

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.516.14** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525134007**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Forbush, Augustus DuBois, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Geisel, Henry J. and Ellyn A., House**
- 7. Building address: **605 W 17th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Henry J. and Ellyn A. Geisel**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **605 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 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: **533680** Northing: **4237067**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **East 1 feet of Lot 12, all of Lot 13, and the west 43 feet of Lot 14; Block 11**
Addition: **Bartlett & Miller 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): **1,117 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
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
Balcony
Chimney
Porch
Roof Treatment/Dormer
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this house rests on a concrete foundation. A dark-red, hammered brick veneer, with projecting quoins, clads the exterior walls. Windows are generally casements, varying from 4 to 10 lights and with black-painted wood frames. Decorative wrought-iron grilles protect those windows opening in the first story of the front (south) façade. Protruding from the pair of front-gabled wall dormers on the façade are wrought-iron balconettes. A small recessed porch, at the east end of the asymmetrical façade, provides access to the principal doorway. Another doorway, sheltered beneath a flat-roofed hood, opens near the center of the east elevation. Just west of a 3-sided, canted bay protruding from the first story of the rear (north) elevation is another doorway. At the northwest corner, the second-story floor joists are exposed, being shaped and painted black. Gray asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof, and black-painted wood fascia and soffit box the eaves. An engaged, brick chimney and hearth protrude from the west elevation.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And 20th Century Revivals**
Other architectural styles:

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Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on terrain sloping downward from west to east, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features one- and two-story houses. 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 1701 North Elizabeth Street to the east and 621 West 17th Street to the west. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a grass strip. A planted-grass yard, with lush, mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the backyard is a chain-link fence.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Guest House or Studio**

Describe: **A guest house or studio, formerly a garage, is located northeast of the house. A concrete driveway, running along the east side of the house, connects the building to West 17th Street. Oriented to the south, this guest house or studio rests on a concrete foundation. A dark-red, hammered brick veneer clads the exterior walls. The pair of former garage openings has been filled. The eastern opening hosts black-painted concrete blocks and a picture window. The western opening has plate-glass sliding doors. Gray asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof.**

2: Type: **Pavilion**

Describe: **An open-sided pavilion is located northwest of the house. The rectangular structure has 4 brick columns supporting a gabled roof. Gray asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1923**
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: **Augustus DuBois Forbush**
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 1923. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. This house has not been significantly 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**
33. Current use(s): **Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**
35. Historical background:

The original owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1923, was prominent Pueblo businessman Augustus DuBois Forbush. He was born on June 1, 1883, in Grafton, Massachusetts. He married his wife, Margaret M. Forbush, in 1907 and had three daughters: Edith D. Crouch, Helen F. Nelson, and Ruth F. Jayne. Augustus Forbush arrived in Pueblo in 1900. In 1903, he

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joined his father, Silas A. Forbush, in the creation of the Forbush Fuel and Ice Company. Augustus Forbush became president of the company in 1912 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1964. He was instrumental in creating an early franchise of successful service stations in the Pueblo area. Forbush was a treasurer and trustee of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and a charter member of the Pueblo Lions Club. Augustus Forbush died in this house on October 28, 1967.

Joseph E. Hughes, II, and Robert G. Hughes purchased this property from the Forbush family in 1967. Henry J. and Ellyn A. Geisel, the current owners and residents, acquired the house and lot from the Hugheses in 1984.

36. Sources of information:

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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.

"Forbush (Augustus DuBois)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 29 October 1967, p. 9A.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 1, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 5A.

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: **1923**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. It is also significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1C for its association with Augustus DuBois Forbush, a pioneer in the service station business in the Pueblo area. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an example of a Late-19th and 20th Century Revival style. Character-defining features include wall dormers, casement windows, and decorative brickwork, such as quoins. 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 or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. It could, however, qualify 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 1923, 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

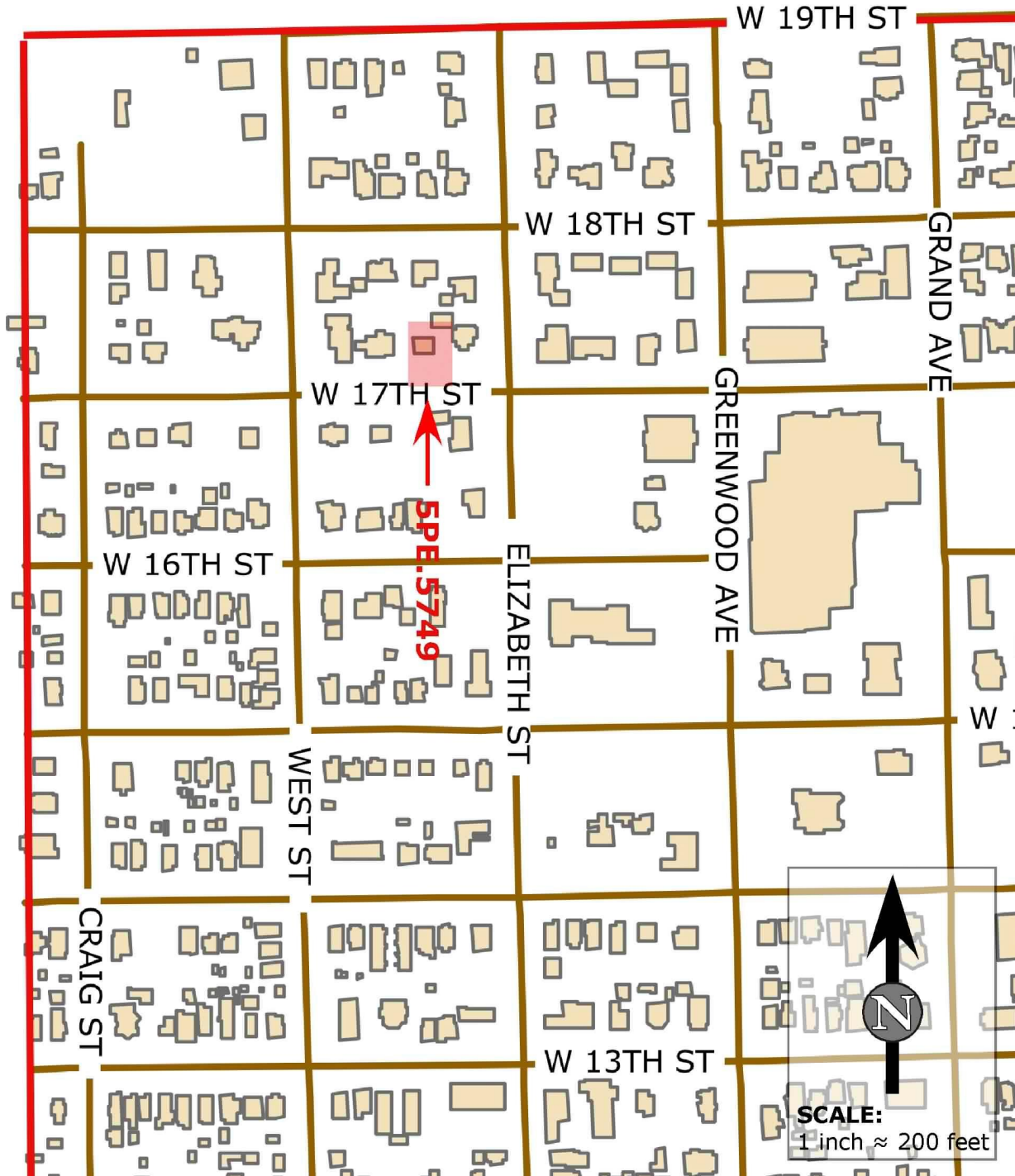
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): 17thstw605
- 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**

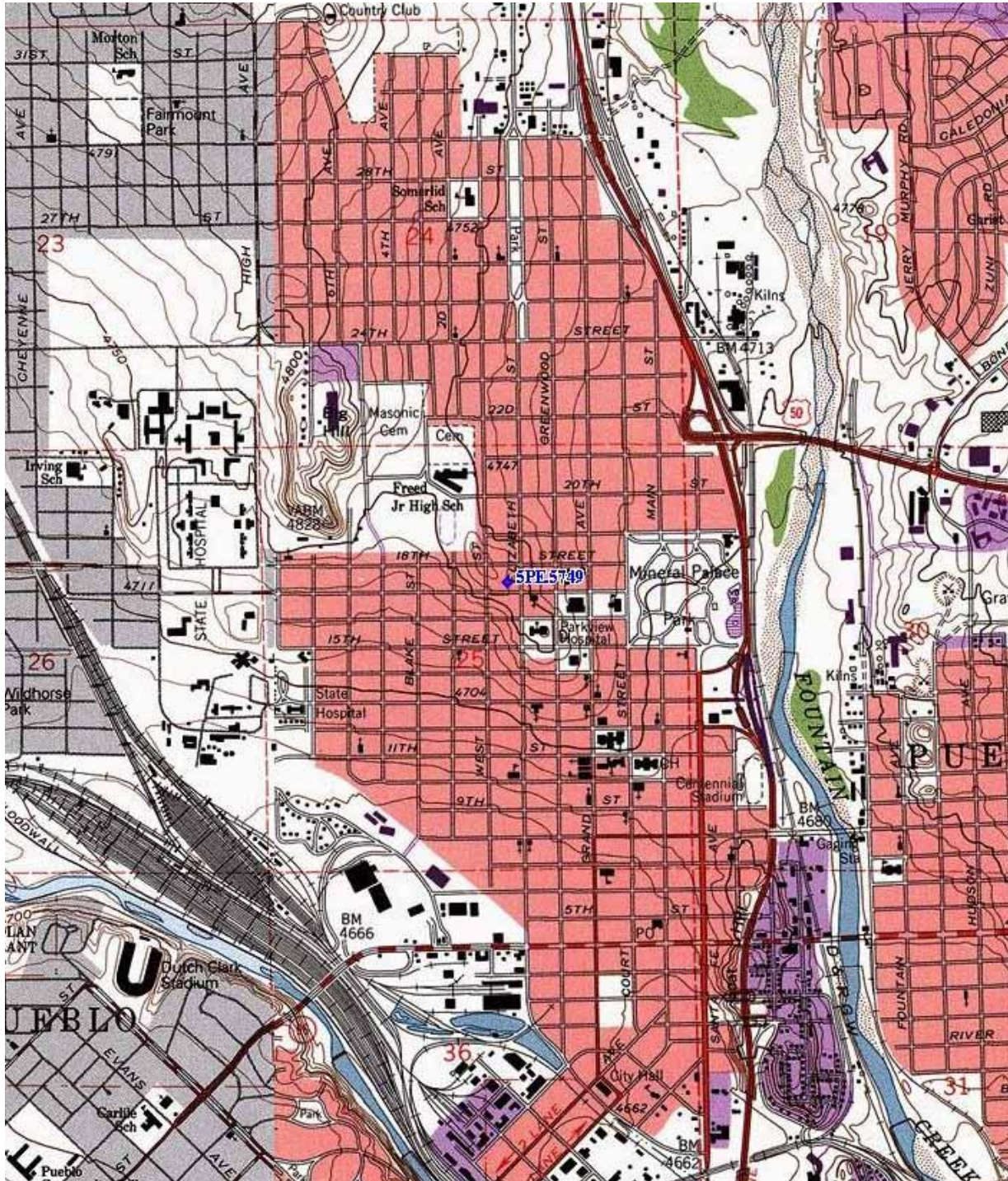
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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