

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Determined Eligible-National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Need Data
  - \_\_\_ Contributing to eligible National Register District
  - \_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District



I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.5608**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **031**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Burris, Samuel J. House**
- 6. Current building name: **427 West Twelfth Street**
- 7. Building address: **427 W 12th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Neighborhood Services, Inc.**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **3937 Ivywood Ln  
Pueblo, CO 81005**

Parcel number(s):

**525418007**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need data

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **20S** Range: **65W**  
**NE 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
Easting: **533892** Northing: **4236536**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 9; Block 26**  
Addition: **County Addition** Year of addition: **1869**
13. Boundary description and justification:  
**The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**  
Metes and bounds exist:

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**  
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **1,332 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Plywood/Particle Board** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Gable-on-hip Roof**  
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Roof Treatment/Dormer**  
**Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles**  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the south, this house rests on a random ashlar sandstone foundation, mostly covered in gray-painted stucco. A concrete stairwell, with a surrounding, wrought-iron railing, descends from the south to a doorway opening near the center of the basement's west elevation. Gray-painted sheets of particleboard, pressed into a vertical plank pattern and with red-painted cornerboards, clad the exterior walls. Red-, white-, and gray-painted, variegated wood shingles cover the gables. Diamond-shaped wood shingles clad the canted soffit across the single-story, enclosed porch protruding from the front (south) façade. Emerging from this soffit, corresponding to the original porch supports, are scrolled, wood brackets. Most windows are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown aluminum frames and red-painted wood surrounds. Other windows are sliding sash or fixed frame. The principal doorway opens near the center of the asymmetrical front (south) facade. It hosts a 6-panel metal door, with transom. Approaching the doorway is a 4-step concrete stoop, with black, wrought-iron railing. The doorway provides access to a porch, enclosed with a band of sliding-sash windows. Above the doorway is a pediment with a decorative fan or sunrise pattern in its frieze. East of the door is a large picture window with round-arch transom. A projecting, dentiled cornice outlines the arch. Another doorway opens near the center of the rear (north) elevation's second story. It leads to a gray-painted, wood staircase, descending to the north. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the gable-on-hip roof, and gray-**

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Painted wood soffit and white-painted wood fascia box the eaves. A tall, red-brick chimney, with elaborate corbelling identical to 425 12th Street (5PE.5607), protrudes near the eastern edge of the roof's east-facing slope. Another red-brick chimney emerges on the west end of the east-west roof ridge.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Other architectural styles:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on terrain sloping downward from north to south, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest, one- and two-story houses. This property is located on the northeast corner of West 12th and North Greenwood streets. A mulch-covered strip, with mature landscaping, separates the sidewalk from the street. A planted-grass yard exists between the house and North Greenwood Street while a gravel parking lot dominates the backyard.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **No associated buildings identified.**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1890**  
Source of Information: **Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].**

26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Samuel J. Burris**

Source of information: **Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co, consulted 1886 through 2003.**

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County tax records, this building was constructed in 1890. An analysis of the form, style, and materials corroborates this date. Originally, this house was identical to the dwelling immediately east, at 425 West 12th Street (5PE.5607), which was constructed at the same time. The most notable alterations have been the enclosure of porches and new wall cladding, which appear to have occurred after 1970. This former single-family dwelling now hosts at least 3 apartment units.

30. Location: **original** Date of move(s):

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**

33. Current use(s): **Multiple Dwelling**

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

35. Historical background:

This house was originally associated with Samuel J. Burris, one Pueblo's most flamboyant and active citizens. He lived here with his wife, Emma, and children Samuel Jr., William T., Joseph J., Harry, and Helen (Miller). Samuel J. Burris, Sr., was born in New York state in January 1866. He came to Pueblo in 1893 and co-founded the stock brokerage firm Barber & Burris. He was president of the Pueblo Grain & Stock Brokerage Company and of the Globe Fire Insurance & Investment Company. He was active in mining and stock raising in the Cripple Creek, Westcliffe, and San Juan areas. Burris served on the boards of directors of both the Twin Lakes Water Supply Company and the Pueblo Foundry & Machine Works. He served two terms as the state senator from Pueblo County and was, for eight years, U.S. Marshal for Colorado under Presidents Harding and Wilson. He was chief special agent for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, retiring in 1945 on his 80th birthday. He died in January 1949.

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Around 1914, Ada Nixon was the resident here, followed by Oscar Olson in 1919. Sometime around 1920, this single-family home became a duplex. Residing in one of the units through the 1930s was Minerva A. Pryor and her daughter, Bertha Gresham. Pryor came to Pueblo in 1920. She died in this house in February 1932. Bertha continued to reside here through 1935.

Occupying the other unit during the same time period was Hiram Hayes and his wife, Lila E. Born in 1889, Hiram Hayes came to Colorado in 1919. He and Lila had three sons, Joseph, Charles H., and Robert, and a daughter, Martha. Hiram died in this house in September 1930, but Lila continued to reside here through 1935.

36. Sources of information:

Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].

Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co, consulted 1886 through 2003.

"Giroux (Phillip)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 9 August 1967, p. 14B.

"Ricketts (James)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 11 July 1962, p. 9A.

"Burriss (Samuel J.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 26 January 1949, p. 10.

"Minera A. Pryor" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 12 February 1932, p. 10.

"Hiram Hayes" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 6 September 1930, p. 7.

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## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No 

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern 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 distinguished 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.

## Pueblo Standards for Designation:

1a. History Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state, or nation; or1b. History Be the site of a significant historic event; or1c. History Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society.2a. Architecture Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type; or2b. Architecture Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder, or2c. Architecture Contain elements of architectural design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship, or artistic merit which represent a significant or influential innovation;2d. Architecture Portray the environment of a group of people or physical development of an area of the city in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.3a. Geography Have a prominent location or be an established, familiar, and orienting visual feature of the contemporary city, or3b. Geography Promote understanding and appreciation of Pueblo's environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity; or3c. Geography Make a special contribution to Pueblo's distinctive character.Not Applicable Does not meet any of the above Pueblo landmark criteria.39. Area(s) of Significance: **Not Applicable**40. Period of Significance: **n/a**41. Level of significance: National:  State  Local

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1A for its association with the development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when more architecturally sophisticated buildings like this one joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. This house was the home of Samuel Burris, a pioneer Pueblo businessman and politician. The property is significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1C for its direct association with Burris. However, the levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are not to the extent that this property would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, or as a City of Pueblo Landmark. Nonetheless, it is most likely a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1890, this house exhibits a moderately low level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Substantial additions and modifications made after the period of significance negatively affect the original materials and workmanship of this building. However, the basic design and association of this building remains intact; it is still apparent that this house was identical to the dwelling immediately east of it, at 425 West Main Street (5PE.5607).

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data  
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents the evolution of the city's professional middle and upper classes. Its diversity of architectural styles and forms directly represents the city's changing economic and cultural climates. As well, the neighborhood is distinctive because it appears to have evolved independently of the area's dominant industry, steel manufacturing.**
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes  No  N/A
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes  No  N/A

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**  
**File Name(s): 12thstw427**
- Negatives filed at: **Special Collections**  
**Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library**  
**100 East Abriendo Avenue**  
**Pueblo, CO 81004-4290**
48. Report title: **Pueblo North Side Neighborhood Survey**
49. Date(s): **06/13/2005**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, L.L.C.**
52. Address: **PO Box 419**  
**Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

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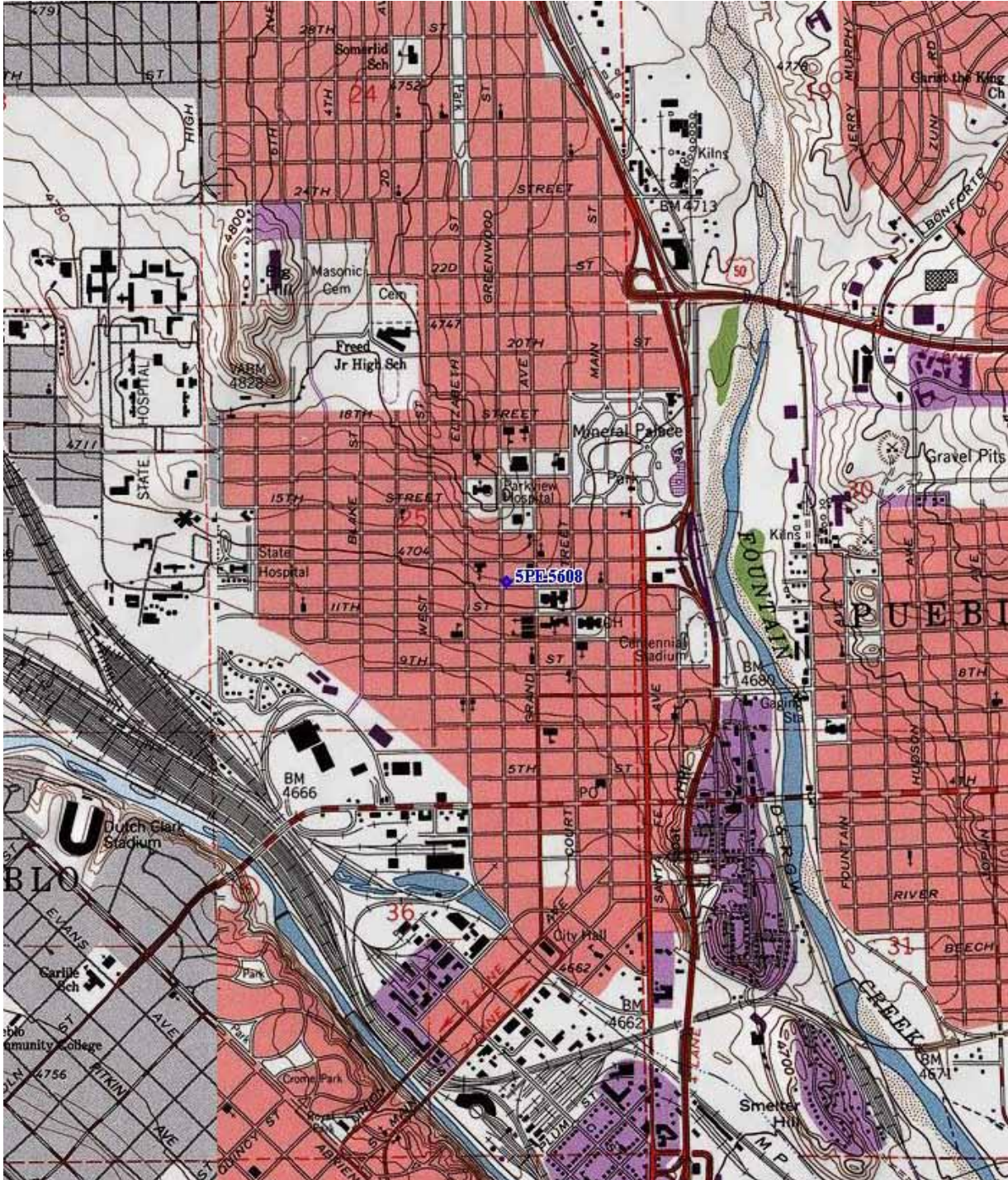
SITE SKETCH MAP





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## LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Northeast Pueblo topographic quadrangle - 1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)