

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.5715** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525130002**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Sergeant, Stephen B., House**
- 6. Current building name: **Viles House**
- 7. Building address: **710 W 15th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Don & Cheryl Viles Trust**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **710 W 15th 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**
SE 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of **NW** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
 Easting: **533542** Northing: **4236813**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 2; Block 4**
 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): **Rectangular Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **936 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
Stucco
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:
Fence
Chimney
Porch
Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles
Roof Treatment/Dormer
Window/Segmental Arch
21. General architectural description:
This house is oriented to the north. Gray-painted stucco conceals the foundation. A white-painted brick veneer clads the exterior walls. White stucco covers a shed-roofed structure across the rear (south) elevation. Variegated wood shingles, painted in bands of white and blue, cover the gables and dormers. Windows are generally 5 (vertical)-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and aluminum-frame storm windows. They open between white-painted, dressed sandstone sills and segmental arches with flat, protruding tops. Other windows are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames. Those opening in the gables have white-painted, pedimented wood surrounds. Single-light hopper or awning windows open in the north end of the east elevation and the south end of the west elevation. Appearing in the rear addition are 1-beside-1-light, sliding-sash windows, with aluminum frames. A shed-roofed porch spans most of the asymmetrical front (north) façade. It has a low, concrete floor, white-painted brick kneewalls, and wrought-iron supports. The principal doorway opens near the center of the façade. It hosts a wood slab door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm

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door. Above it is a segmental arch. Filling the area between the top of the door and bottom of the arch is a wood panel with an incised floral motif. A doorway opens in the rear (south) elevation. It hosts a wood slab door, opening behind a white, aluminum-frame storm door. Two concrete steps approach the door. Gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the gable-on-hip main roof and all other roof surfaces. Front-gabled dormers protrude from the east- and west-facing roof slopes. A hipped-roof dormer emerges from the south-facing slope. White-painted wood soffit and fascia, with projecting cornice, box the eaves. A brick chimney protrudes from the roof's south-facing slope, just above the dormer.

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. Setbacks from West 15th Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the south side of West 15th Street, between 706 West 15th Street to the east and 714 West 15th Street to the west. Brick pavers cover the strip separating the sidewalk from the street. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, surrounds the house. Encircling the yard is a combination of chain-link and woven-wire fences.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A small shop building, most likely a former garage, is located on the southwest corner of the property. Oriented to the north, the building appears to rest on a concrete slab. White stucco clads the exterior walls. Coving the gables is white-painted board-and-batten siding. A doorway opens in the west side of the front (north) elevation. Windows are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with blue-painted wood frames. Gray interlocking asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed. A red-brick chimney protrudes from the southeast corner.**

2: Type: **Shed**

Describe: **A small storage shed is located on the northeast corner of the lot. Oriented to the north, the building appears to lack a formal foundation. Sheets of galvanized, corrugated metal clad the exterior walls. A door opens in the front (north) elevation. Sheets of corrugated metal cover the front-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1900** 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.**
- 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: **Stephen B. Sergeant**
- 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:

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According to Pueblo County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1900. Sanborn maps and city directories corroborate a circa 1900 date of construction. The most notable alterations have been the replacement of the original porch, most likely occurring between 1950 and 1970, and the construction of the small rear addition, which dates 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): **Single Dwelling**
 34. Site type(s): **Residence**
 35. Historical background:

The first owner and resident of this house, constructed around 1900, was Stephen B. Sergeant, owner of S.B. Sergeant & Company, a tea and coffee wholesaler, and proprietor of a crockery store. He was born in Pennsylvania in December 1839. His wife, Alice, was born in New York in 1846. They were married around 1864; they appear not to have had any children. They resided here with at least 2 boarders, Charles E. and Walter C. Smith, who were involved in the furniture business.

In 1909, the resident was Ferdinand Gustave Seaman, a salesman for the J.M. Gray Carriage Company. From around 1914 through at least 1919, the resident was Joseph W. Birrer, a government employee. He had three children, Ruth Thomson, Floyd J. Birrer, and Lloyd G. Birrer. He died on September 9, 1947.

Wilbur R. Conkle purchased this property around 1925 and resided here until his death. Conckle was a locomotive engineer, serving the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (AT&SF) Railway for at least 21 years. With his wife, May P. Conkle, Wilbur had a son, Earl J. Conkle, and two daughters, Verde Conkle and Florence Edwards. Wilbur Conkle died on May 22, 1932. May and Earl Conkle continued to reside here briefly following Wilbur's death, selling the property prior to 1940.

The next owner and resident of this house was Albion Paul Brooke, a telegrapher for the AT&SF. With his wife, Nellie A. Brooke, Albion had five children: Mrs. R.V. Coburn, Mrs. K.V. Stone, Betty Hunter, Thomas Brooke, and Paul Wesley Brooke. Albion Brooke died in this house on April 19, 1944. His widow remained here until prior to 1950.

36. Sources of information:

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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.

"Seaman (Ferdinand Gustave)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 18 July 1934, p. 2.

"Birrer (Joseph W.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 10 September 1947, p. 10.

"Conkle (Wilbur R.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 24 May 1932, p. 2.

"Conkle (May P.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 5 October 1949, p. 10.

"Brooke (Albion Paul)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 20 April 1944, p. 2.

"Thomas Potter" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 25 October 1984, p. 10C.

U.S. Census of 1900. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Series T623, roll 128, p. 14.

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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. 1900**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. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an example of late Victorian-era domestic architecture. 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 1900, this building 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. The replacement of the original porch and the construction of the rear addition have removed or concealed some character-defining features and slightly altered the original form. However, most of the original windows and the original wall cladding remain intact. This property retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

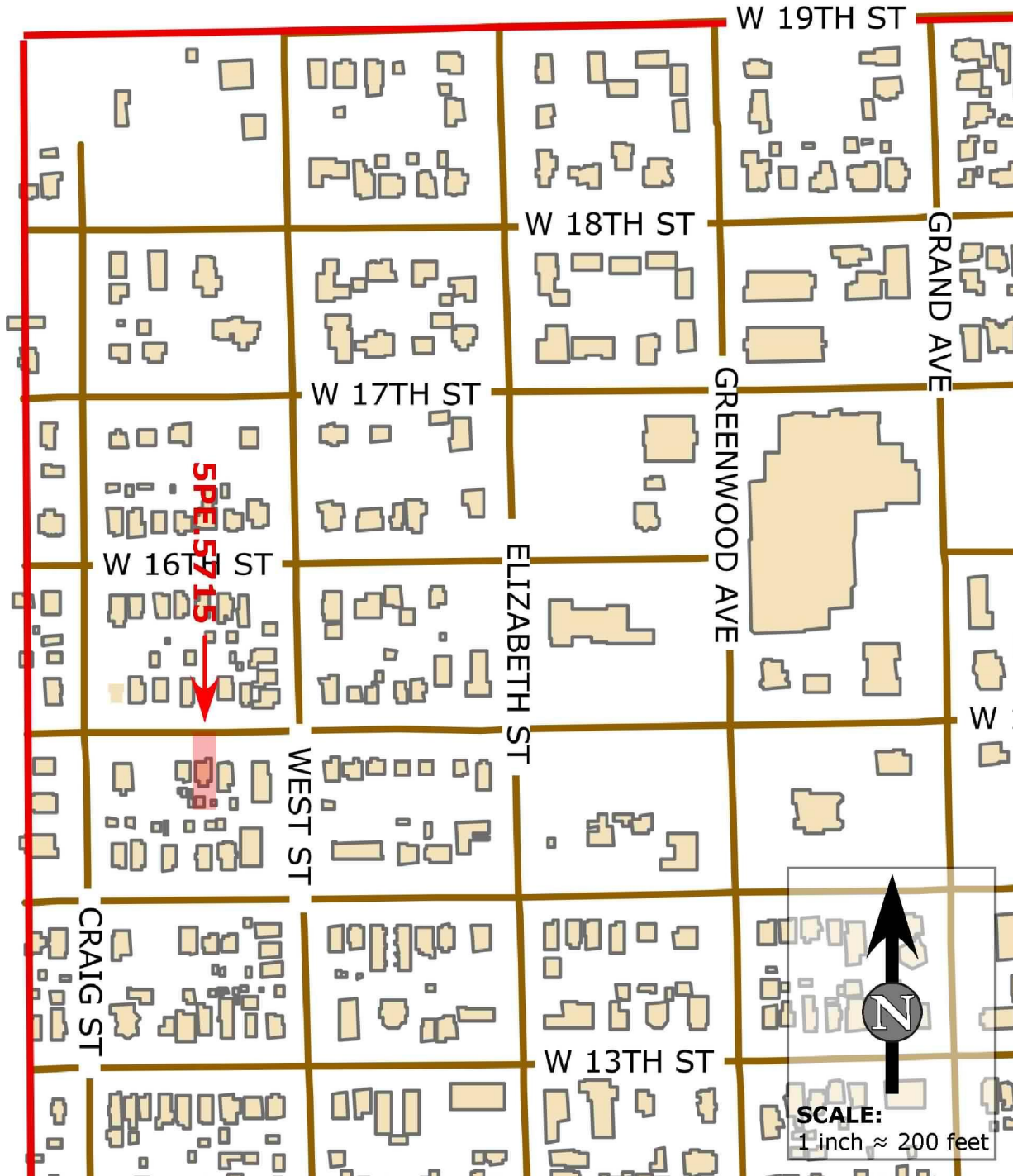
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): 15thstw710
- 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): **07/19/05**
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**

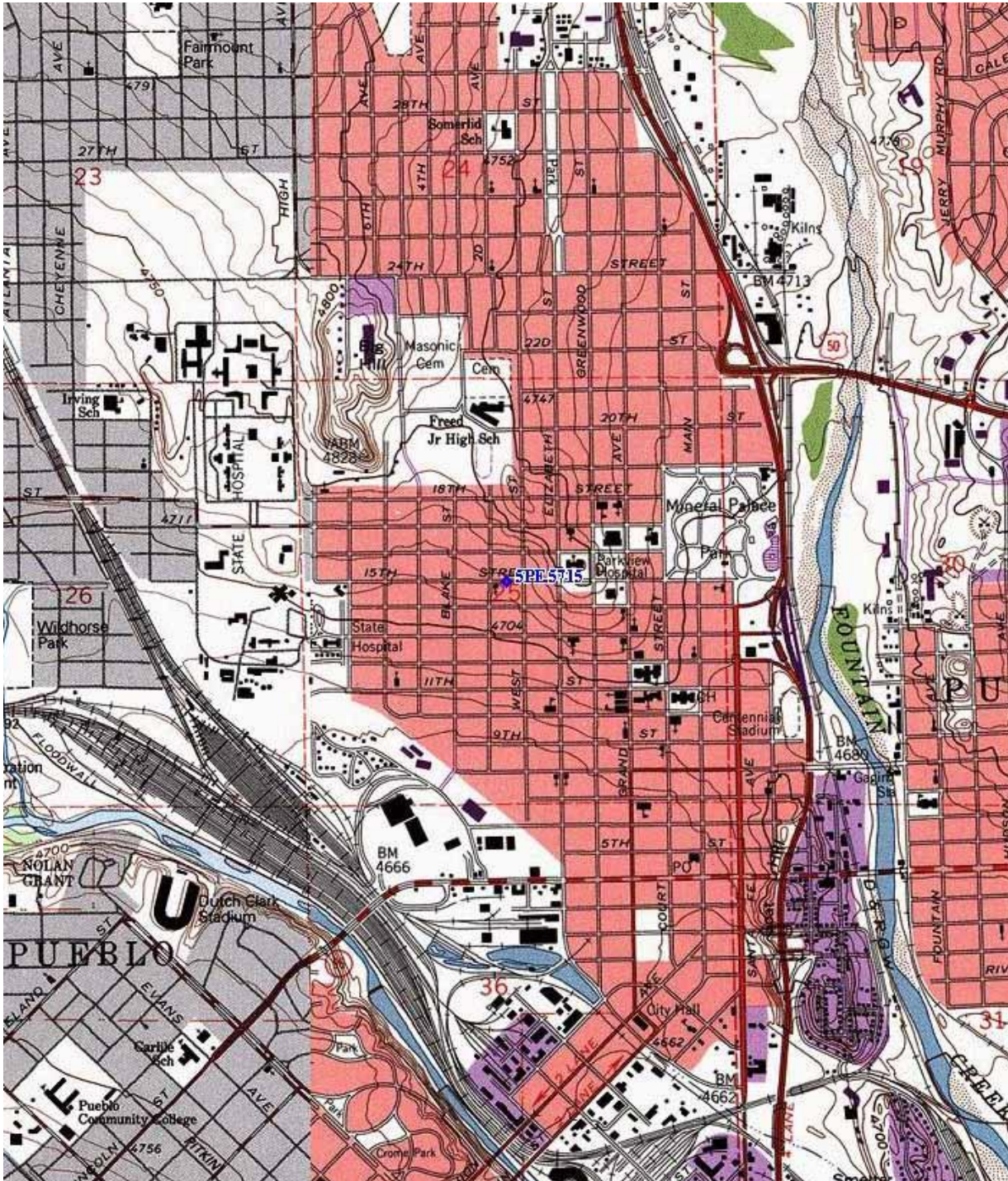
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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