

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.5755** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525215006**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Welch, Donald E., House**
- 6. Current building name: **Birtz, Patricia J., House**
- 7. Building address: **719 W 17th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Patricia J. Birtz**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **2422 W Colorado Ave**
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

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 **NE** 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of **NW** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533517** Northing: **4237058**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **East half of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9; Block 19**
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): **L-Shaped Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **1,136 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
Wood/Horizontal Siding
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**
Chimney
Porch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this house rests on a red-painted concrete foundation. A red, raked-brick veneer clads the exterior walls. The brickwork features a protruding watertable. Dark-red-painted, horizontal wood siding covers the gables. Windows are generally 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash, with tan, aluminum frames. A tripartite window dominates the front-gabled wing protruding from the east side of the asymmetrical front (south) façade. It features a picture windows flanked on either side by 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash windows, with red-painted wood frames and tan, aluminum-frame storm windows. An orange canvas awning shelters the window. An integral porch fills the inside (southwest-facing) corner. It has a single, brick, battered pier at is southwest corner. The principal doorway opens in the south face of the corner. It hosts a 6-panel, 3-light, glass-in-wood-frame door, painted white, opening behind a black, security type storm door. A shed-roofed structure, with a translucent, fiberglass roof and wrought-iron supports, extends westward from the porch. A similar structure shelters a patio along the east side of the house. Red, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof, and the building lacks overhanging eaves. A small, red brick chimney protrudes at the center of the roof, just north of the east-west roof ridge.
22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**
Other architectural styles:

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Building type: **Ranch 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 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 1703 West Street the east and 725 West 17th Street to the west. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a gravel strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the backyard is a wood privacy fence.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A 2-car garage is located north of the house. Oriented to the north, the building rests on a concrete slab. Pink stucco clads the exterior walls. A pair of 8-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage doors, painted white, dominates the front (north) elevation. Opening in the south end of the east elevation is a red-painted wood slab door. In the center of the same elevation is a 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash window, with a wood frame. The same window appears in the south end of the west elevation. Red, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and red-painted wood fascia and soffit box the eaves.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1947**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: **Donald E. Welch**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 1947. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The most notable alteration was the enclosure of the former attached garage, which was originally entered where the picture window is now located. (The house was originally identical to the property immediately west, at 725 West 17th Street.) Also, most of the original windows have been replaced.

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 in 1947, was Donald E. "Buck" Welch. He was born in Pueblo on August 6, 1906, and enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in France and Germany. Welch was a turn foreman at the 14-inch mill of the CF&I Steel Corporation, where he had been employed for 40 years. He and his wife, Eula B. Welch, were married in 1946, and they had a son, Donald E. Welch, Jr. The elder Donald Welch died on July 12, 1967.

D.W. Naill, Jr., and K.M. Naill purchased this property in 1986, selling it in 1984 to Kenneth Gilbert Sisneros. In 1990, Albert and

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Else Geisel acquired the house and lot, ultimately selling them to Larry D. and Jill M. Henderson in 2002. Patricia J. Birtz, the current owner and resident, bought the property from the Hendersons in 2003.

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.

"Welch (Donald E. 'Buck')" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 13 July 1967, p. 7D.

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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 post-World War II development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood. 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. Nonetheless, it is a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1947, 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 enclosure of the attached garage and replacement of windows have removed some character-defining features. Nonetheless, the basic form and other features 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

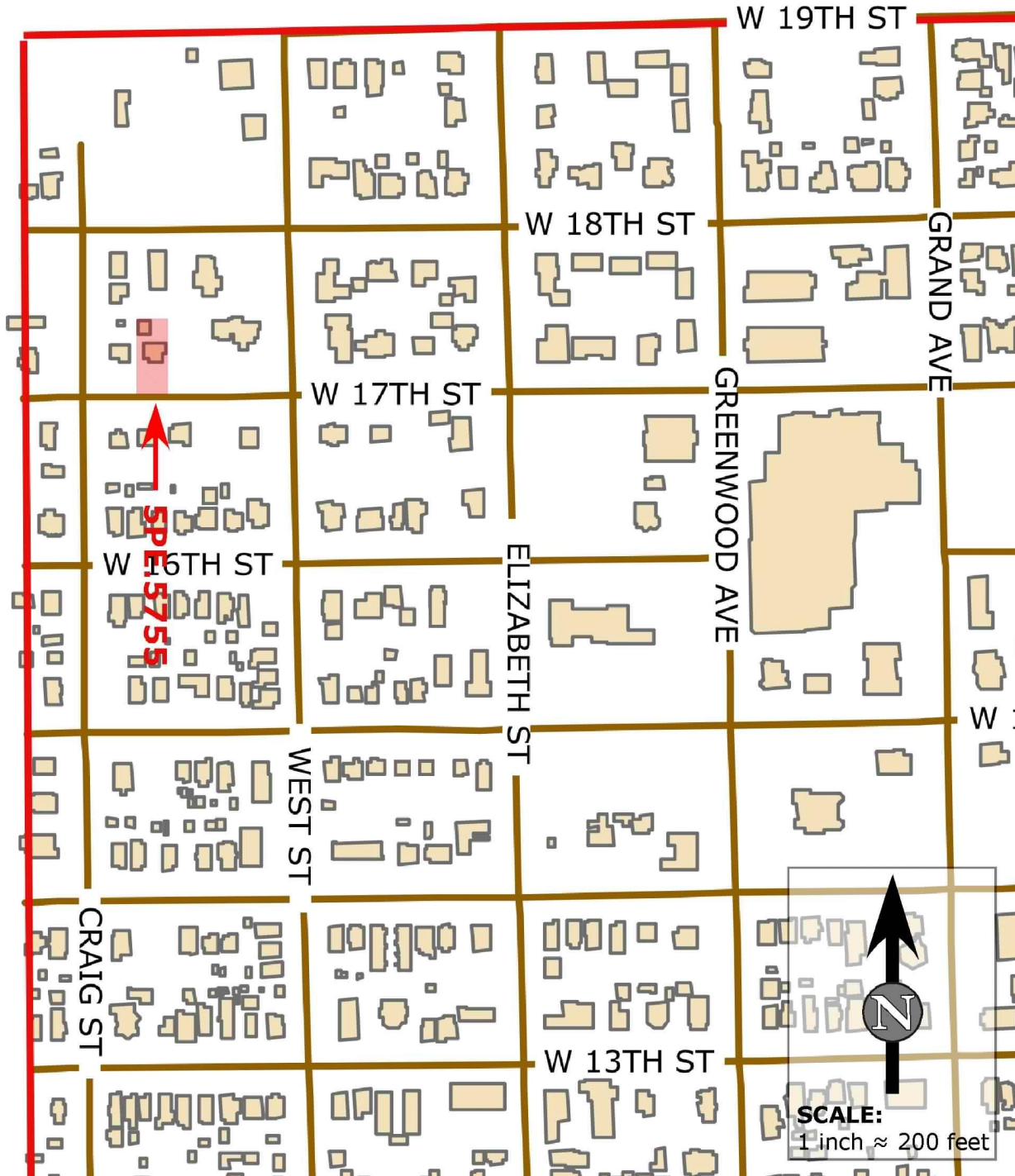
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**
File Name(s): 17thstw719
- 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): **07/26/05**
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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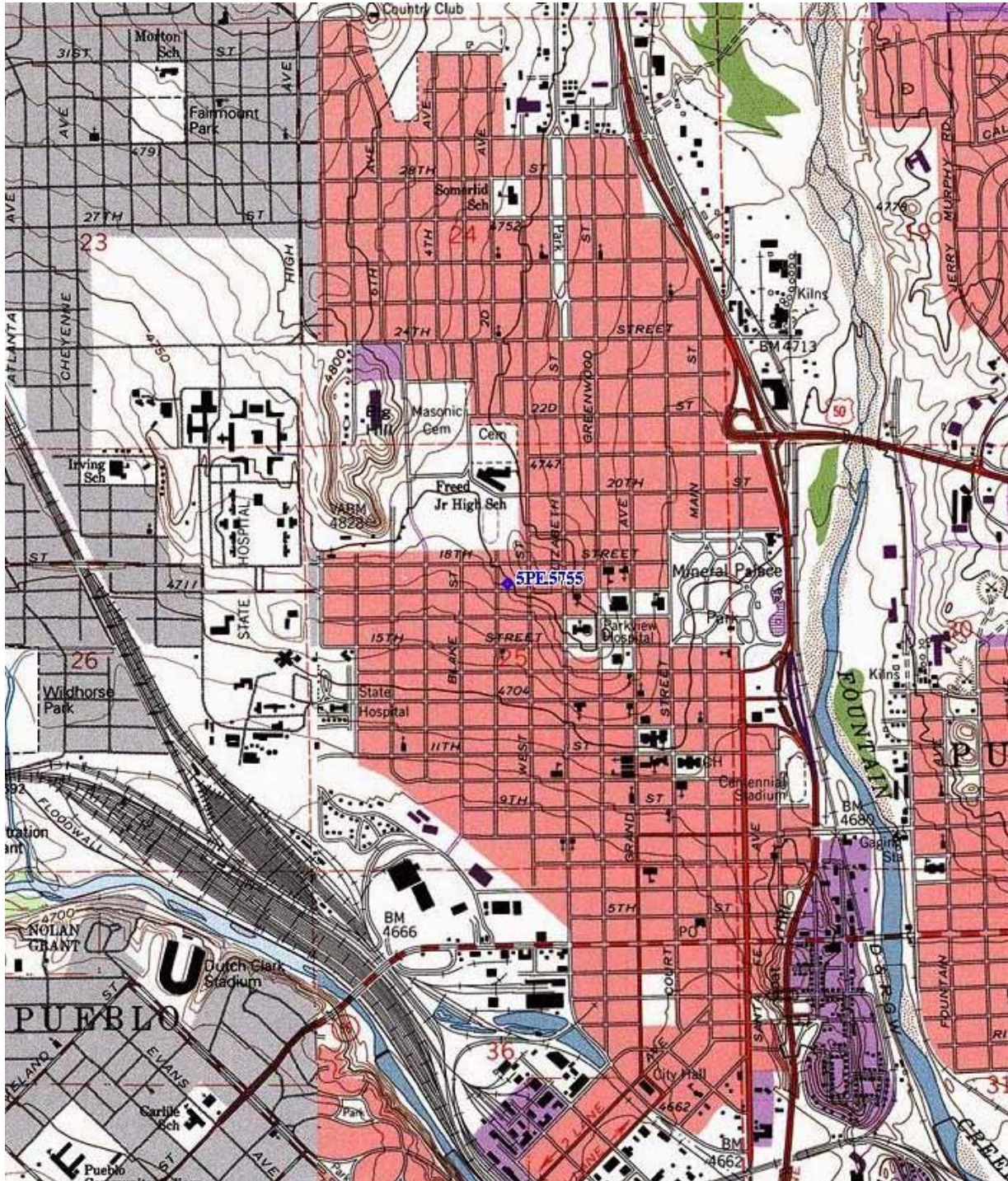
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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