

# COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL8022**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Louisville**
5. Historic building name: **McCorkle House; Rosser House**
6. Current building name: **Martella House**
7. Building address: **1037 Main Street**
8. Owner name: **Beatrice & William Martella**  
Owner address: **1037 Main Street**  
**Louisville, CO 80027**

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **1S** Range **69W**  
**SW**¼ of **SW**¼ of **SE**¼ of **NE**¼ of section **8**
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **488750**  
Northing: **4425400**
11. USGS quad name: **Louisville, Colorado**  
Year: **1965 (Revised 1994) 7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **9, 10** Block: **1**  
Addition: **Barclay Place** Year of Addition **1897**
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:

**Other Style**  
**(Wood Frame Front**  
**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

### III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1121 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material  
**Synthetics / Vinyl**
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**  
**Chimney**  
**Fence**



**21. General Architectural Description**

The Martella House is a 1½-story wood frame dwelling, supported by a low painted yellow concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad with yellow vinyl siding, and the roof is a moderately-pitched front gable with black asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Two brick chimneys are located on the south facing roof slope. A shed-roofed bay window is located on the north elevation. Windows elsewhere include a variety of 9-light fixed-panes, 1x1 horizontal sliders, 6-light fixed-panes, and 1/1 double-hung sash, all with painted blue wood frames. Many windows have been altered from their original appearance. A solid wood door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a 4-step concrete porch, which extends nearly the full length of the facade. Wood frame half walls and wrought iron posts support a gabled porch roof. A painted white wood-paneled door, with an aluminum storm door, opens onto a 2-step concrete porch on the building's south elevation.

A **Garage** is located to the west of the house. This is a wood-frame structure with a rectangular plan. The garage has a concrete slab foundation and floor, painted white narrow horizontal wood siding, and a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with grey asphalt shingles over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. Single-light fixed-pane windows are located on the south and east elevations. A painted blue, wood-paneled, roll-away garage door opens toward the alley on the west elevation. A single, painted blue, wood-paneled door is located on the east elevation.

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

Boulder County Assessor records list this building's date of construction as 1908. Boulder County Directories suggest that the building may actually have existed by 1904. Sanborn maps are unavailable for this lot and block.

23. **Landscape or setting special features:**  
This property is located on the west side of Main Street, north of downtown Louisville.

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

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **ca. 1908**  
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:  
**Lawton W. and Nellie McCorkle**

Source of information:  
**William Martella; 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

This house was built a few years after the turn of the twentieth century, and was the home of Lawton W. and Nellie McCorkle until the late 1920s. The McCorkles were Louisville merchants. They opened up a small general store at the corner of LaFarge and Walnut in 1906, before moving the business to Main Street a few years later. McCorkle's City Market was located on Main Street in Louisville for several decades. In the 1950s, McCorkle was vice-president of the First State Bank of Louisville.

In about 1927, the McCorkles sold this property to Lewis D. and Katherine (Dionigi) Rosser, and moved to 1101 Jefferson Avenue. Lewis Rosser was a coal miner, of Welsh English and Cherokee Indian descent. Katherine was the daughter of Italian immigrants Joseph and Genevieve Dionigi. The property's current owners are William and Betty Lou Martella. Betty Lou is the daughter of Lewis and Katherine Rosser. This was her childhood home. Bill Martella grew up in Louisville in a house on Lincoln Avenue. He worked at Rocky Flats for thirty-four years, and is now retired.

### 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.

Martella, Beatrice (Betty), and Martella, William (Bill). Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, April 14, 2000.

*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

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; Ethnic Heritage / European**

40. Period of Significance: ca. 1908 - 1950

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local:

### 42. Statement of Significance

This house is historically significant for its association with residential development in Louisville during the first half of the 1900s. It is also architecturally significant as a representative example of a wood frame front gabled dwelling. The building's significance in these regards, however, is probably not to the extent that would qualify it for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The potential for a National Register district is questionable.

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

This building's historical integrity has been compromised by the application of vinyl siding over the historic wall materials, and by the alteration of several window openings. Multiple additions to the west (rear) elevation are from the 1950s or earlier.

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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: **Houses in this area north 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-10**

Frame(s): **2-5**

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 14, 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**

Short Street



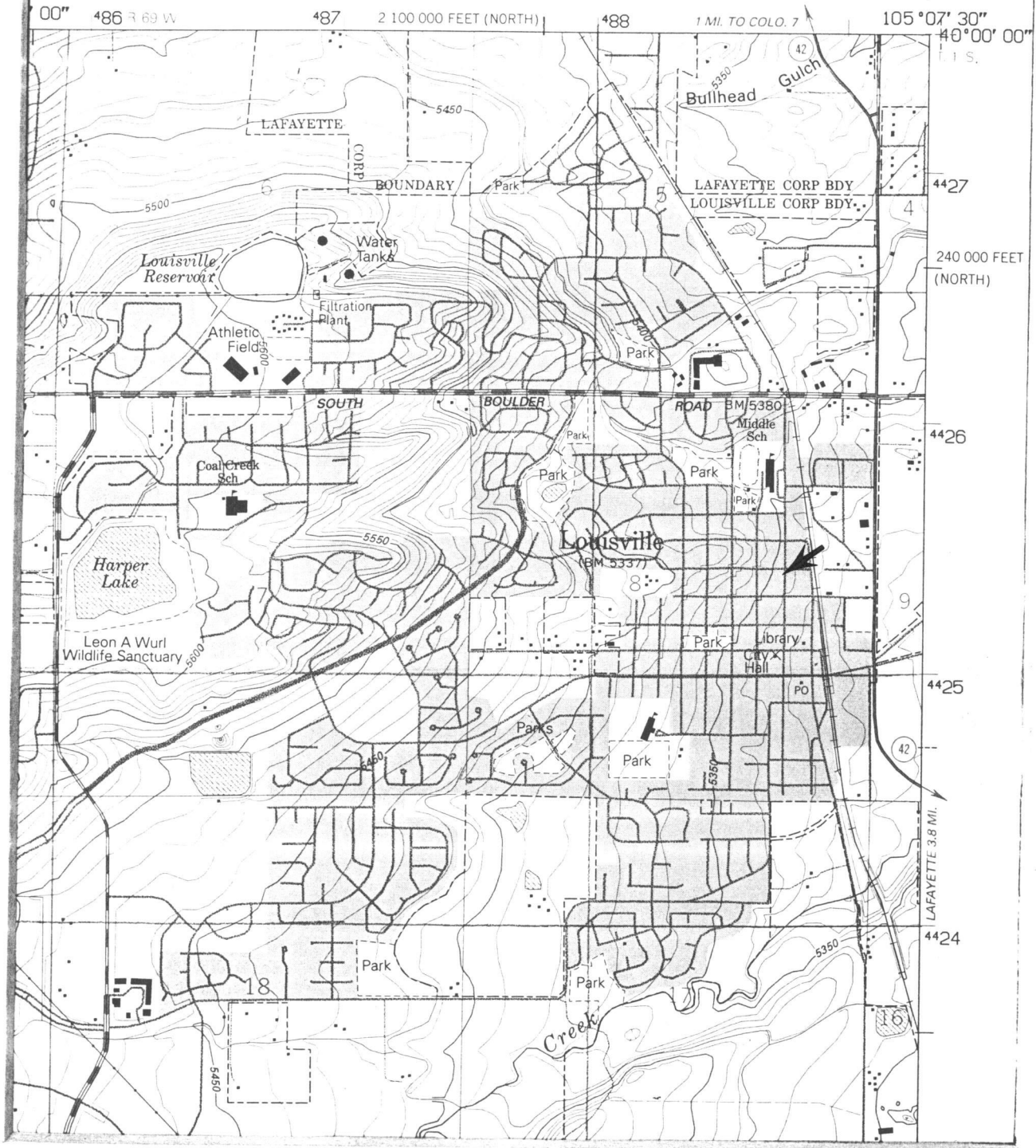
South Street

SKETCH MAP

1037 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado

LOUISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 COLORADO  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

4964 11 SE  
 (ERIE)



. . . LOCATION MAP . . .

1037 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado







