

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.516.11** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525131006**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Cole, Henry LeRoy, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Fern, Elva Louise Rizer, House**
- 7. Building address: **307 W 17th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Elva Louise Rizer Fern**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **307 W 17th 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 **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
 Easting: **534073** Northing: **4237056**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
 Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 22 to 24; Block 24**  
 Addition: **Henry C. Brown's Addition** Year of addition: **1889**
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): **1,272 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:  
**Stucco**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**  
 Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Fence**  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the south, this house rests on a concrete foundation, veneered in a red-brown brick, with 3-light hopper basement windows, opening behind aluminum-frame storm windows. The same brick veneer clads the exterior walls. White stucco covers the gables. The principal (south) elevation hosts 9-light, nearly floor-to-ceiling casement windows, some with yellow-painted wood frames and other with finished oak frames. Most other window are 6-over-6-light, double-hung sash, with yellow-painted wood frames. Opening in the south end of the east elevation are 9-light hopper or awning windows. These same windows, in pairs, flank an engaged chimney and hearth protruding from the south end of the west elevation. The principal doorway opens in the center of the side-gabled portion of the asymmetrical façade. It hosts a 9-light oak door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Sheltering the door is a heavy, front-gabled hood on knee brackets. An uncovered porch spans the inside (southeast-facing) corner. It has a concrete floor and decorative, wrought-iron railing. Four concrete steps approach the porch at the center of its south elevation. Two doorways open in the east end of the rear (north) elevation. Both doors are 1-panel, 9-light, glass-in-wood-frame, behind wood-frame screen doors. Approaching the easternmost door from the east is a 4-step concrete stoop, with pipe railing. The other doorway opens low in the elevation, suggesting that it provides access to a basement stairwell. Red-gray asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof, and the rafter and perlin ends are exposed. A small, red-brick chimney protrudes near the center of the roof's north-facing slope.**

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22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Craftsman**

Other architectural styles:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on terrain sloping downward from northeast to southwest, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest, one- and two-story houses and large, multi-story commercial buildings associated with the adjacent Parkview Medical Center. Setbacks from West 17th Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the north side of West 17th Street, between 303 West 17th Street to the east and 311 West 17th Street to the west. Separating the street from the brick sidewalk is a grass-covered strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the back yard is a chain-link fence. A concrete driveway runs along the east side of the house, connecting West 17th Street to a garage on the northeast corner of the lot.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage (northeast)**

Describe: **A 2-car garage is located on the northeast corner of the lot. Oriented to the south, the building rests on a concrete foundation. A red-brown brick veneer clads the exterior walls. White stucco covers the gables. Dominating the front (south) elevation is a 28-panel, wood, overhead-retractable garage door, painted white and yellow. A 3-panel, 9-light wood door opens south of center in the west elevation. The lights have been boarded shut. Opening in the rear elevation are a pair of 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash windows. Gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and the rafter and perlin ends are exposed.**

2: Type: **Garage (southeast)**

Describe: **A single-car, kit-built or modular garage, manufactured by the Morgan company, is located on the northwest corner of the lot. Oriented to the north, the building rests on a concrete slab. Tan-painted sheet metal clads the exterior walls. Dominating the front elevation is a 16-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage door, painted white. A door of the same material as the exterior walls opens in the south end of the east elevation. White-painted sheet metal covers the front-gabled roof.**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1926**  
Source of Information: **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: **Henry LeRoy Cole**  
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 1926. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The only notable has been the installation of aluminum-frame storm doors and windows. This house has not been notably altered since its construction.**

30. Location: **original** Date of move(s):

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**

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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 in 1926, was Henry LeRoy Cole. He was born in Wisconsin around 1885. His wife, Mae M. Cole, was also born in Wisconsin, around 1887. He and his brother established the Cole Construction Company, which performed much of the flood conservancy work following the 1921 flood. Henry Cole later worked for the Zook Tire Company and, in the decade before his death, was in charge of the tire department of the Forbush service station. The Coles later moved to 2037 Wyoming, where Henry died on May 11, 1950.

In 1945, the owner and resident was hotelier Byron Alton Shomaker. He came to Pueblo in the 1920s and, with Wayne Whitsitt, purchased the Maine Hotel in 1925. In 1929, they constructed and operated the Whitman Hotel, at 830 North Main Street. Whitsitt and Shomaker sold the hotel to the Chicago-based Rich & Silverman firm in 1946.

The owner and resident in 1950 was Harvey C. Gillespie. From around 1955 until his death more than 2 decades later, the owner and resident was Harry A. Taylor. With his wife Mary S. Taylor, Harry had two sons, H. Robert Taylor and George E Taylor. Harry Taylor was a longtime employee of Mortons, Inc.

John H. and Inga S. Mattson purchased the property in 1980, selling it to Frank Howard Torres in 1986. Torres, in turn, sold the house and lot to Jeanne W. Gardner in 1993. Less than a year later, Elva Louise Rizer Fern, the current owner and resident, acquired the property.

36. Sources of information:

"Henry Cole Burial Set for Wisconsin." Pueblo Chieftain, 12 May 1950, p. 7.

"Byron Shomaker, 56, Succumbs in Florida." Pueblo Chieftain, 15 August 1961, p. 3A.

"Harry A. Taylor" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 23 June 1978, p. 8B.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 37, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 2B.

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.

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

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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: **1926**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 the city's professional and entrepreneurial class moved northward to construct large homes like this one in the latest contemporary suburban styles. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an example of the Craftsman 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 in 1926, this house exhibits a high 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. It has not been notably altered since its construction. This property retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.**

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

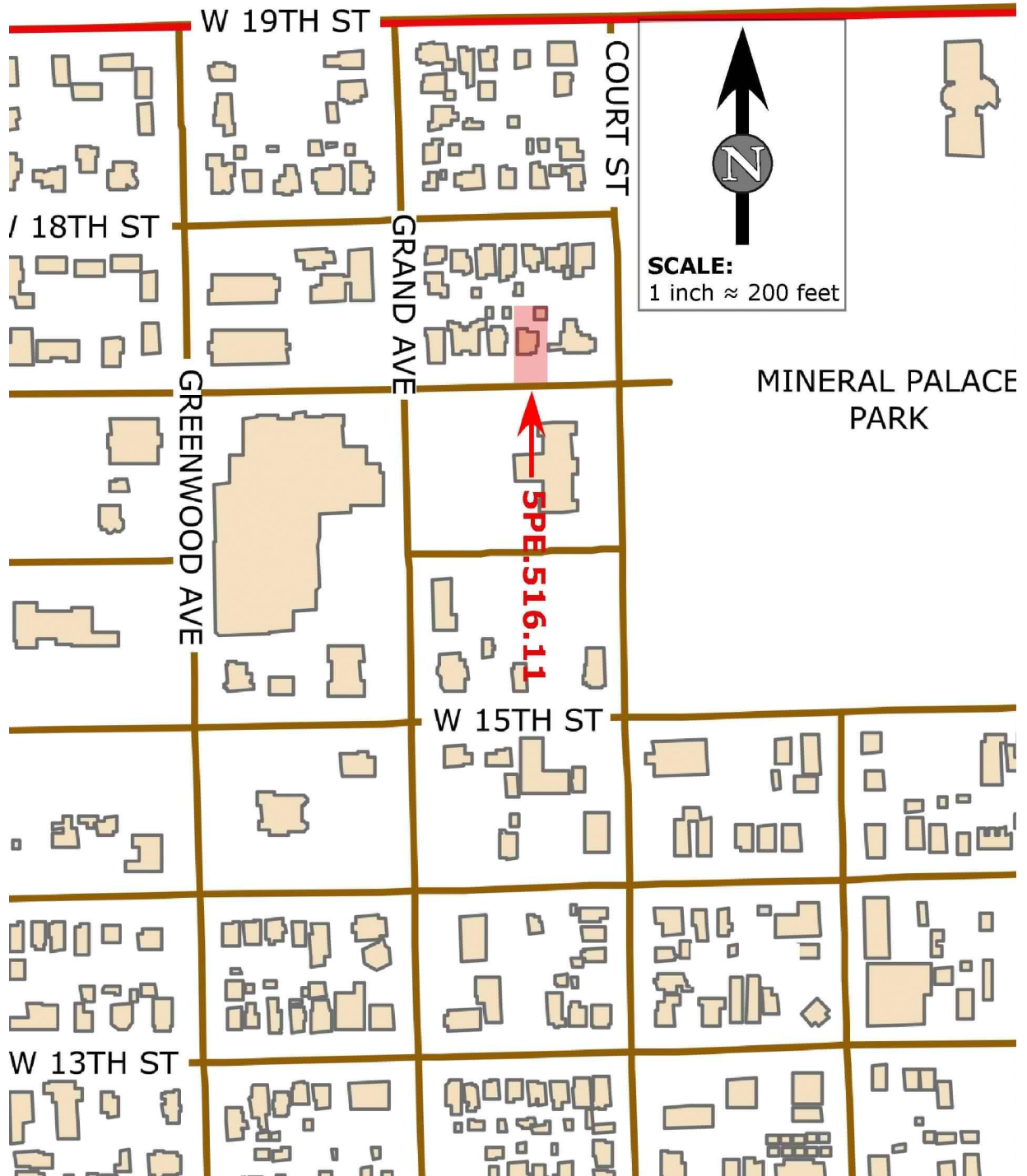
44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data  
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): 17thstw307**
- 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): **07/25/05**
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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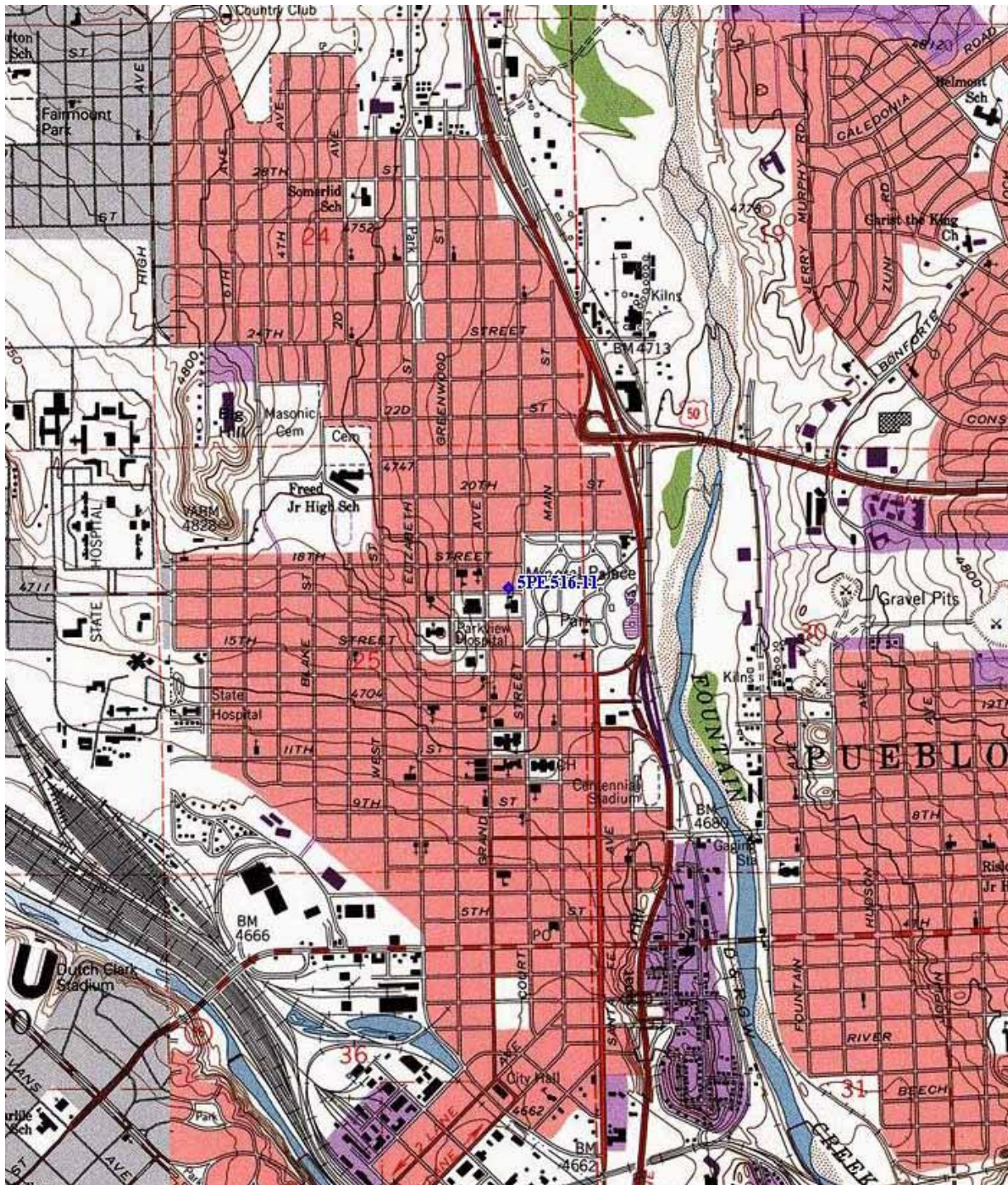
#### SITE SKETCH MAP





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## LOCATION MAP



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