

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

- 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.516.17** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525131009**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Bullen, Fred H. and Mabel, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Romero, Richard A. and Virginia E., House**
- 7. Building address: **306 W 18th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Richard A. and Virginia E. Romero**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **306 W 18th 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**
NE 1/4 of **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **534100** Northing: **4237144**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 3 and 4; 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): **L-Shaped Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **1,538 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Fence**
Garage/Attached Garage
Chimney
Porch
Window/Segmental Arch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this house rests on a concrete foundation. A brown-red, rough-faced, raked brick veneer clads the exterior walls. Windows are generally 6-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and aluminum-frame storm windows. A pair of these windows appears in the front-gabled wing protruding from the east side of the asymmetrical front (north) façade. They open above a panel of square blocks and below a single segmental arch. A large, single-light picture window dominates the center of the façade. The west end of the façade has a 6-light, round-arch casement window. A bow-string arch dormer, protruding from the center of the roof's north slope, hosts 4-light casements flanking a central, 9-light hopper. A shed-roof porch spans the inside (northwest-facing) corner of the house. It has a concrete floor and brick kneewalls. The porch supports are generally white-painted, square posts. However, flanking the door is a pair of large, stucco-covered columns. Four brick steps approach the porch west of center. They have flanking, wrought-iron railings. Above the steps is a front-gabled roof. Appearing beneath a segmental arch, the principal doorway opens west of center in the facade. It hosts a 2-panel, 6-light oak door, with amber-colored frosted glass. This door opens behind a black, security-type storm door. Opening in the south end of the east facade is another doorway. It hosts a 4-light, black-painted door, with amber-colored, frosted glass. It

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opens behind a black, aluminum-frame storm door. Just north of this door is a white-painted, cast iron hatch, with the words "MILK AND PACKAGE RECEIVER." A garage is attached to the southeast corner of the house and shares a common wall with the garage for 302 West 18th Street, to the east. Its north elevation hosts a black-painted, 3-panel, 18-light door, folding accordion style. Above the doorway is a parapet, with a stuccoed, inset panel. A shed-roofed porch spans the rear elevation. It has a concrete floor and a wrought-iron railing. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the hipped main roof and all other roof surfaces. The shaped rafter and perlin ends are exposed. A brick chimney protrudes from the roof's east-facing slope. Another chimney protrudes near the roof's northwest corner.

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

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 and large, one- and two-story houses. Setbacks from West 18th Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the south side of West 18th Street, between 302 West 18th Street to the east and 310 West 18th Street to the west. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a grass strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the backyard is a combination of a brick wall and wood privacy and chain-link fences. A concrete driveway runs along the east side of the house, connecting the attached garage to West 18th Street.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Shed**

Describe: **A shed is located on the southwest corner of the lot. Oriented to the north, the building rests on railroad ties. Unpainted horizontal wood siding, with cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Opening at the center of the front (north) elevation are paired, narrow doors, covered in wood siding. Gray asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1922**
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: **Fred H. Bullen**
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 1922. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The most notable alteration has been the expansion of the front porch. Structural evidence suggests that the house originally had only the front-gabled portico over the principal doorway. The expanded porch, however, appears to have been constructed prior to 1950.

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**

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35. Historical background:

The first owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1922, was Fred H. Bullen, founder and president of the Bullen Bridge Company, later the Pueblo Bridge & Construction Company. The firm constructed many bridges throughout Pueblo and the western United States. He also established the Fountain Sand & Gravel Company, which operated the first pre-mixed concrete plant in Pueblo and later entered the pre-stressed concrete business. Fred Bullen was born in Kansas around 1869. His wife, Mabel Eliza Babcock, was born around 1871 in New York. They married circa 1889 and had three children: Edith Donaghy, Joseph A. Bullen, and Margaret Walsh.

In 1892, Fred Bullen moved the headquarters of his namesake bridge construction company from Kansas to Pueblo. The Bullens moved to this house from 303 West 17th Street (5PE.516.10) and remained here the rest of their lives. Mabel Bullen was a zealous Pueblo historian, compiling seven large scrapbooks covering people and events from 1803 through 1944, and leading the historical research committee of the Pueblo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She authored numerous book chapters and articles, and was a pioneer in local historic preservation, leading a passionate fight in 1939 to save the Zan Hicklin homestead, on Hayden Ranch, in Crow, Colorado. Fred Bullen died on December 6, 1940, and Mabel on May 20, 1956.

The owner following Mabel Bullen's death was Rev. Edward W. Hagen, who resided here through at least 1960. Cletus D. and Ruth E. Schuh purchased the property in 1978, selling it a decade later to Elizabeth Hallford. A year later, Hallford sold the house and lot to Jeffery Bartleson. Richard A. and Virginia E. Romero, the current owners and residents, purchased the property from Bartleson in 1991.

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.

"Bullen (Fred H.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 7 January 1940, p. 8.

"Bullen (Mabel E.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 22 May 1956, p. 13.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 7B.

Bullen, Mabel. Correspondence file in the Western Research Collection, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, Pueblo, Colo.

"Mrs. Fred H. Bullen." In James Alexander Semple, ed., Representative Women of Colorado, 2nd ed. Denver: The Alexander Art Publishing Company, 1911, p. 192.

"Joseph Bullen, 88, dies." Pueblo Star-Journal, 13 April 1982, p. 12B.

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: **1922**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 20th century 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. The property is significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1C for its association with Pueblo entrepreneur Fred H. Bullen and local historian Mabel Bullen. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as a style derived from the Late-19th and Early 20th Century American Movements. Character-defining features include exposed rafter and purlin ends, divided upper light windows, and large porch columns. 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. However, it could be individually eligible 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 1922, this house exhibits a moderately 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. The only notable modification has been the expansion of the front porch, which occurred within the period of significance. This property retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

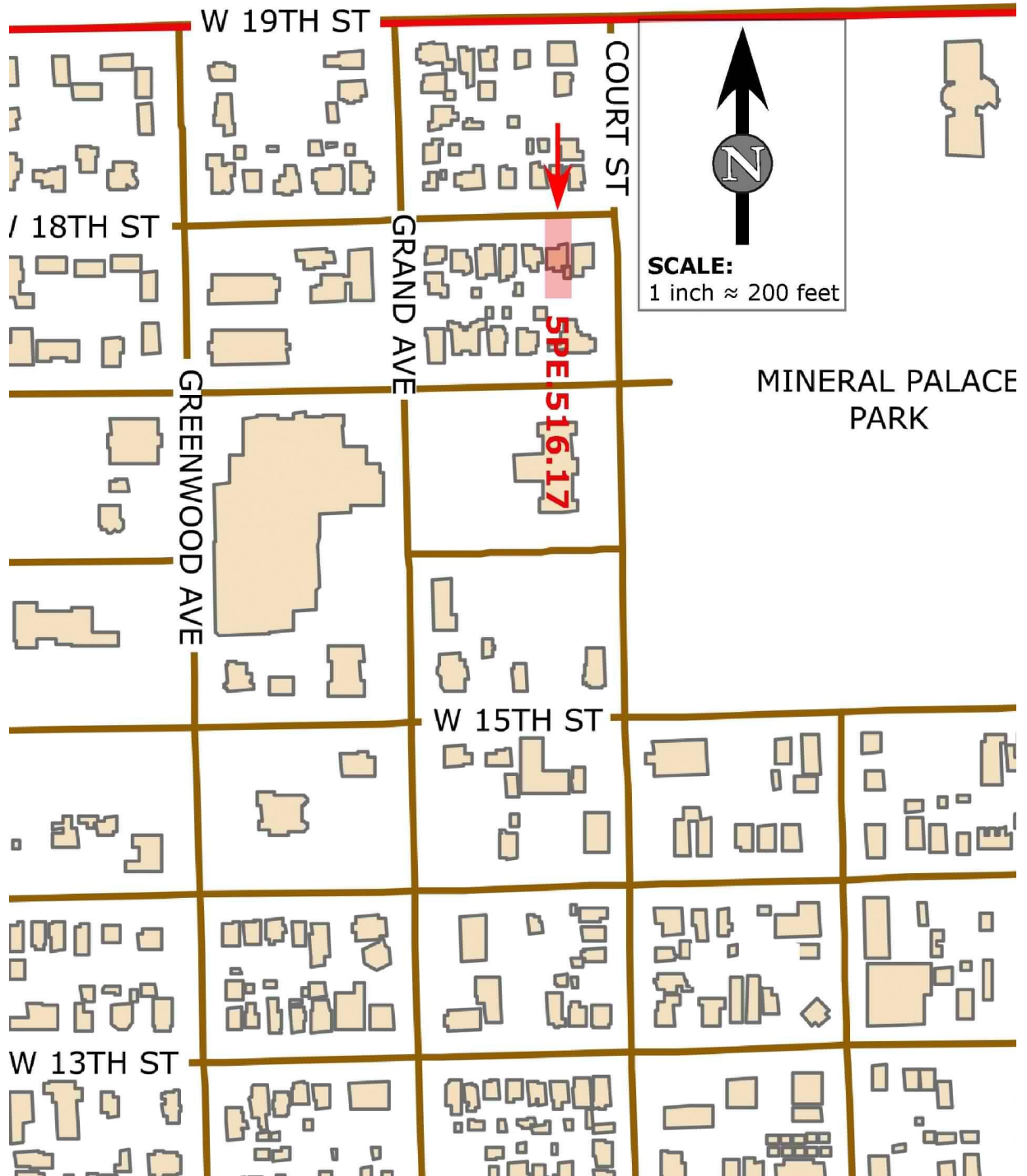
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): 18thstw306
- 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): **07/27/05**
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**

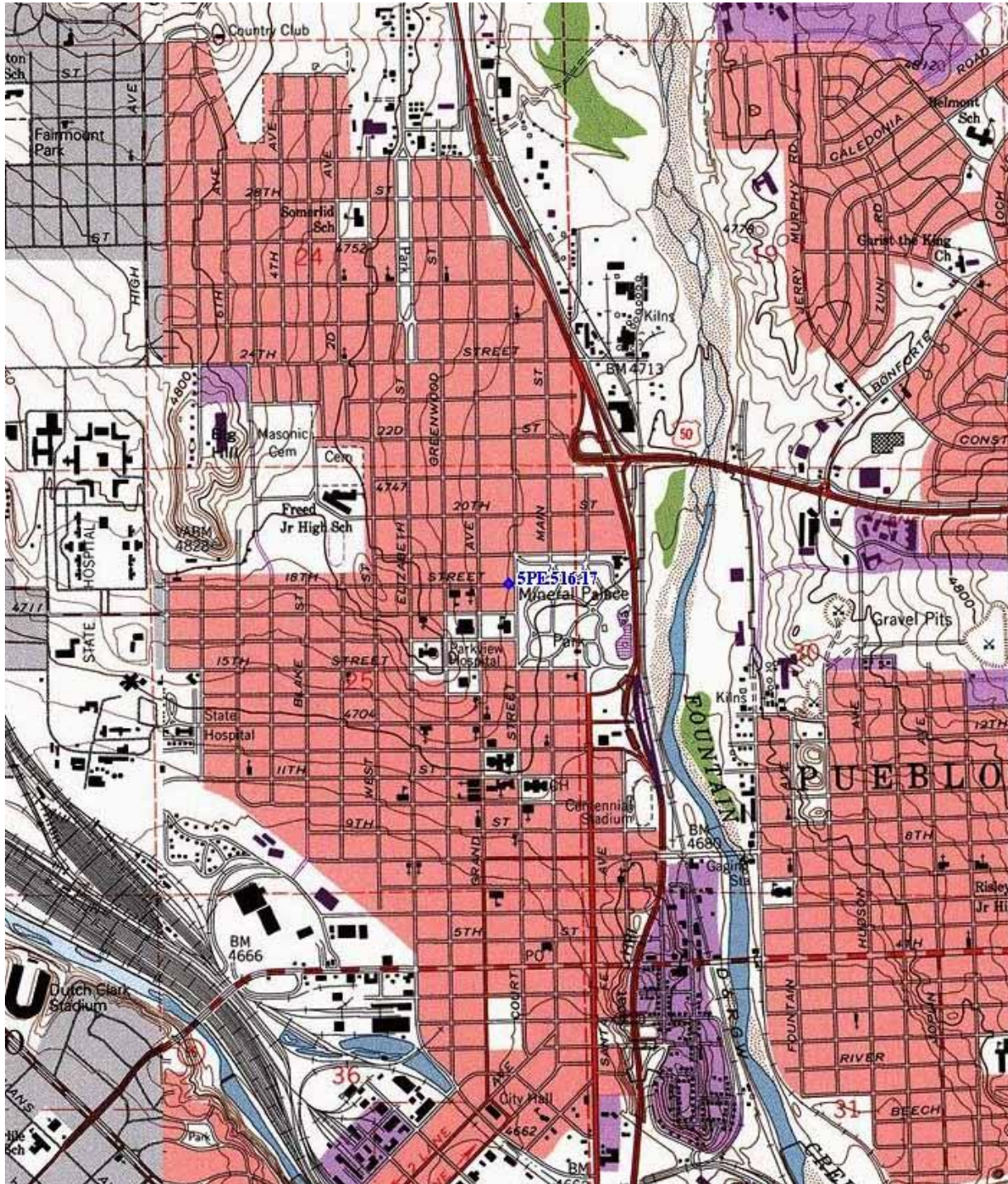
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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