

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.5671** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525413005**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Adamson, Walter, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Travel Xscape**
- 7. Building address: **220 W 14th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Marlene E. Cordova**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **220 W 14th St**  
**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**  
**NW** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
Easting: **534180** Northing: **4236735**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **West 40 feet of Lot 6 and the east 4 feet of Lot 7; Block 10**  
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): **1,223 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco** Other wall materials:
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: **Fence**  
**Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the north, this house appears to rest on a concrete foundation. An enclosed, basement stairwell descends from south to north, providing access to a doorway in the south end of the west elevation. Cream-tinted stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with green-painted wood frames and surrounds. A 1-beside-1-light, sliding-sash window, with an aluminum frame, opens in the rear (south) elevation. A hipped-roof porch fills the inside (northeast-facing) corner of the house. It has a concrete floor and stucco-covered kneewalls. Green-painted, square, wood supports, with chamfered edges, brace the porch roof. A 3-step concrete stoop approaches the porch on its north end. Two doorways open onto the porch. The principal doorway opens in the north face of the inside corner. It hosts a green-pained, 2-panel, 2-light, metal door, opening behind a green-painted, aluminum-frame storm door. The other doorway opens in the east face. It hosts a 1-panel, 1-light, glass-in-wood-frame door, with a protruding top and locking rail and wreath-swig in the panel. A wood deck extends northward from the center of the façade. Above it is a retractable, green canvas awning. Another doorway opens near the center of the rear (south) elevation. A single-step concrete stoop approaches it. Brown asphalt singles cover the cross-gabled main roof and all other roof surfaces. Green-painted wood soffit and fascia, with protruding cornice, box the eaves.**
22. Architectural style: **No Style**  
Other architectural styles:

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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 and commercial buildings, with some residential and medical-related buildings towering many stories above the rest of the landscape. Setbacks from West 14th Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the south side of West 14th Street, between 118 West 14th Street to the east and 1318 Court Street to the west. Gravel covers the strip separating the sidewalk from the street and all of the back yard. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the front yard. Running from West 12th Street to the northeast corner of the house is a concrete driveway, and a chain-link fence runs along the western edge of the lot.**

## 24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A single-car garage is located behind (south of) the house, parallel to an east-west-oriented alley. Oriented to the west, the building rests on a concrete slab. Cream stucco clads the exterior walls. Dominating the west elevation, south of center, is a blue-painted, sliding beadboard door, opening on a steel runner. The south elevation hosts a pair of 12-light hopper windows, largely boarded shut from the inside. Brown asphalt shingles cover the asymmetrical, front-gabled roof, and the building lacks overhanging eaves.**

## 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.**
- 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: **unknown**
- Source of information:
29. Construction history:
- According to Pueblo County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1903. 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 building was originally constructed as a small, cross-shaped plan, nearly identical to 118 West 14th Street to east. By 1893, the house gained a large addition to the rear (south) elevation. More additions were made to the southeast- and northwest-facing inside corners, but their dates of construction are uncertain. The stucco wall cladding and deck are more recent alterations, dating to after 1990.**
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): **Business**
34. Site type(s): **Residence, Travel Agency**
35. Historical background:

**The first owner and resident of this house, constructed around 1890, is unclear. However, by 1900, the residents were Walter**

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and Stella Adamson. Walter was born in England in February 1850. His wife, Stella, was also born in England, in March 1847. Walter Adamson was foreman of the Standard Fire Brick Company in Pueblo.

By 1909, the resident was Andrew W. Gardener, an agent dealing in real estate, loans, rentals, and insurance. Following him here, in 1914, was W.M. Crey.

Around 1919, the resident was Fred E. Sisson, who the Pueblo Chieftain newspaper called "one of the most prominent and best known men in southern Colorado." He was born around 1861 and came to Pueblo in 1899 from Durango, as an employee of the American Smelting & Refining Company. Sisson worked for this firm for more than 30 years. After that, he was registrar and receiver at the Pueblo land office. With his wife, Agnes, Fred Sisson had a daughter, Mrs. George McCarthy, who lived in the house immediately east, at 218 West 14th Street (5PE.5670). The Sissons remained here until before 1925. Fred Sisson died on November 5, 1926.

William L. Slaten purchased this property around 1925 and remained here for at least a decade. In 1940, the owner and resident was Percy H. Low, who remained here until his death nearly 30 years later. He was born on March 14, 1890, in Silver Cliff, Colorado. He came to Pueblo in 1924 and worked for the CF&I Steel Corporation. With his wife, Berta L. Low, Percy Low had a daughter, Jean Marie Hussong. Berta died on June 10, 1968, and Percy in this house on January 29, 1979. Their daughter, Jean Marie Hussong, retained ownership of the property until 1999, when she sold it to Crown Property Investments. Donald L. and Marlene E. Cordova purchased the house and lot from Crown Property Investments a few months later in 1999. Donald Cordova quit claimed his ownership to Marlene Cordova, the current owner, in 2003. Currently, the property houses the offices of the "Travel Xscape" travel agency.

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. Ward 1, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Series T623, roll 128, p. 22.

"F.E. Sisson Succumbs Suddenly Friday Night." Pueblo Chieftain, 6 November 1926, p. 1.

"Percy H. Low" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 30 January 1979, p. 4B.

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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 joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. While this property was also associated with Fred E. Sisson, a prominent Pueblo resident, he lived here only briefly, and the property does not appear to have contributed to the historical development of that individual. Moreover, 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. Additions, newer wall cladding, and enclosed window openings have removed or concealed some character-defining features. However, the building preserves enough character-defining features to suggest its original architectural style. This property retains 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 dataLocal landmark eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data45. 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): 14thstw220**

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): **07/12/05**

50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

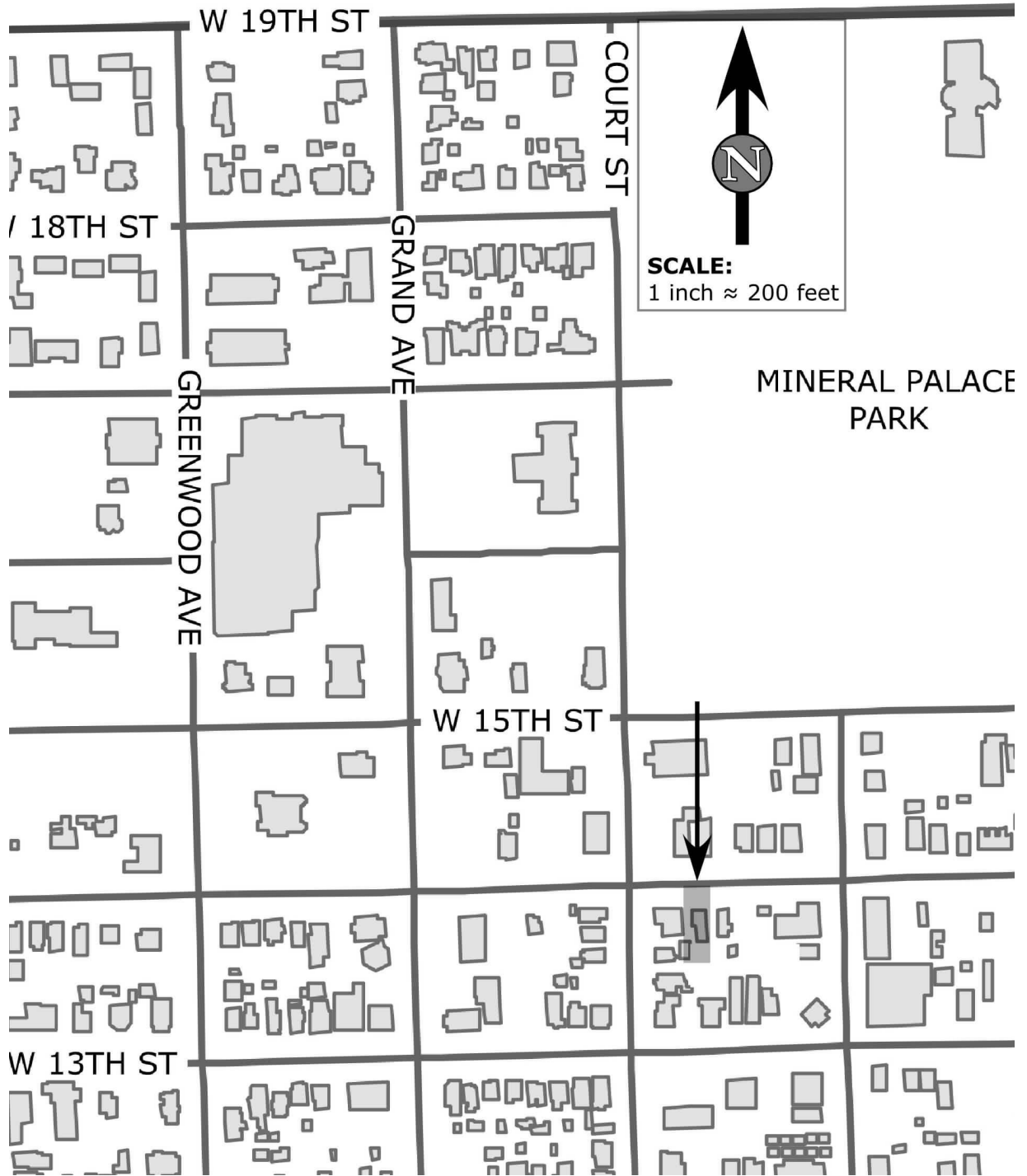
51. Organization: **Historitecture, L.L.C.**

52. Address: **PO Box 419**  
**Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

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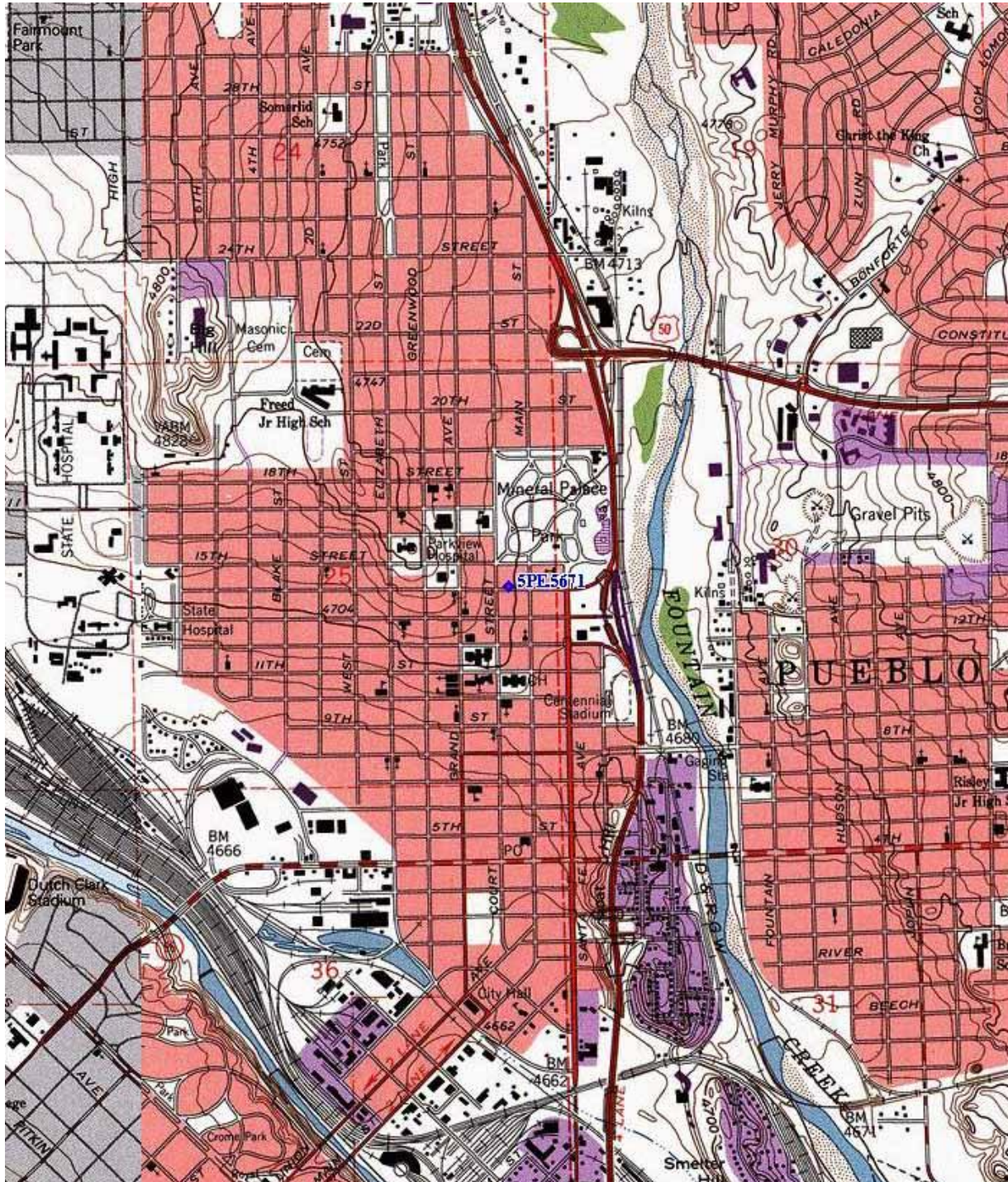
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## LOCATION MAP



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