

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.5655** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525310009**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Ritchey, Marcellus M., House**
- 6. Current building name: **Providence Unlimited House**
- 7. Building address: **711 W 13th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Providence Unlimited, LLC**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **409 N Main St. #301**
- Pueblo, CO 81003**

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**
SW 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533566** Northing: **4236640**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 12; Block 3**
Addition: **Craig's Addition** Year of addition: **1871**
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): **1,378 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding** Other wall materials:
Wood/Shingle
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this house rests on a concrete foundation. White-painted, horizontal wood siding, with 1-by-4-inch cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light or 2-over-2-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and mauve-painted wood surrounds. Dominating the front-gabled portion of the front (south) façade is a tripartite picture window. It consists of a central fixed frame flanked by a pair of 1-over-1-light sash windows. The north side of the east elevation contains a pair of 1-beside-1-light, sliding-sash windows. The same type of window appears in the east and west ends of the rear (north) elevation. A shed-roofed porch fills the inside (southeast-facing) corner of the house. It has a wood floor and a kneewall covered in white-painted, square-cut wood shingles. The porch supports consist of paired, white-painted 2-by-4s, with diamond-shaped blocks between them. Two concrete steps, flanked by wrought-iron railings, approach the porch on the west side of its south elevation. The porch has a white-painted, diamond-shaped frieze. The principal doorway opens in the east face of the inside corner. It hosts a 15-light, glass-in-wood-frame door, with a white-painted wood frame. It opens behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Another doorway opens near the center of the east elevation. A flat-roofed carport, on white-painted, square wood supports, spans the entire rear elevation. Red-gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof. White-painted wood fascia and soffit box the eaves.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
Other architectural styles:
Building type:

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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 and commercial buildings. Setbacks from West 13th Street, the busy, principal east-west thoroughfare through this area, are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the north side of West 13th Street, between 705 West 13th Street to the east and 713 West 13th Street to the west. Grass covers the strip separating the pink sandstone sidewalk from the street; a low cobblestone wall flanks the north side of the sidewalk. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the southern portion of the lot. Large cottonwoods shade the southeast and southwest corners of the property. A gravel parking area dominates the backyard.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

- 1: Type: **Shed**
Describe: **A standard kit-built shed is located directly northeast of the house. Oriented to the south, the structure lacks a formal foundation. The walls consist of brown-painted sheet metal. Paired, sliding doors of the same description dominate the front (south) elevation. The front-grambreled roof also consists of sheet metal.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1890** Actual:
Source of Information: **U.S. Census of 1900. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Series T623, roll 128, p. 12.**
Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co, consulted 1886 through 2003.
26. Architect: **unknown**
Source of information:
27. Builder: **unknown**
Source of information:
28. Original Owner: **Marcellus M. Ritchey**
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 Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1900. However it appears on an 1893 Sanborn map, and city directory listings for this address date to 1890, suggesting a circa 1890 date of construction. The only notable structural modification, an addition to the northwest corner, was completed prior to 1904, based on Sanborn maps. Some windows, doors, and the original porch supports have also been replaced, probably in 1940s or '50s, based on the materials.
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 first resident of this house, constructed around 1890, was Marcellus M. Ritchey, a teamster. He was born in Missouri in June 1846. Around 1898, his daughter, Virginia M. Ritchey, married James A. Magill, a clerk for his family's J.K.P. Magill grocery store. All three lived at this address through 1914.

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Beginning around 1919, the owner and resident was Charles Donley. He resided here through at least 1940. In 1945, the owner and resident was Rev, Jesse Sykes Johnson, a retired Methodist minister. Ordained in 1919, he served at churches in the Denver Conference, Northwest Texas Conference, and at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Following his retirement from the ministry in 1934, he was employed at the Pueblo ordnance depot and air base, as well as at the Colorado State Hospital. With his wife, Willie Ethel Johnson, Jesse Johnson had four sons: James H., William C., Paul G., and Robert E. The Johnsons moved from this house prior to 1950 and later resided at 1230 East 10th Street, where Jesse Johnson died in March 1956.

From around 1950 through 1955, the owner and resident was Inez Walter. Howard G. and Fern Christie owned this lot in 1960 and resided in the house through 1991. Fern Christie sold the property to Andrew F. and Lynette Barr in 1994. The Barrs, in turn, sold the property a few months later to Dwight L. and Carol L. Scott. Royce A. Gomez acquired the house and lot from Dwight Scott in 2003, transferring it a month later to Providence Unlimited, LLC, the current owner.

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.

U.S. Census of 1900. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Series T623, roll 128, p. 12.

"Johnson (Rev. Jesse Sykes)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 4 March 1956, p. 24.

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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. 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. While additions date to well within the period significance, the subsequent replacement of some windows and porch supports have removed important character-defining features. Nonetheless, the building remains in its basic form, retaining sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical 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): 13thstw711
- 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): **06/27/05**
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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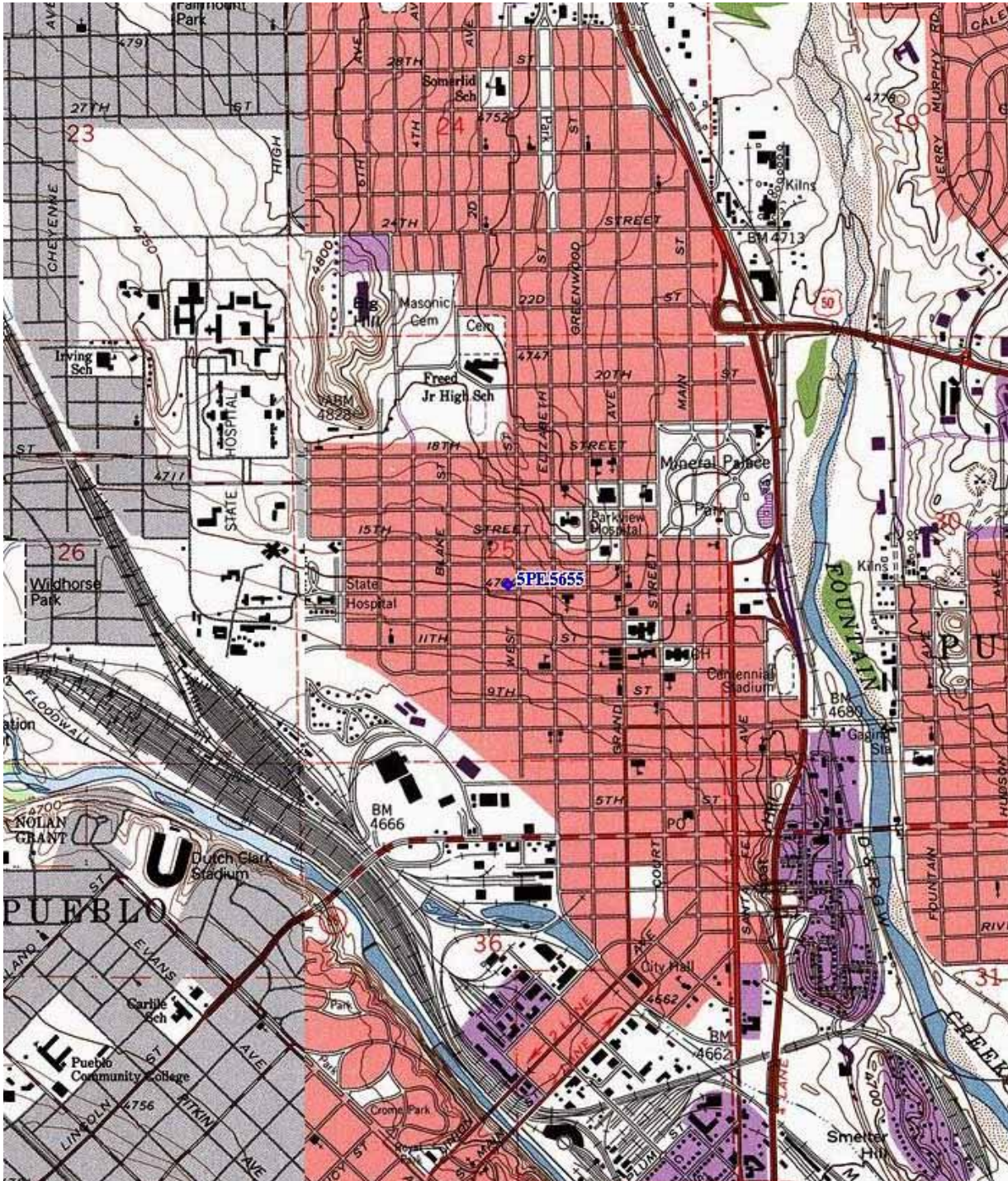
SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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