

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5BL7972**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Boulder**
- 4. City: **Louisville**
- 5. Historic building name: **Largo House**
- 6. Current building name: **Lehman House**
- 7. Building address: **937 Front Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Arlin & Cynthia L. Lehman**  
Owner address: **1792 Park Lake Dr.**  
**Boulder, CO 80301**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**NE%** of **NW%** of **NE%** of **SE%** of section **8**
- 10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488850**  
Northing: **4425280**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **2** 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:

**Late 19th and Early Twentieth Century Revivals / Classic Cottage**



### 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: **841**
- 16. Number of stories: **one**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Weatherboard**  
**Wood / Shingle**
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Cross Gabled Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Glass Block**  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Fence**

## 21. General Architectural Description

This wood frame house rests on a painted pale yellow concrete foundation, and features painted pale yellow horizontal weatherboard exterior walls, with 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted yellow fishscale shingles appear in the upper gable end on the east elevation. The building is covered by an intersecting gables roof, with brown asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. A red brick chimney is located on the exterior of the north elevation, and a non-historic boxed chimney is located on the ridge. Windows on the building's facade (east elevation) include a band of three, and one set of paired, double-hung sash windows, with painted white wood frames and painted blue wood surrounds. On the south elevation, there are two non-original glass block windows, while on the north elevation there is a single 1/1 double-hung window, and a small 6x6 horizontal sliding bathroom window. A painted blue solid wood door, with a wood screen door, opens onto a wood porch which covers the south half of the facade. The porch features a wood plank floor, an open wood balustrade, and a shed roof, supported by chamfered 4" by 4" wood posts. An enclosed hipped-roof rear porch addition, on the building's west elevation, predates 1950. This addition features two horizontal sliding windows, and one large single-light fixed-pane window, as well as a bubble skylight. A painted blue wood door opens from the enclosed porch onto a flagstone patio in the backyard.

A large non-historic **Garage / Workshop** is located to the west of the house, and features wood frame construction and a side gable roof. The garage's exterior walls are vertical wood siding. Two overhead garage doors, and a single entry door, open onto a concrete driveway which extends to the alley to the west.

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

Sanborn insurance maps dated 1893, 1900, and 1908, provide evidence that the first house on this lot was built before 1893. The dwelling depicted on the Sanborn maps was a rectangular structure in the same location as the extant house, however with a different configuration. The current house is probably comprised of the original, pre-1993 structure, incorporated into a new L-shaped dwelling sometime after 1908. The 26' by 7' enclosed hipped-roof rear porch addition to the west elevation predates circa 1950.

## 23. Landscape or setting special features:

This property is located on the west side of Front Street, east of downtown Louisville. The planted grass front yard to the east is enclosed by a picket fence. A 4'-wide concrete sidewalk is separated from the curb by a grass strip paralleling Front Street to the east.

## 24. Associated buildings, features, or objects **Garage**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **ca. 1890 (original portion)**  
Actual

Source of information:  
**Sanborn maps**

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): **Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

### 35. Historical Background

After the Original Town of Louisville was platted in 1878, lots along Front Street were among the first developed in the new community. Initially known as First Street, this area evolved as Louisville's Main Street in the years prior to the turn of the twentieth century. In the early 1900s, Second Street, located a block to the west, became the community's official Main Street, while Front Street (the original Main Street) gave way to residences and secondary businesses.

The 1893 Sanborn insurance map for Louisville shows that the first house on this lot was built prior to 1893. From the 1920s (and perhaps earlier) into the 1980s, this property was associated with the Largo family. Amelia (Emelia) Largo is listed in Boulder County directories as the widow of Anthony Largo (who had been a miner) beginning in the mid-1910s. Beginning in the 1920s, the family is documented as living at this address. In addition to Amelia, other members of the Largo family included Helen N., and Tony A. Helen was employed as the bookkeeper at Lewton W. McCorkle's grocery store in the mid-1930s, and in 1940, she was Louisville's Deputy City Clerk. Interestingly, the 1951 Boulder County directory lists her occupation as miner, employed at the Boulder Valley Mine. Tony A. Largo (perhaps Anthony Jr.) was also a miner. He was employed at the Louisville - Lafayette Coal Company in the 1930s. In 1940, he held the position of Fire Boss at the Hi-Way Mine. Tony A. Largo owned and lived here into the 1980s. In the early 1950s he continued to work as a miner, but by the end of that decade he had become a construction worker, as area coal mines gradually shut down.

### 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.

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:

**Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European**

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1890 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

42. Statement of Significance

The Largo House is historically significant under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its association with Louisville's development as a coal mining community during the period circa 1890 - 1950. Throughout most of its existence, this house has been associated with a single coal mining family. Over the years, two generations of the Largo family made significant contributions to Louisville's socioeconomic development. Architecturally, the house is a locally notable example of a single-family dwelling representing the Classic Cottage style of architecture.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The Largo House displays an overall high degree of historical integrity. A hipped-roof addition to the west (rear) elevation is more than fifty years old. A very large modern garage, located on the rear of the lot, does compromise the property's integrity of setting. This building should be regarded as a non-contributing resource.

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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:

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): **27-31**

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**

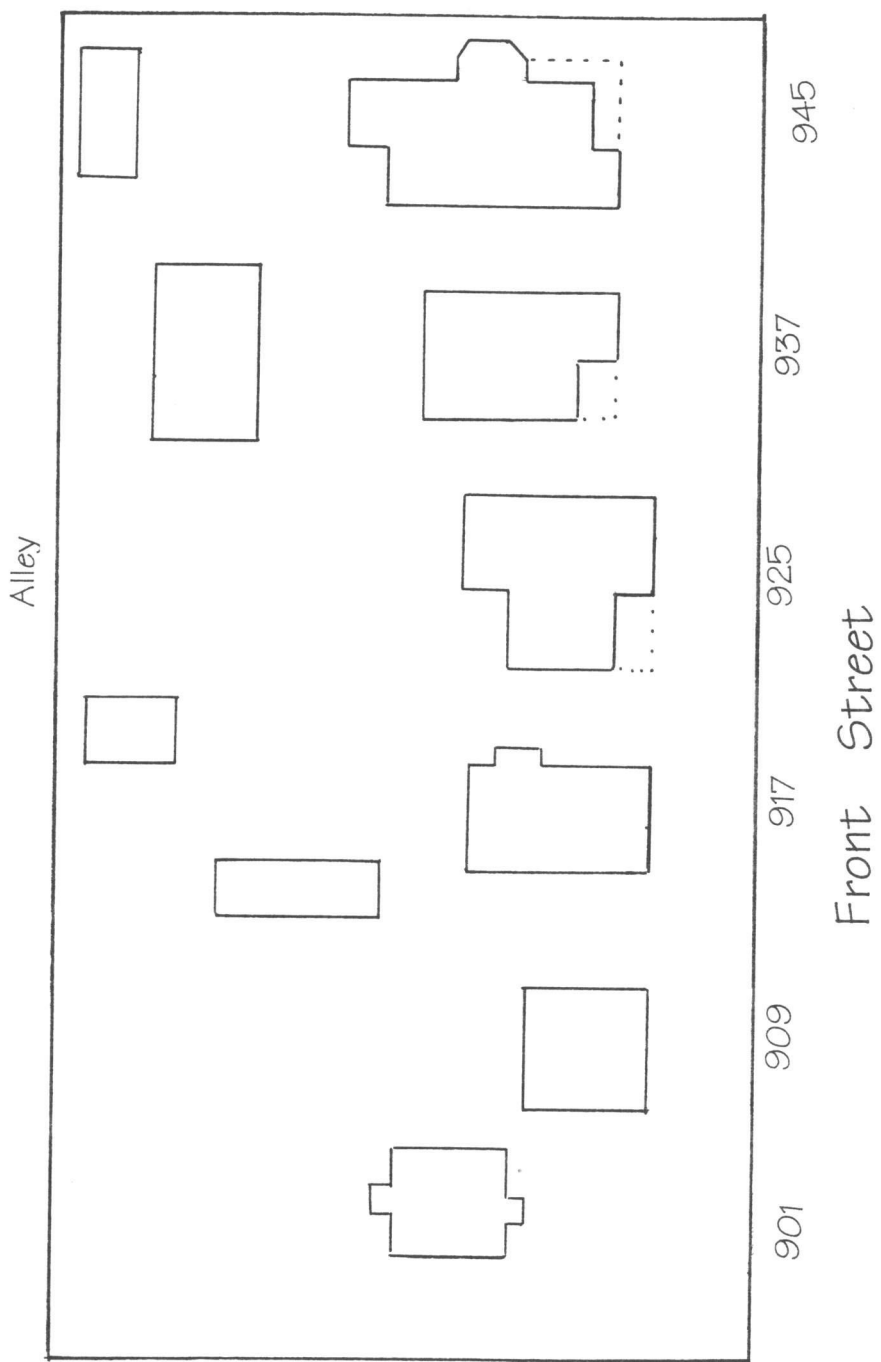
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

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

Walnut Street



945

937

925

917

909

901

Alley

Front Street



Approximate Scale



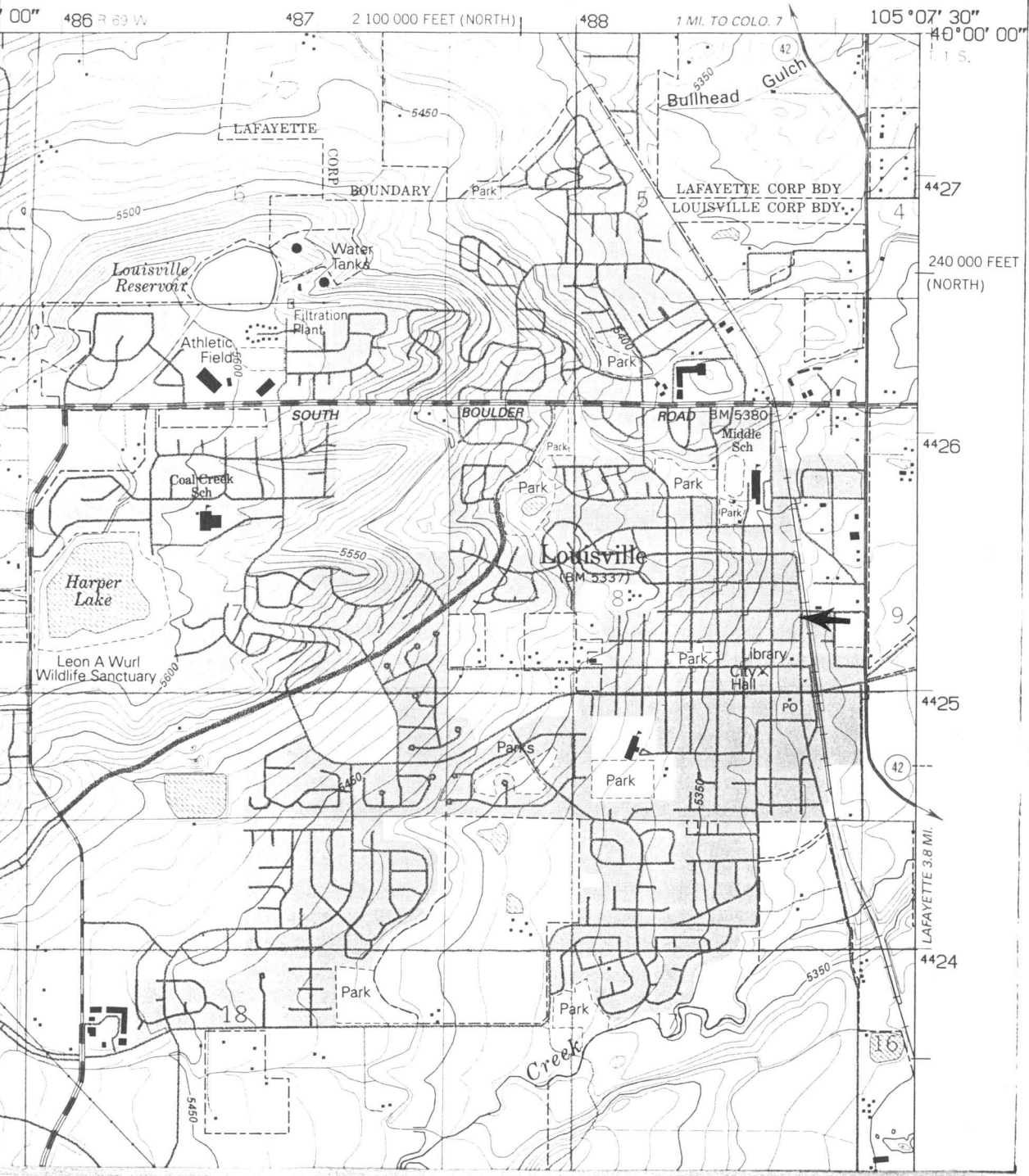
40 Feet

Spruce Street

. . . SKETCH MAP . . .

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 COLORADO  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

496° 11' SE  
 (ERIE)



LOCATION MAP

937 Front Street Pine Street, Louisville, Colorado



