

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.5636**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **068**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Ross-Whistler House**
- 6. Current building name: **Parsons, Thomas, House**
- 7. Building address: **410 W 13th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Thomas Parsons**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **410 W 13th St**
Pueblo, CO 81003

Parcel number(s):

525418003

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**
SE 1/4 of **NE 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533934** Northing: **4236612**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 5; 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): **Rectangular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **978 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Synthetics/Vinyl** Other wall materials:
Wood/Horizontal Siding
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Porch
Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles
Roof Treatment/Dormer
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this house rests on a white-painted concrete foundation. White vinyl siding, with white-painted, 1-by-4-inch cornerboards, clads most of the exterior walls of the first story. The wall cladding of the second story generally features white-painted wood weatherboard. A brown-painted, dentiled frieze separates the first and second stories. Variegated wood shingles, painted in bands of light brown, white, and dark brown, cover the gables. A pendant is suspended in the north-facing gable. White-painted, square-cut wood shingles cover a shed-roofed dormer protruding from the roof's west-facing slope. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with either white-painted wood frames or white vinyl frames. The windows have white-painted wood surrounds. Those opening in the center of the front (north) façade's first story have 12-light, wood-frame storm windows. The main roof has been lowered to cover an integral porch across the east elevation, giving the house's main gable an asymmetrical appearance. White vinyl siding and 20-light, fixed-frame windows enclose this porch. The principal doorway opens near the center of the east elevation. It hosts a glass-in-wood-frame door, opening behind a white, aluminum-frame storm door. Approaching it from the north and south is a 2-step, brick-and-concrete stoop, flanked on its east side by a white, aluminum railing. A green canvas awning shelters the stoop. Another doorway opens near the center of the rear (south) elevation. It hosts a paneled, 1-light, glass-in-wood-frame door, opening behind a white, aluminum-frame storm

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door. This doorway provides access to an unsheltered wood deck. Green-gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the main front-gabled roof and all other roof surfaces. The rafter ends are exposed but capped by a green-painted fascia board. A red-brick chimney protrudes from the south end of the north-south-oriented 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. Most of the houses here have an unusually shallow setback from West 13th Street, the busy, principal east-west thoroughfare through this area. This property is situated on the south side of West 13th Street, between 408 West 13th Street to the east and 412 West 13th Street to the west. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, surrounds the building. A very large elm tree shades the back yard.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A single-car garage is located southeast of the house. Oriented to the south, the building appears to lack a formal foundation. White-painted stucco clads the exterior walls. Dominating the center of the front (south) elevation is a white-painted pivot-type garage door, of vertical beadboard construction. A window integrated into the door has been boarded shut. Another doorway opens in the center of the west elevation. A pair of 8-light windows pierces the rear (north) elevation. The north end of the west elevation hosts paired, 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash windows. All windows have green-painted wood frames and surrounds. Gray-green sheets of asphalt cover the front-gabled roof. A fascia board caps the exposed rafter ends.**

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: **unknown**

Source of information:

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1900. However it appears on an 1893 Sanborn map. According to those maps, the porch along the east elevation had been enclosed early in the building's history, leaving just a small integral porch at the northeast corner. This, too, had been enclosed, prior to 1952. The rear porch had also been enclosed by 1900. The garage dates to after 1952. Replacement windows and the vinyl siding all date to after the period of significance (after 1955).

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**

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35. Historical background:

This house appears to have been constructed around 1890. The original owner is unclear. However, in 1890, the residents were Miss S.W. Ross and a carpenter with the surname Whistler. In 1900, Charles H. Willerling, a tailor, resided here with his family, which included Jennie Willerling, a clerk for the Crews-Beggs Dry Goods Company. Boarding with the family were Clinton and John Brown, who were involved in the livestock business, and Mary L. Shaw, a teacher at the nearby Centennial School.

In 1909, Charles E. Snyder resided here, followed in 1914 by Sumner W. Pressey. He was born in New Hampshire in 1884. Pressey attended Cañon City High School and graduated in 1905 from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. He immediately moved to Pueblo where, in 1906, he established the Pressey Fruit and Produce Wholesale Company, which operated until 1930. In the wake of Pueblo's devastating 1921 flood, the governor commissioned Pressey to direct cleanup and rescue operations until National Guard officers arrived from Denver. From 1930 until 1946, he was a private operator in the oil drilling industry. Then, in 1946, he established S.W. Pressey and Son, Inc., a firm that distributed oil-drilling equipment. Pressey was a member of the committee that organized the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. The Pressey family resided here until just prior to 1919, when they moved to 713 West 11th Street (5PE.517.16).

John Fluke resided here around 1919. In 1925, Alpha Buickle and P.S. Walters lived here, followed in 1930 by Otis E. and Mabel C. McGuire and Harry C. Cranmer. Frank Wolf lived here from around 1935 through 1940. In 1945 James C. Matthews (or Mathews) purchased the property and resided here until his death in 1976. Ileta E. Matthews sold the property to Thomas Parsons, the current owner and resident, in 2000.

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.

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.

"Pressey (Sumner W.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 29 January 1964, p. 6B.

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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 like this one joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. The house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an 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 as a City of Pueblo Landmark. It is, nonetheless, 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. Most notable structural alterations were made within the period of significance (before 1955), but newer wall cladding and windows have removed or concealed some character-defining features.

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): 13thstw410
- 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): **06/22/05**
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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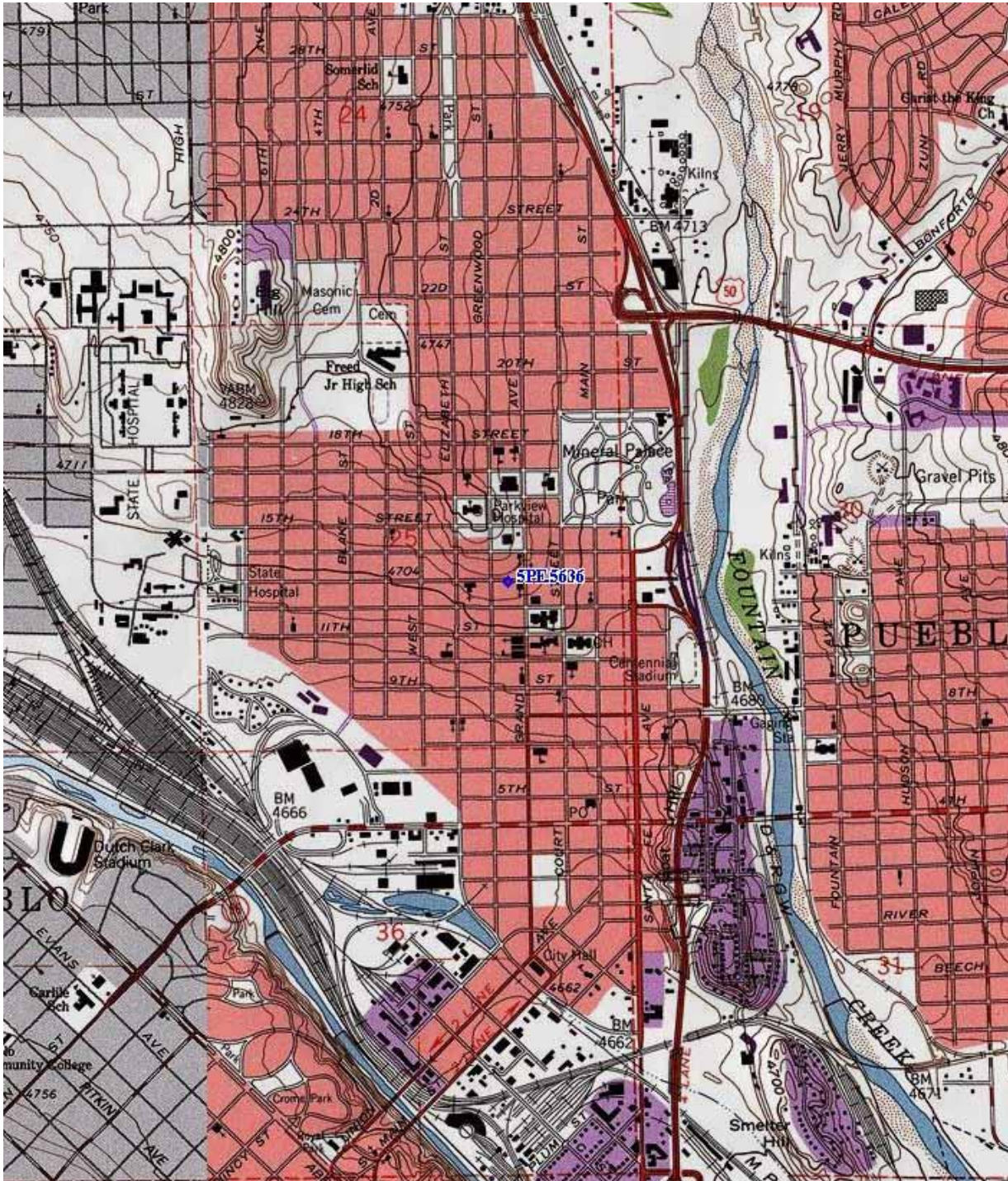
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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