

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6617** Parcel number: **525119002**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Clara B. Fisher House**
- 6. Current building name: **Bernard M. Hurley Jr. House**
- 7. Building address: **306 West 20th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Bernard M. Hurley Jr.**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **306 W 20th 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **20S** Range: **65W**
NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **25**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **534079** Northing: **4237374**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s): **West 52 feet of the north 10 feet of Lot 29 and the west 52 feet of Lots 30 through 32; Block 12**
Addition: **Barndollar & Company Second 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: **882 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Shingle**
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney
Fence
Porch**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this house rests on a stone foundation, largely concealed behind white-painted stucco. White-painted, square-cut wood shingles clad the exterior walls. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and surrounds. Most of the windows are protected behind storm windows, with white-painted wood frames. The large window opening in the eastern half of the asymmetrical front (north) facade has a narrow upper sash and 6-light storm window. At the north end of the west elevation are 9-light hopper or awning windows. Aluminum awnings shelter all of the windows opening in the west elevation. A three-sided, canted bay protrudes from near the center of the east elevation. The window opening north of the bay is also sheltered beneath an aluminum awning. A hipped-roof porch protrudes from the western half of the facade. It has a wood floor, shingle-covered kneewalls, and round, Doric supports. Concrete steps, flanked by wrought-iron railings, approach the center of the porch. The principal doorway opens in the west end of the facade and hosts a 3-light wood slab door, opening behind a wood-frame storm door. A secondary doorway opens east of center in the rear (south) elevation. Gray-green, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the centrally hipped main roof and all other roof surfaces. White painted beadboard soffit and fascia, with projecting cornice, box the eaves. Beneath the soffit are evenly spaced modillions. A white frieze band separates the exterior walls from the eaves. A white-painted brick chimney, engaged to the east elevation south of the bay, has been truncated at the roof line. Set at a 45-degree angle from the rest of the house, a red-brick chimney protrudes at the south end of the roof ridge.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements**
Other architectural style:
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 surrounding residential neighborhood features modest and large, 1- and 2-story houses. Setbacks from West 20th Street are generally the same. This property is situated on the south side of the street, between 1929 Court Street to the east and a north-south-oriented alley to the west. Separating the street from the concrete sidewalk

is a grass-covered strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Encircling the backyard is a chain-link fence. A packed-earth driveway approaches the garage.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

GARAGE

A two-car garage is located on the southwest corner of the lot. Oriented to the north, the building rests on a concrete slab. White-painted, square-cut wood shingles clad the exterior walls of the north, east, and west elevations; corrugated sheets of metal cover the south elevation. Two sets of garage doors dominate the front (north) elevation. They are situated within a projection offset to the west of the elevation. Each doorway hosts paired, white-painted wood doors, opening on metal strap hinges. Above them is a small pent roof. A window opens in the west elevation and two in the south elevation; however, all three have been boarded shut. Gray asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1905** Actual Estimate

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.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Unknown**

Source of information:

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County tax assessor records, this house was constructed in 1908. However, it appears on a 1904-05 Sanborn map, suggesting a 1905 date of construction. An analysis of the materials, style, and historical records corroborates this date. The only notable modification since that time has been the construction of a small, shed-roofed addition spanning the rear elevation from west side of the original rear porch to near the southwest corner of the house. The date of this addition is unknown.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical background:

The first owner or resident of this house, constructed around 1905, is unclear. Clara B. Fisher, widow of Thomas Fisher, was the resident of this house beginning around 1910. She was born around 1870 in Maryland. During the time she lived at this address, Clara was a bookkeeper for the Twenty-Fourth Street Grocery and Market.

Stephen G. and Louise Cunningham resided here in 1919. Stephen Cunningham was born in Canada around 1879, moved to the United States as an infant in 1880, and was naturalized in 1895. Louise was born around 1881 in Massachusetts. Stephen Cunningham worked as a purchasing agent for the Southern Colorado Power Company in Pueblo. Prior to moving to Pueblo in 1913, he served as the power company's manager in Victor, Colorado for four years. The Cunninghams only lived at this address for a few years; Stephen died on February 23, 1939, while on a business trip to Denver.

By 1925, Dr. Edward T. and Margaret Daisy Conley lived at this address. Both Dr. and Mrs. Conley were born in Wisconsin, around 1876 and 1878 respectively. Dr. Conley was a dentist, with an office located in the Thatcher

Building. The Conleys lived here until almost 1940.

Winston E. and Jewell D. Varnell were the residents of this house in 1940. While residing at this address, Winston worked as an attendant for the Colorado Supply Company.

Rev. Joseph H. and Edith O. Lash purchased the house and lot and resided here beginning prior to 1945. Joseph Lash was born on June 1, 1888, in Chase County, Nebraska. He served in World War I and later attended the Baptist Central Seminary, in Kansas City, where he was ordained in 1927. He moved to Pueblo in 1930, working as both a minister and civil service employee. Edith Lash died on February 22, 1971, and Joseph subsequently moved to Colorado Springs in 1975. He died on September 30, 1975.

Mary G. Henderson and D. McCarthy purchased this property in 1972. Mary Henderson eventually became the sole owner, and she sold the house and lots to Max E. and Yvonne B. Leek in 1990. The Leeks had once resided at 307 West 19th Street (5PE.6456). Mr. and Mrs. Leek sold the property to the current owner, Bernard M. Hurley Jr., 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.

U.S. Census of 1900. District 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 3A.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 9B.

"S.G. Cunningham Is Stricken Dead On Denver Visit." *Pueblo Chieftain*, 24 February 1939, p. 9.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 4B.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 35, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 13B.

"The Rev. Joseph Harris Lash" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 1 October 1975, p. 5B.

"Lash (The Rev. Edith O.)" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 23 February 1971, p. 8A.

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 patterns 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 that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.

B. Connected with persons significant in history.

C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.

D. Is of geographic importance.

E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.

Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable City of Pueblo landmark criteria:

- 1a. History: Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state, or nation; or
- 1b. History: Be the site of a significant historic event; or
- 1c. 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; or
- 2b. Architecture: Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder, or
- 2c. 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, or
- 3b. Geography: Promote understanding and appreciation of Pueblo's environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity; or
- 3c. Geography: Make a special contribution to Pueblo's distinctive character.
- Does not meet any of the above City of Pueblo landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**
Social History

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Architecture ca. 1905; Social History ca. 1919-1958**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with the twentieth-century development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when the city's professional and entrepreneurial class moved northward to construct modest and large homes in the latest contemporary suburban styles. This house was home to utility executive Stephen Cunningham, dentist Dr. Edward T. Conley, and minister Rev. Joseph Lash. As well, the house is architecturally significant as a minimal example of Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements. Character-defining features include the rectangular plan, hipped roof, and classical features (such as the modillions). The building also lacks other character-defining features, such as dormers and flared eaves. However, the levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are not to the extent that this property could 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, in any case, a contributing resource within a potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed around 1905, 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 modification has been the construction of a small addition to a portion of the rear elevation. Overall, however, the building retains its form and most other character-defining features. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its historical and architectural significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

- 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
- State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
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- 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.**

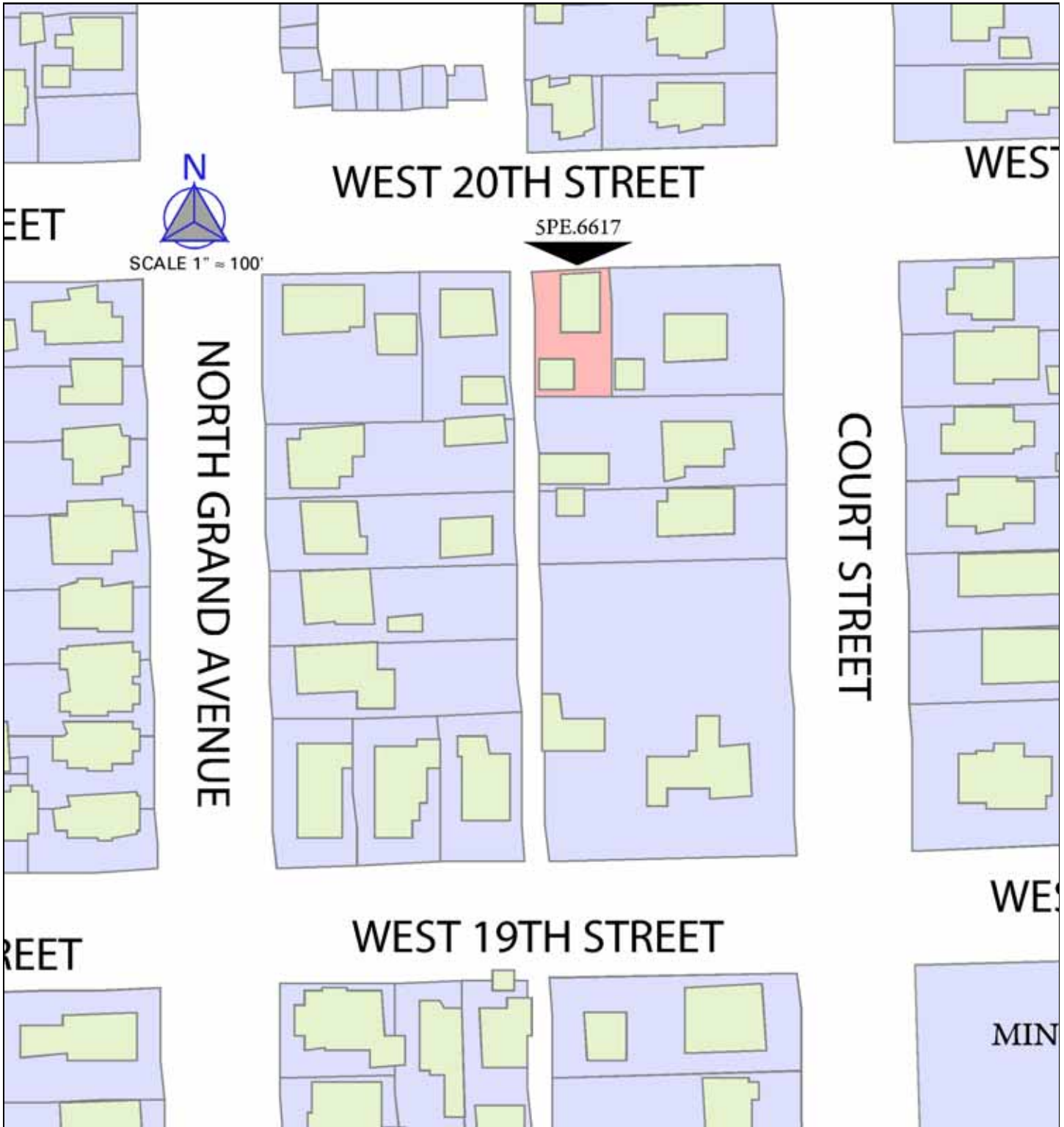
If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

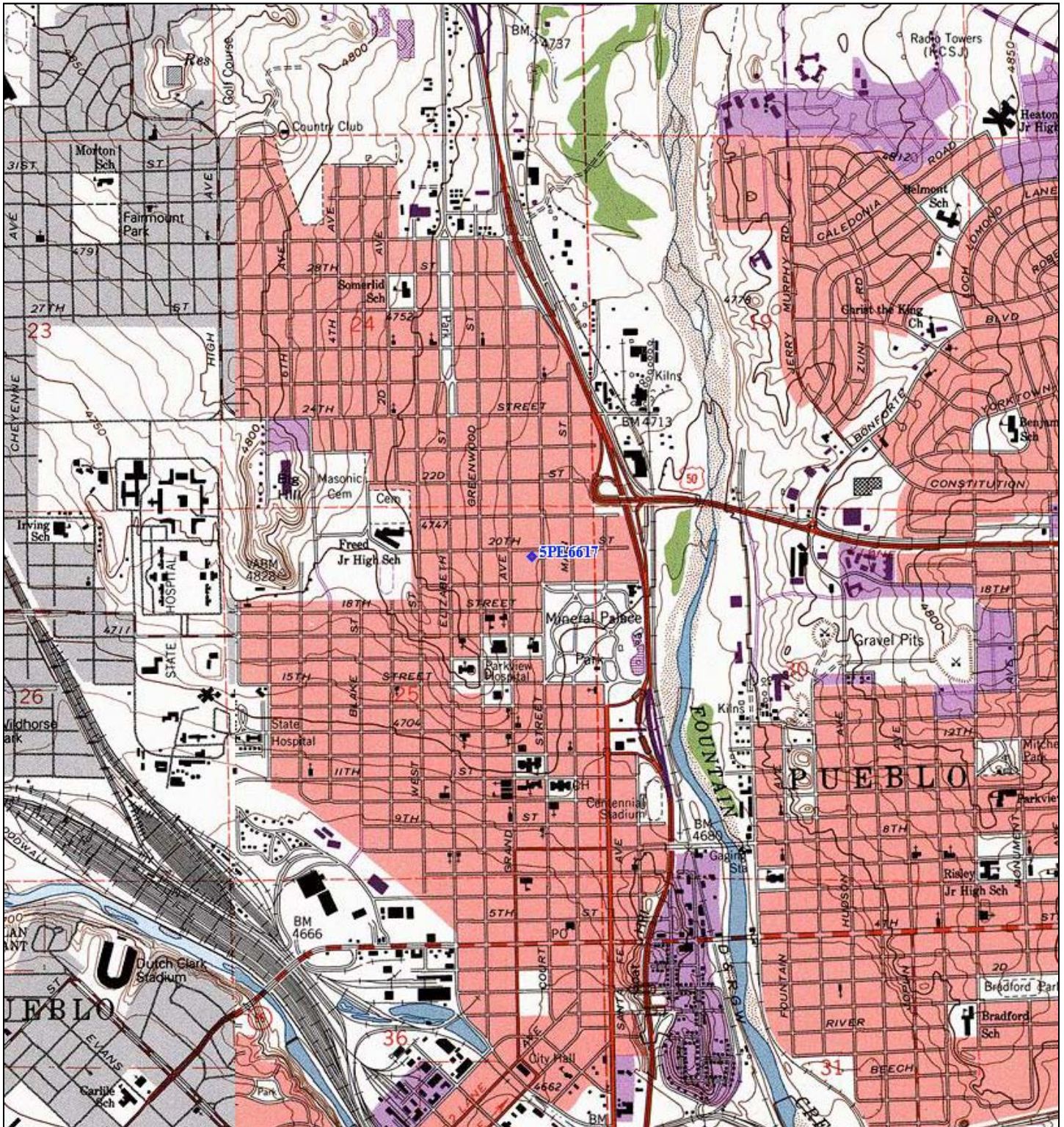
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **20thstw306 - 1 to - 4**
Digital photographs filed at: **Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library
100 E Abriendo Ave
Pueblo, CO 81004-4290**
48. Report title: **Pueblo North Side Neighborhood Survey, Phase 2**
49. Date(s): **2/1/2008**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas and Jeffrey DeHerrera**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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

Pueblo North Side Neighborhood, Phase II

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