

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6619** Parcel number: **525120002**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Morton and Ruth Rechnitz House**
- 6. Current building name: **Charles J. and Patsy A. Galbraith House**
- 7. Building address: **416 West 20th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Charles J. and Patsy A. Galbraith**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **416 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**
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **25**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **533936** Northing: **4237387**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s):
Addition: Year of addition:
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: **936 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Stucco
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Fence
Garage/Attached Garage
Porch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this house rests on a blue-painted concrete foundation. A brown, raked-brick veneer clads the exterior walls; the secondary elevations of the attached garage consist of red pressed bricks. Cream-colored stucco covers the gables. Windows are generally 2- to 4 (vertical)-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and brick sills. Sheltering the windows in the east and west elevations are aluminum awnings. Three-light hopper, awning, or casement windows flank the hearth and chimney engaged to the north end of the west elevation. Dominating the west end of the asymmetrical facade is a picture window, protected behind a 12-light storm window. A front-gable porch protrudes from the western half of the facade. It has a concrete floor, brick kneewall, and tapered, brick piers. Concrete steps, with a curved kneewall, approach the porch on its east elevation. The principal doorway opens west of center in the facade. It hosts a white-painted, six-panel wood door, opening behind a black, aluminum-frame storm door. A single-car garage is attached to the southwest corner of the house. A pent-roof bay protrudes shallowly from the north elevation of the garage and hosts a white-painted, 16-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage door. Between the bay and the house itself is a narrow, white-painted, 4-panel wood door. A secondary doorway opens east of center in the rear (north) elevation. It hosts a glass-in-wood-frame door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. An aluminum awning shelters the doorway. Dark-gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled main roof and all other roof surfaces. The rafter and perlin ends are exposed. In addition to the engaged hearth and chimney, another, smaller chimney protrudes from the roof ridge, towards its southern end.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Craftsman**
Other architectural style:
Building type: **Bungalow**
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 1925

North Grand Avenue to the east and a north-south-oriented alley to the west. Separating the street from the concrete sidewalk is a gravel-covered strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Encircling the backyard is a wood privacy fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

There are no other buildings associated with this property.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: 1929 Actual Estimate

Source of information: Pueblo County Assessor Property Profile.

26. Architect: Unknown

Source of information:

27. Builder: Unknown

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: Morton and Ruth Rechnitz

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 house was constructed in 1929. An analysis of the materials, style, and historical records corroborates this date. This building has not been substantially altered since that time.

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:

This house, built in 1929, appears to have had a new resident about every five years during its first 25 years of existence. The first residents were Morton and Ruth Rechnitz. Morton was born around 1896 in New York, and Ruth was born circa 1901 in Illinois. The couple married around 1922 and had one son: Morton R. Rechnitz Jr. The elder Morton Rechnitz was a jeweler for the Ramor Jewelry Company.

John and Rose Seidenberg were the residents of this house in 1935. The couple owned and operated a grocery store located at 200 South Union Avenue. John R. and Katherine L. DesChamps resided here in 1940. John was a chiropodist (podiatrist), with an office in the Colorado Building.

Morris Rike lived at this address in 1945, moving here from 1922 Court Street (5PE.6601); he also previously lived at 1918 Court Street (5PE.6599). Born in Russia around 1889, Rike immigrated to the United States circa 1900. He and his wife, Dorothy, married around 1920 and had three sons: Bernard, Melvin, and Eugene Rike. Morris Rike was the proprietor of a jewelry, loan, and pawn shop located on Main Street. He died on December 15, 1946, shortly after moving to this address.

By 1950, Eugene D. and Faye Ikenberry resided here. Eugene was the officer-in-charge of the Veterans Administration office in Pueblo. A. Elizabeth McCloskey, the assistant director of nursing services at the nearby Colorado State Hospital, resided here in 1955; she was the property's first long-term resident. She married Thomas L. Bartley, an attorney, and took his last name. Thomas Bartley died prior to 1965, leaving Elizabeth Bartley once again as the sole resident of this house. She lived here until the early 1970s.

Real estate agent Robert J. McLin and Judy A. McLin resided at this address in 1975. In 1979, Cheryl D. Rossi purchased the property and sold it to Rudolph M. and Cheryl L. Eurioste in 1985. Sharon L. and Bill H. Mott purchased

the house and lots from the Euriostes in 1991, and sold them two years later to Shirley M. Schwinghammer. Amy S. Ashbury purchased the property from Schwinghammer in 1998, and sold it to the current owners and residents, Charles J. and Patsy A. Galbraith, in 2003.

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 1930. Precinct 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 11A.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 9, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 3A.

"Rike (Morris)" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 16 December 1946, p. 2.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 8, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 6A.

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, 1929; Social History, 1929-1958**

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 jeweler Morton Rechnitz; grocery store owners John and Rose Seidenberg; podiatrist John R. DesChamps; pawnshop owner Morris Rike, Veterans Affairs officer-in-charge Eugene Ikenberry, and assistant director of nursing A. Elizabeth McCloskey Bartley. As well, the house is architecturally significant as an example of a Craftsman-style bungalow. Character-defining features include the front-gabled roof, overhanging eaves, exposed rafter and perlin ends, and windows with multi-light upper sashes. 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 in 1929, 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. This building has not been significantly altered since its construction. It 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
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
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

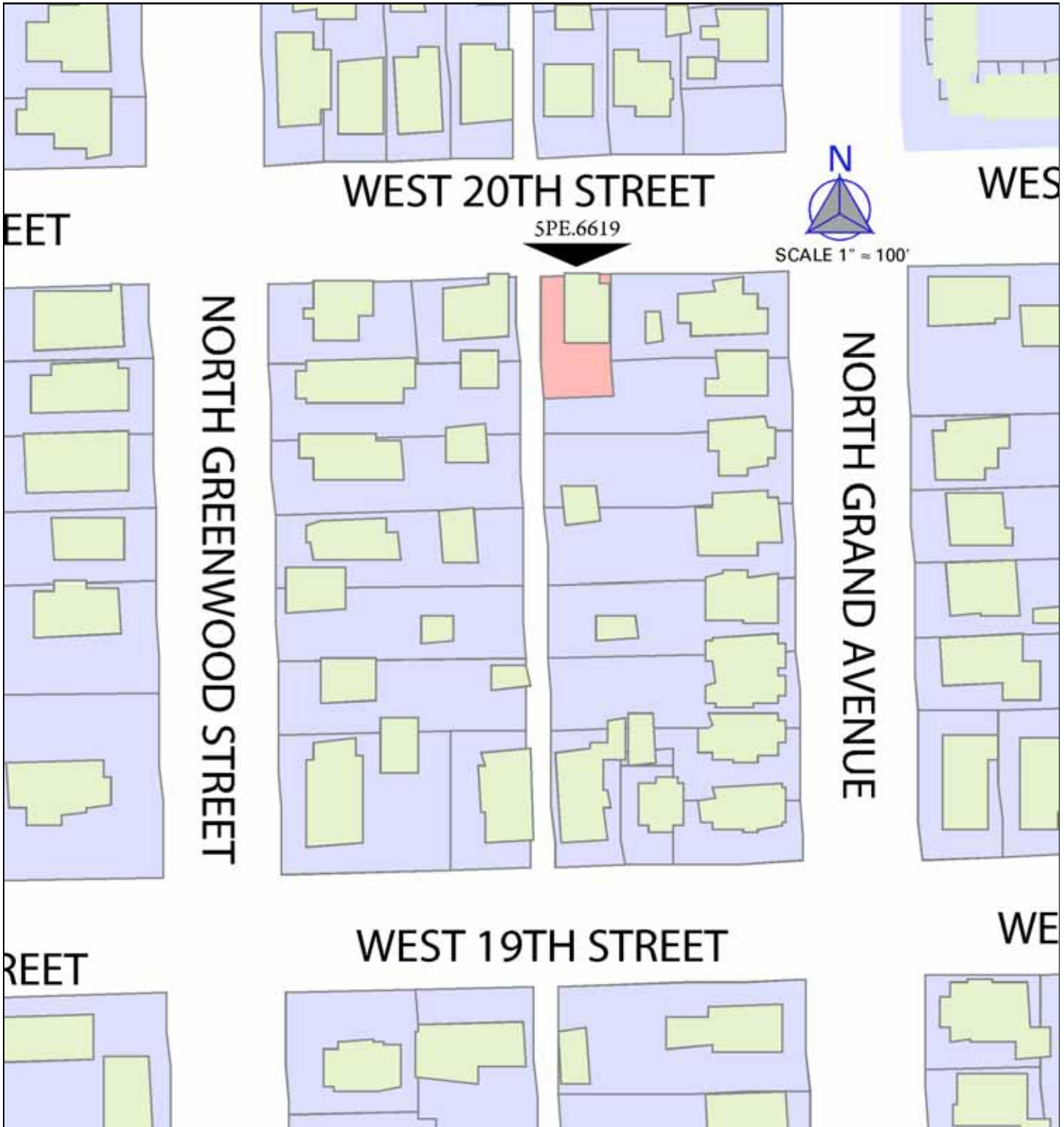
47. Digital photograph file name(s): **20thstw416 - 1 to - 5**
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 100 E Abriendo Ave
 Pueblo, CO 81004-4290**
48. Report title: **Pueblo North Side Neighborhood Survey, Phase 2**
49. Date(s): **2/1/2008**

Pueblo North Side Neighborhood, Phase II

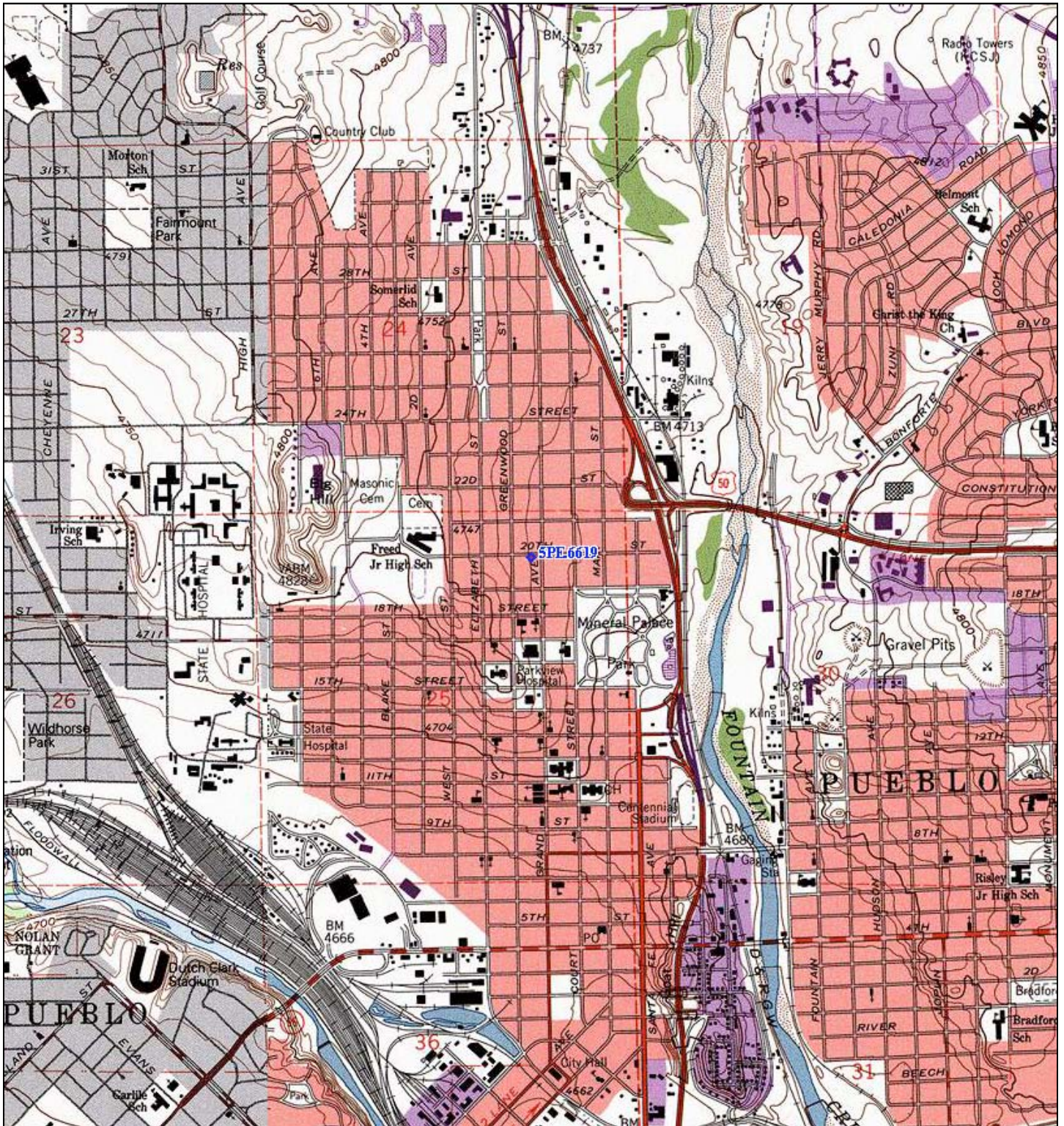
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50: Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas and Jeffrey DeHerrera**
51: Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
52: Address: **PO Box 419**
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419
53: Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

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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