

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
Cultural Resource Re-evaluation Form

1. Resource Number: 5BL 7995

2. Temp. Resource Number: 157508405011

2A. Address: 901 La Farge Avenue, Louisville, CO 80027

A previous house on this lot was addressed 403 Walnut Street in 1916, 402 La Farge Avenue in 1918, 903 LaFarge in 1943 and 1946 and 905 LaFarge in 1949. Louisville addresses were changed in 1939, but variations continued through the 1940s. LaFarge is sometimes spelled La Farge.

3. Attachments

(check as many as apply)

- Photographs
 Site sketch map
 U.S.G.S. map photocopy
 Other _____
 Other _____

4. Official determination

(OAHP USE ONLY)

- Determined Eligible
 Determined Not Eligible
 Need Data
 Nominated
 Listed
 Contributing to N.R. District
 Not Contributing to N.R. Dist

5. Resource Name:

Historic name: Pertna House, Udovich House.

Current Name: Ray House

6. Purpose of this current site visit

(check as many as apply)

- Site is within a current project area
 Resurvey
 Update of previous site form(s)
 Surface collection
 Testing to determine eligibility
 Excavation
 Other



Describe This property is within the Jefferson Place Subdivision in Louisville, which is being evaluated for historic district potential in 2010 – 2012. This resurvey is part of the historic district evaluation process.

7. Previous Recordings: Architectural Inventory Form 2000, as part of “Old Town” Louisville Historical Building Survey by Carl McWilliams of Cultural Resource Historians.

8. Changes or Additions to Previous Descriptions:

The previous description described the lot as small, but it is a double corner lot. There is a red brick chimney on the north side. The porch roof is corrugated fiberglass. There is a 2-car garage that opens south to Walnut Street. It has white asbestos siding, a front-gable roof with gray asphalt shingles, a paneled metal overhead garage door on the south side, a wood panel man-door facing east and a wood sash double-hung window on the east elevation. The garage appears to be older than the main house.

Located on the same property, between 901 LaFarge and the garage, there is a second residence with the address 717 Walnut Street. 717 Walnut is a one-story wood-framed residence, rectangular in plan, with its primary elevation facing south to Walnut Street. It is clad in white horizontal vinyl siding. There is a concrete foundation. The roof is side-gabled with gray asphalt shingles. Windows are single-hung wood sash. The east end of the south façade has a “picture” window with an adjacent single-hung sash. The front entrance is a clear-finish wood door with three glass lights, and an aluminum storm door. Outside the main entrance is a

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concrete stoop that is two steps up from the sidewalk. The stoop is sheltered by a small gabled projecting roof with vertical vinyl gable siding, supported by two clear-finish aluminum scrolled posts.

Construction History: 901 LaFarge was constructed in 1948. The original wall siding was asbestos and the gable siding was vertical wood board siding. The siding was replaced in 1975. 717 Walnut was constructed in 1951. Its siding has also been replaced, at an unknown date. Neither house has been significantly modified on the exterior.

Landscape or special setting description: Jefferson Place Subdivision is a historic residential neighborhood adjacent to downtown Louisville. The subdivision is laid out on a standard urban grid of narrow, deep lots with rear alleys. Houses are built to a fairly consistent setback line along the streets with small front lawns, deep rear yards and mature landscaping. Small, carefully maintained single-family residences predominate. Most of the houses are wood framed, one or one and one-half stories in height, featuring white or light-colored horizontal wood or steel siding, gabled or hipped asphalt shingled roofs and front porches. While many of the houses have been modified over the years, most of the historic character-defining features have been preserved.

901 La Farge and 717 Walnut are consistent with these patterns and blend well with the scale and character of the neighborhood, although they are of later construction than most of the houses in Jefferson Place. This property is a corner lot with two residences, one facing LaFarge and the other facing Walnut. Both properties are open to the adjacent sidewalks, with grassy front and side yards. There is a concrete patio between the two houses, and a brick patio behind 717.

9. Changes in Condition: None.

10. Changes to Location or Size Information: None.

11. Changes in Ownership: The house was sold in 2004 to the current owner, the Ray family of 2400 East Street, Louisville CO 80027.

12. Other Changes, Additions, or Observations:

Further research has yielded more information about the ownership and use of the building.

This property has two houses, 901 La Farge and 717 Walnut. They are side by side on this corner parcel, with 901 La Farge facing east on La Farge and 717 Walnut facing south on Walnut. 901 La Farge was constructed in 1948 and 717 Walnut was constructed in 1951, according to Boulder County records. These houses were associated with Tony and Anna Udovich.

The house at 901 La Farge replaced a house that was at this corner location by 1893. It was the home of Blasius and Mary Pertna (sometimes stated to be "Pertner.") Blasius Pertna, a coal miner, died in his home in 1927 at the age of 67. In 1939, Mary Pertna died. The address in 1916 was 403 Walnut and in 1918 was 402 La Farge Ave., under Louisville's old address system.

Tony and Anna Udovich purchased this property in 1943 when it is believed that the original corner house was still located there.

Tony Udovich (1906-1995) was born in Slovenia and immigrated to the US in 1911 at the age of 4 with his mother. Their village in Slovenia was stated to be Grafenbrunn. Tony Udovich's siblings who are known to have been in Louisville are Joe (1912-1978) and Julie Fisher.

Anna "Annie" Udovich (1907-2004) was the daughter of John Softich and Mary Zado Softich. Members of the Zado family owned or resided in other houses in the 900 block of La Farge, including next door at 909 La Farge (5BL7996). Anna was born in Delagua, Colorado. According to her obituary, she married Tony Udovich in 1929 and they moved to Louisville in 1932.

Tony and Anna Udovich are listed in the 1943 and 1946 Louisville directories as living at 903 La Farge, which in all likelihood was this location (there were variations in addresses even under Louisville's new address system that seem to have occurred in the 1940s in particular). It seems likely that they lived in the original house before presumably demolishing it to construct a new house in 1948. In 1949, the directory lists their home as being at 905 La Farge, which likely would still be a reference to this property.

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For directories from the 1950s and 1960s, Tony and Anna Udovich are listed as residing at 901 La Farge. Tony was a coal miner for thirty-six years and worked in at least the Centennial Mine in this area. He also worked at Rocky Flats and retired from there in 1976. Anna was employed at Remington Arms munitions factory in Denver from 1942 to 1945; at Toney LaSalle's Furniture Store on Main Street in Louisville in the 1950s; and at the University of Colorado until 1969. They were active in the St. Louis Catholic Church and the Elks Club, among other organizations. Their obituaries indicate that they did not have children, but did have many close relatives in the Louisville area.

No specific history regarding 717 Walnut could be located.

This property was sold in 2004, following the death of Anna Udovich, and it left the Udovich family after sixty-one years (and it was fifty-six years since the new house at 901 La Farge had been constructed).

Sources of Information

Boulder County "Real Estate Appraisal Card – Urban Master," on file at the Carnegie Branch Library for Local History in Boulder, Colorado.

Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office and Assessor's Office public records, accessed through <http://recorder.bouldercounty.org>.

Directories of Louisville residents and businesses on file at the Louisville Historical Museum.

Census records and other records accessed through www.ancestry.com.

Drumm's Wall Map of Louisville, Colorado, 1909.

Louisville, Colorado cemetery records, accessed at <http://files.usgwarchives.org/co/boulder/cemeteries/louisville.txt>

Archival materials on file at the Louisville Historical Museum.

13. National Register Eligibility Assessment:

Eligible Not eligible Need data

Explain: The property lacks sufficient significance to be individually eligible to the National Register. Both houses do have a high degree of integrity relative to their initial construction. Both have integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, feeling and association. Only integrity of materials is lacking, due to replacement siding.

13A. Colorado State Register: Eligible Not Eligible

13B. Louisville Local Landmark: Eligible Not Eligible

901 LaFarge is locally significant as the 56-year residence of Slovenian-born coal miner Tony Uvodich and his family. The association with European immigrants and coal mining makes it locally significant. 901 LaFarge has a high degree of integrity, lacking only integrity of materials. Since no historic information was found regarding 717 Walnut, it cannot be considered landmark eligible until further data can be found.

13C. Historic District Potential: Jefferson Place is eligible as a State Register and local historic district. There is potential for a National Register historic district. Both houses are contributing.

Discuss: This building is being recorded as part of a 2010-2011 intensive-level historical and architectural survey of Jefferson Place, Louisville's first residential subdivision, platted in 1880. The purpose of the survey is to determine if there is potential for National Register, State Register or local historic districts. Jefferson Place is eligible as a State Register historic district under Criterion A, Ethnic Heritage, European, for its association with European immigrants who first lived here and whose descendants continued to live here for over fifty years. The period of significance for the State Register historic district is 1881 – 1980. Jefferson Place is potentially eligible as a National Register historic district under Criterion A, Ethnic Heritage, European. However it needs data to determine dates of some modifications, and to more definitely establish the significant

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impacts of various European ethnic groups on the local culture of Louisville. The period of significance of a National Register district is 1881 – 1963. Jefferson Place is eligible as a local Louisville historic district under local Criterion B, Social, as it exemplifies the cultural and social heritage of the community.

European immigrant families flocked to Colorado coal mining communities, including Louisville, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in search of economic opportunities they could not find in their own countries. Louisville's Welch Coal Mine, along with other mines in the area, recruited skilled workers from western Europe. In the early years before 1900, most of the miners who lived in Jefferson Place came from English-speaking countries.

Immigrants from England brought a strong tradition and expertise in coal mining. The English are widely credited with developing the techniques of coal mining that were used locally, and they taught these techniques to other miners. The British mining culture was instilled in the early Colorado coal mines. English immigrants also brought expertise in other necessary skills such as blacksmithing and chain forging.

Later Jefferson Place residents arrived from Italy, France, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, and Slovenia, among other places. The Italians eventually became the largest single ethnic group in Jefferson Place and in Louisville as a whole. About one-third of the houses in Jefferson Place were owned and occupied by Italian immigrants. Italian immigrants left their mark on Louisville in the food and beverage industries. To the present day, downtown Louisville is known throughout the Front Range for its tradition of Italian restaurants. The impacts of the heritage and customs of the other European ethnic groups could be significant, but are not well documented and need further investigation.

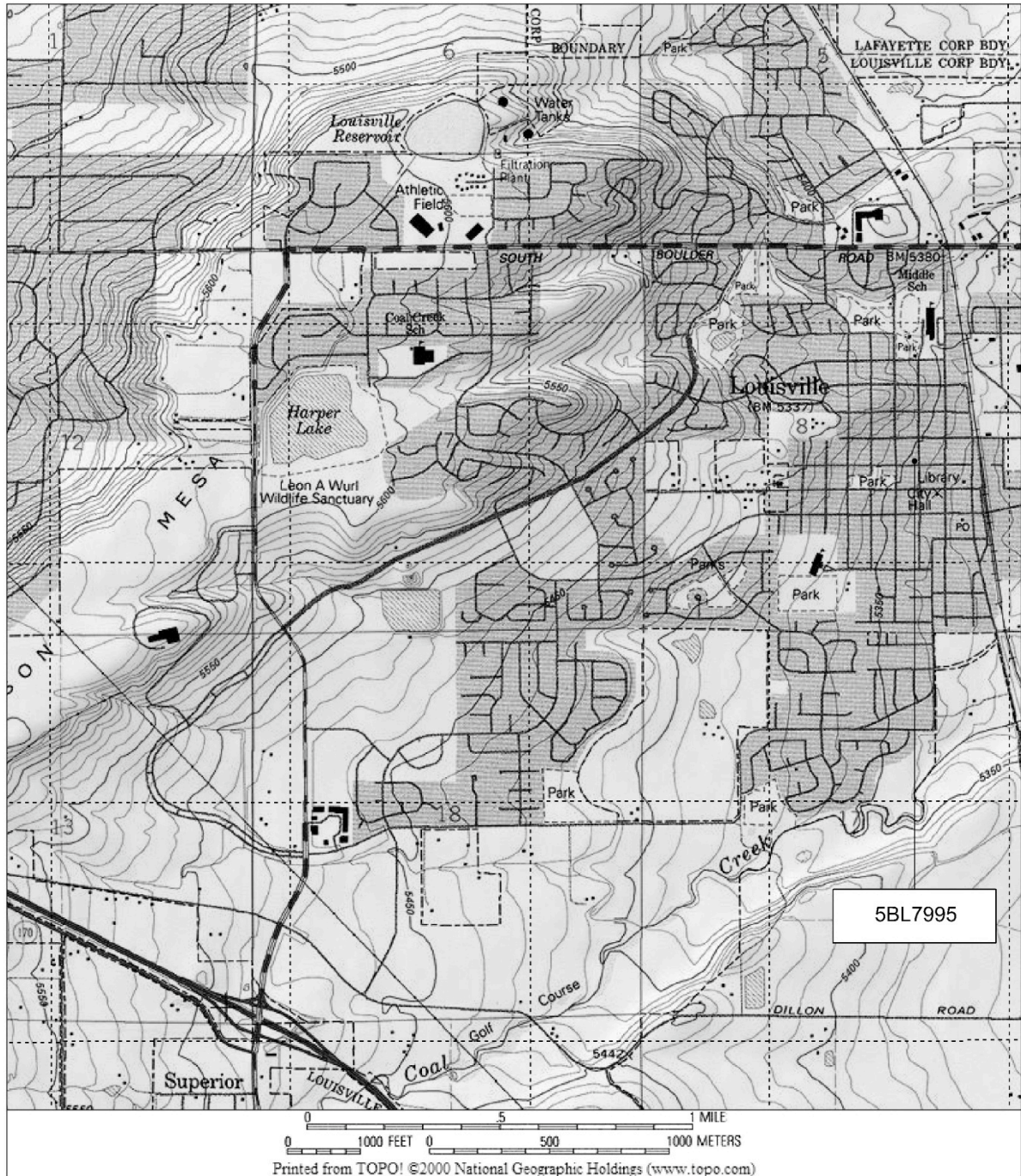
14. Management Recommendations: The property is worthy of nomination as a Louisville Local Landmark.
15. Photograph Types and Numbers: 5BL7995_901LaFarge_01 through 5BL7995_901LaFarge_04 and 5BL7995-717Walnut_01 through 5BL7995_717Walnut_06.
16. Artifact and Field Documentation Storage Location: Electronic files of forms with embedded photos and maps at Colorado Historical Society. Electronic files of forms, and electronic files of photographs at City of Louisville, Colorado, Planning Department.
17. Report Title: Historical and Architectural Survey of Jefferson Place Subdivision, Louisville, Colorado
18. Recorder(s): Kathy and Leonard Lingo, and Bridget Bacon, City of Louisville 19. Date(s): 2013
20. Recorder Affiliation: Avenue L Architects, 3457 Ringsby Court Suite 317, Denver CO 80216 (303) 290-9930

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Architectural Inventory Form
USGS Location Map



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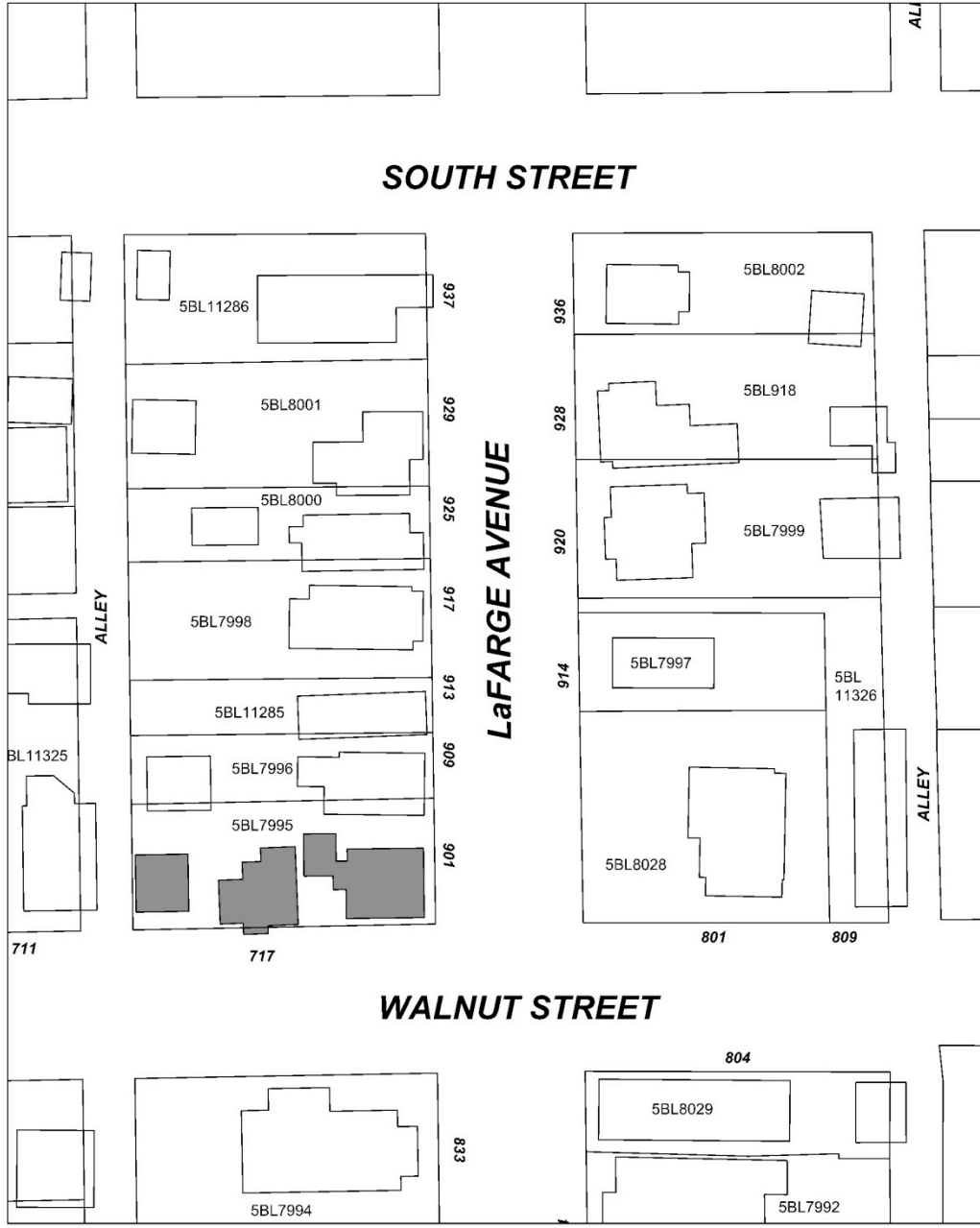
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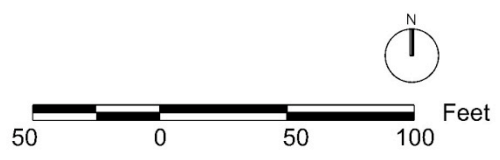
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901 LaFarge Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

SOURCE: City of Louisville, Colorado
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5BL7995_901LaFarge_02 south.

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5BL7995_901LaFarge_03 southwest



5BL7995_901LaFarge_04 north

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5BL7995_717Walnut_01 south



5BL7995_717Walnut_02 southeast

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5BL7995_717Walnut_03 southwest



5BL7995_717Walnut_04 garage southeast

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5BL7995_717Walnut_05 southwest



5BL7995_717Walnut_06 northwest

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901 LaFarge. Boulder County Real Estate Appraisal card, 1948.



717 Walnut. Boulder County Real Estate Appraisal card, 1956.