

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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- 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.517.30** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **059** **525311009**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Spencer, Samuel Taylor, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Gradishar, William B., House**
- 7. Building address: **721 W 12th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **William B. Gradishar**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **152 Bridle Trail**
Pueblo, CO 81005

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 **NE 1/4** of **SW 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533523** Northing: **4236546**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 9; Block 2**
Addition: **Craig's Addition** Year of addition: **1871**
13. Boundary description and justification:
The parcel, 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): **L-Shaped Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **1,128 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Fence**
Porch
Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this house appears to rest on a brown-painted concrete foundation (or perhaps a concrete sill installed post-construction). Yellow-painted, horizontal wood siding, with brown-painted, 1-by-4-inch cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Variegated wood shingles, in brown-, yellow-, and orange-painted bands, clad the exterior walls. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown- or yellow-painted wood frames and brown-painted wood surrounds. The surrounds have projecting cornices. Some windows have aluminum-frame storm windows. A pair of single-light hopper, awning, or casement windows opens in the east end of the rear (north) elevation. A shed-roofed porch nearly fills the inside (southeast-facing) corner of the house. The porch has a concrete floor and brown-painted, wood supports, with pedestals and capitals and chamfered edges. A simple, wood balustrade lines the east side of the porch. The porch's decorative features include sunrise brackets and a scalloped frieze. The principal doorway opens in the east face of this inside corner. It hosts a white, 9-light metal door, with faux X-shaped bracing. Opening east of center on the rear elevation is a wood slab door, providing access to an uncovered, concrete patio. A shed-roofed addition protrudes from the rear (north) and east elevations. Another doorway opens in this addition's narrow south elevation. It is a single-light, wood slab door, opening beneath a single-light transom. Approaching it is a single, concrete step. Brown asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof. Brown-painted wood soffit and fascia, with protruding cornice, box the eaves. Brown-painted wood vergeboards and orange-painted, scrolled brackets decorate the gables.

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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 north side of West 12th Street, an east-west-oriented thoroughfare. It is situated between 717 W 12th Street, to the east, and 725 West 12th Street, to the west. Running parallel to the street is a sidewalk of pink sandstone slabs. A grass strip separates the sidewalk from the street. Surrounding the house is a planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping. A concrete, 2-track driveway runs from West 12th Street along the east side of the house. Encircling a portion of the back yard is a woven-wire fence.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1890** Actual:

Source of Information: **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Pueblo, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1883, 1886, 1889, 1893, 1904-05, 1904-51, and 1904-52.**

26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Samuel Taylor Spencer**

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 1900. However, city directories and Sanborn insurance maps suggest that this building existed by 1890. An analysis of the form, style, and materials corroborate a circa 1890 date of construction. The rear addition, which protrudes slightly eastward from the original house, date to before 1904. Prior to 1951, a garage was attached to the northeast corner. It has since been demolished. Photographs taken during a 1981 survey reveal that the façade of this building has not been significantly altered since that time, other than being repainted and having the front door replaced.

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

35. Historical background:

The original owner and resident of this house, constructed around 1890, was Samuel Taylor Spencer. He was machinist, chief engineer at the Pueblo city waterworks, and a mechanic for the Pueblo Automobile Company. He was born in November 1857, in Massachusetts. In 1883 he married his wife, Ida M., who was born in Illinois in 1860. They resided here with three children: Earl, Harriett, and Glen. Earl went on to become a dentist, practicing in Pueblo. The family remained here through 1910, eventually living at 2011 Greenwood Street. Samuel Spencer died on November 7, 1938.

In 1914, the resident was A.J. White. C.K. Metzger and W.L. Patchen lived here in 1919, followed by Mary L. Rodgers in 1925. From around 1930 through 1935, the owner and resident was Oscar Hammond. He came to Pueblo around 1908 and was an

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employee of the Colorado Laundry for over 48 years. With his wife, Nellie Hammond, Oscar had two children: Mrs. Leslie Evans and Harold Hammond. The family attended Vineland Methodist Church, where Oscar taught Sunday school classes. The Hammonds moved from the address sometime after 1935, eventually residing at 1221 East 9th Street.

Paul J. Schade purchased this property sometime prior to 1940, residing here until his death in 1944. He was a lifelong Pueblo resident. With his wife, Metta Schade, Paul had eight children: Genevieve Schade, Elda Mae Schade, Marie Huskins, John Schade, William Schade, Robert Schade, Ernest Schade, and Morton Schade. The family also maintained a residence at their ranch near Boone, Colorado. Following Paul's death on November 14, 1944, his daughter Genevieve obtained the property and resided here until prior to 1950.

The owner and resident in 1950 was Ethel Clindexter, followed by J.A. Hartless from 1955 through the 1960s. Susan L. Torres purchased the property in 1980. William J. Earhart acquired the house and lot in 1984, selling it in 2001 to William B. Gradishar, the current owner.

36. Sources of information:

Munch, J. Colorado Cultural Resource Survey, Architectural/Historical Component Form (no. 618), August 1981.

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.

"Hammond (Oscar)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 25 March 1958, p. 2.

"Spencer (Samuel Taylor)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 9 November 1938, p. 6.

"Schade (Paul J.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 16 November 1944, p. 5.

Gradishar, William B. Interview by Adam Thomas, 20 June 2005.

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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: **Architecture**40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1890**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 joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. The property represents the rise of an influential merchant-entrepreneur class that chose to reside in this neighborhood. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an intact example of a Late Victorian-era style. 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 a City of Pueblo Landmark. Nonetheless, this house is most likely a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed around 1890, this house exhibits a moderate 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. While the house has had a major addition to the rear elevation, it was constructed within the period of significance and does not obscure character-defining features. The building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its significance.

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): 12thstw721
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): **06/20/05**

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**

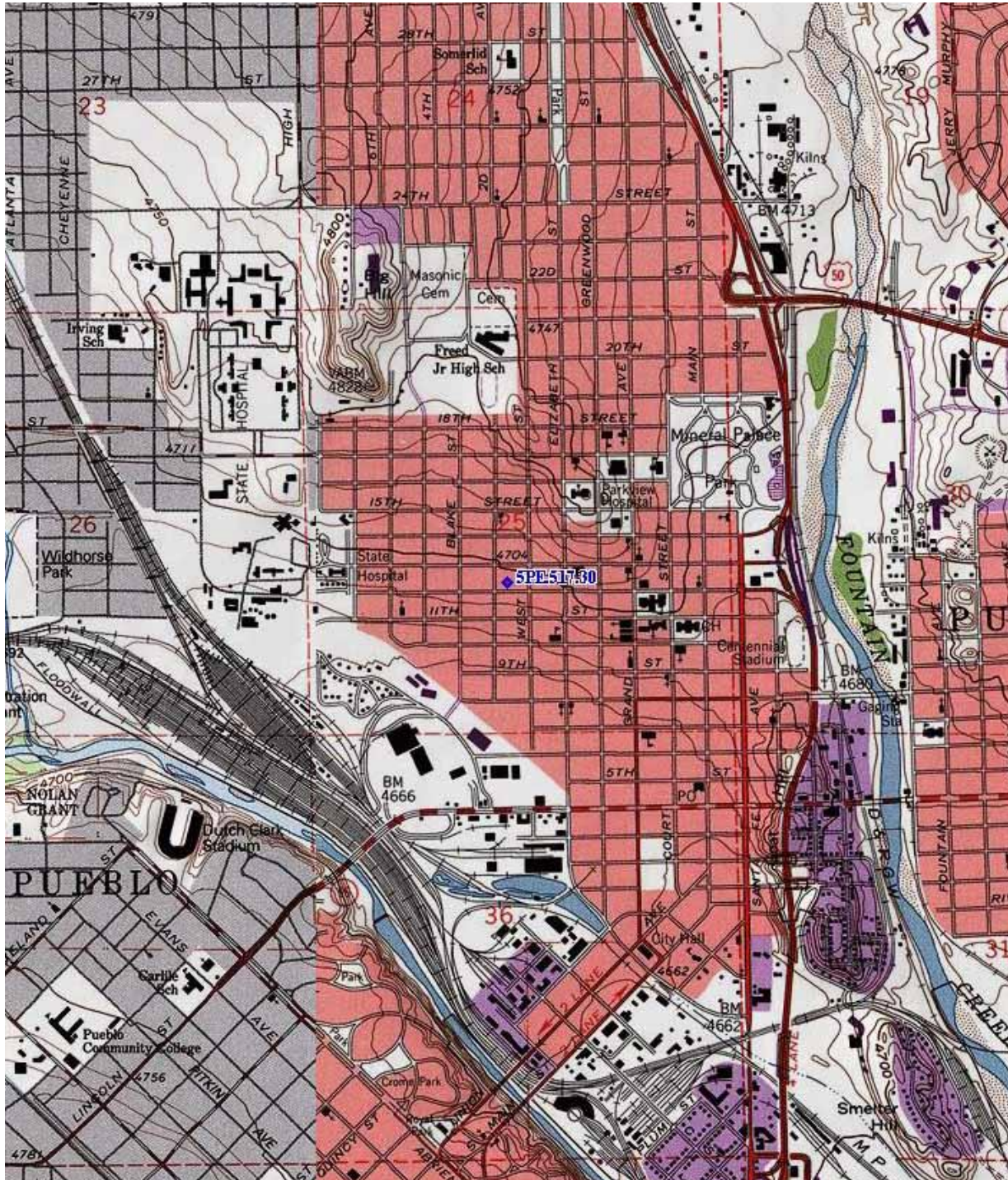
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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