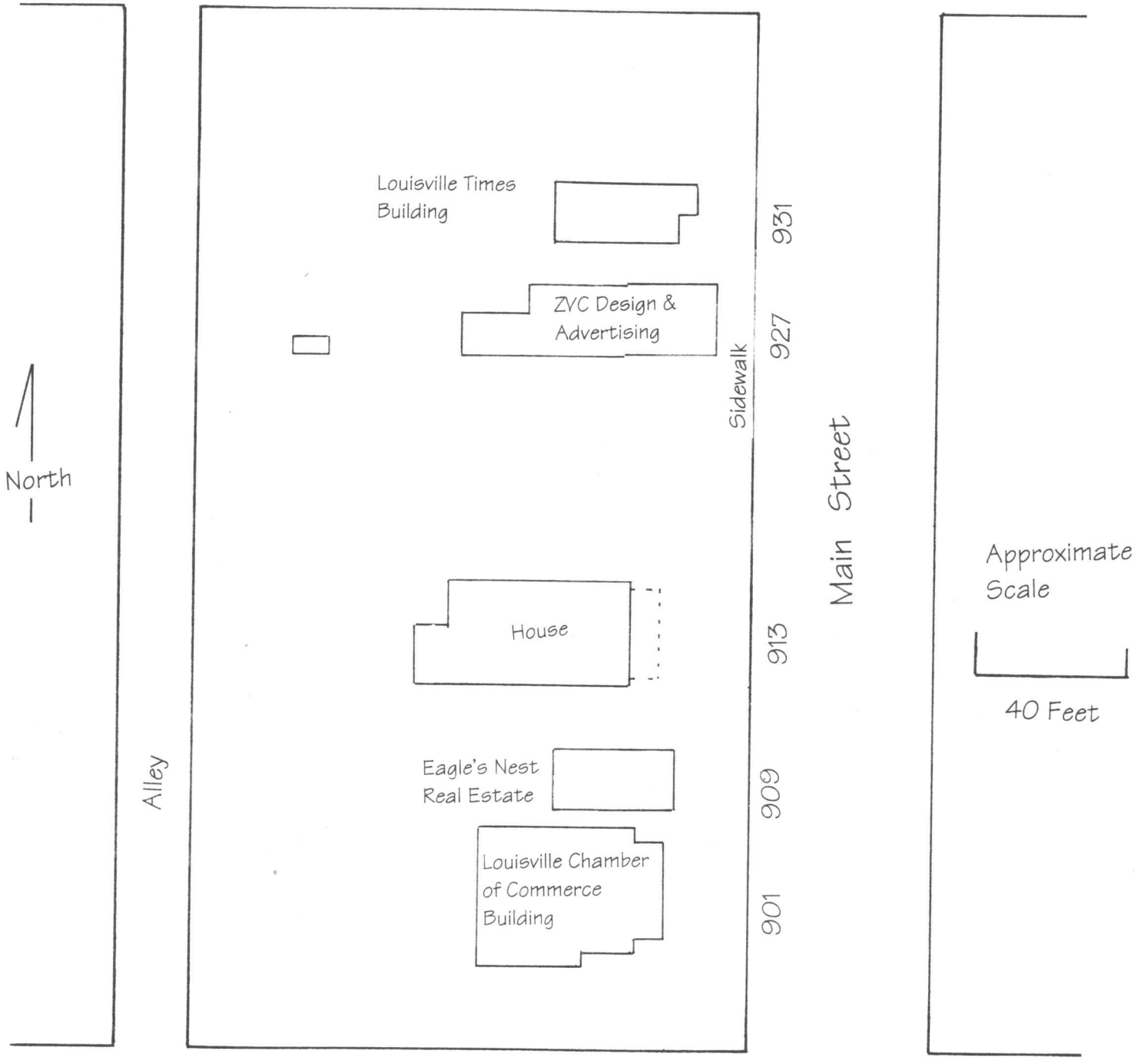
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

South Street



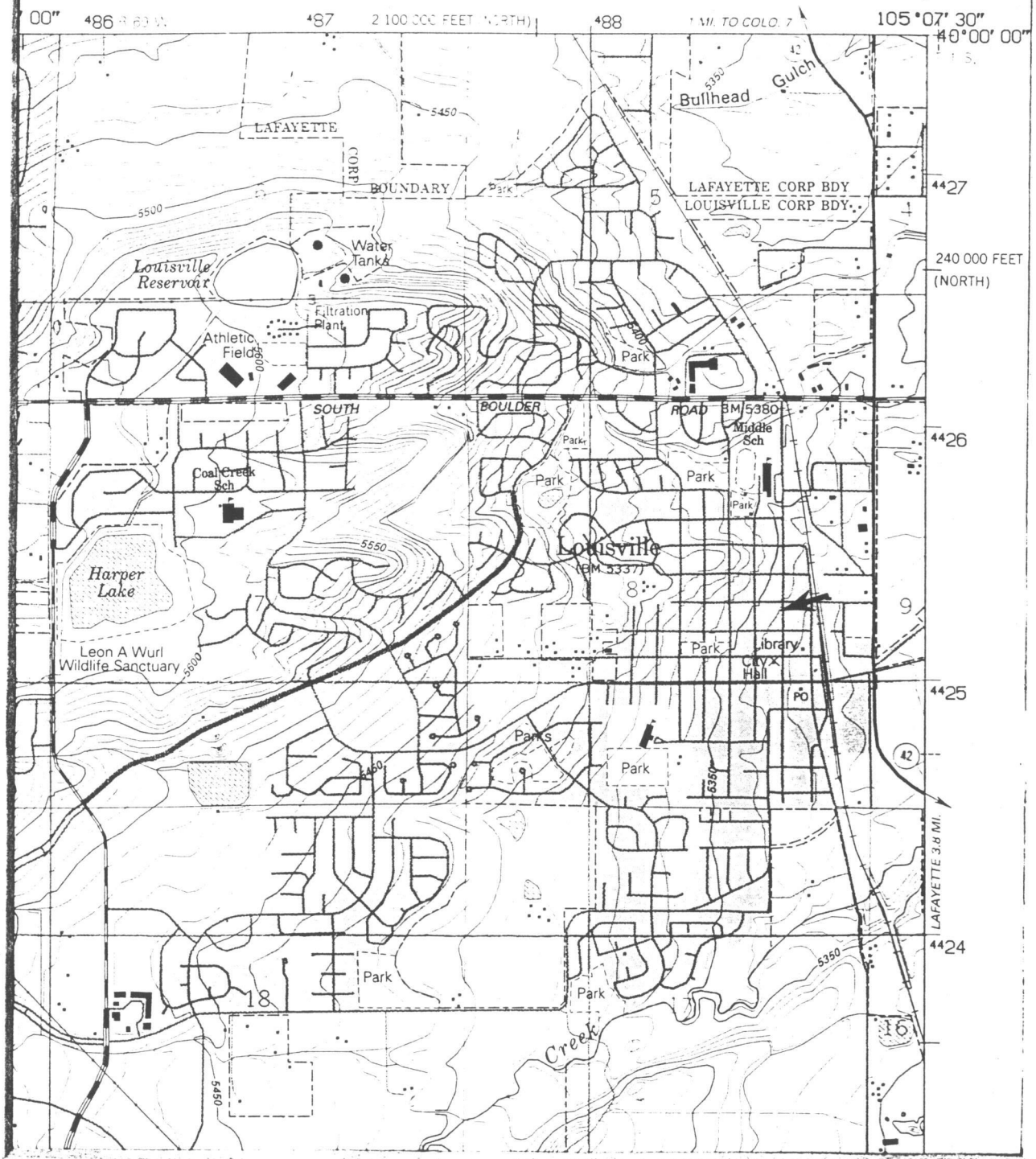
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931 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
COLORADO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

496411 SE  
(E/1/E)



LOCATION MAP

931 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado



