

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5WL.5600** Parcel number: **080721202005**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Wilson Chevrolet, Inc.; Foster Chevrolet Company; Kennedy Chevrolet Company; Starck Blacksmith Shop**
- 6. Current building name: **Ross Building**
- 7. Building address: **213-215 4th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Robert E. and Cheryl A. Ross Trust**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **8220 Golden Eagle Dr
Fort Collins, CO 80525**

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: **6N** Range: **67W**
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **508305** Northing: **4480969**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Southern 45 feet of Lots 26, 28, 30, 32; Block 11**
Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
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: **4,230 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
Concrete/Concrete Block
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof/Rubber Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Ornamentation/Decorative Terra Cotta**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this building rests on a concrete foundation. The walls consist of concrete blocks, which are rock-faced on the south elevation. All of the blocks are painted tan, except for the north elevation, where they are unpainted. Two textures of stucco cover the front (west) façade, with the smoother stucco a deeper shade of tan than the rougher stucco. The smoother stucco covers the façade from the foundation up four feet as well as the slightly protruding cornice. Framed in the smoother stucco are three, diamond-shaped, terra cotta tiles evenly spaced beneath the cornice. Openings in the façade are as follows (from north to south): a standard doorway, two garage doorways, a window, a garage doorway, a standard doorway, and another window opening. The two standard doorways host tan-painted steel doors, with two panels each and single lights. Occupying the garage doorways are tan-painted, steel, overhead-retractable doors, with three lights each. Both window openings have tinted, plate glass. Tan stucco partially encloses the southern window opening. A large window opening at the west end of the south elevation and two adjacent but much smaller openings have been boarded shut with tan-painted plywood. All other window openings in this elevation host paired, 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash windows, with white vinyl frames. Opening east of center in the south elevation is a tan-painted, steel, overhead-retractable garage door. The rear elevation consists of distinctive halves, with the northern half recessed relative to the southern half. A pair of openings, each hosting paired, 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash windows, are concentrated to the southern end of the south half of the rear elevation. The northern end of this half has smaller, paired, 3-light casement windows, with tan-painted steel frames. Two sets of paired, single-light casement windows, spanned by a single transom, open in the southern end of the northern half of the rear elevation. They have tan-painted steel frames. North of these windows is a doorway hosting a tan-painted, steel slab door. Dominating the remainder of the elevation are two garage doorways, each with a tan-painted, steel, overhead-retractable garage door. A white rubber membrane covers the nearly flat roof surfaces. The rafter ends are exposed beneath the roof above the northern half of the rear elevation.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
Other architectural style:
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:
This building is located in Windsor's commercial district, between 207 4th Street to the north and an east-west-oriented alley to the south. Separating the building's front (west) facade from the street is a concrete sidewalk.

Concrete covers the small parking area and garage approach on the northeast corner of the property.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

There are no other buildings associated with this property.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1927 (southern half); 1930s** Actual Estimate

Source of information: **Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone Directory [for Weld County]. Consulted 1927-28, 1929-30, Summer 1936, November 1941, November 1945, June 1950, Winter**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Foster Wilson (southern half); Ted Starch (northern half)**

Source of information: **Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone Directory [for Weld County]. Consulted 1927-28, 1929-30, 1936, 1941, 1945, 1950, 1954-55, 1960, and 1964.**

Lindblad, Mary Alice. *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980, p. 143.

29. Construction history:

According to Weld County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1928. However, it actually consists of two separate buildings, representing halves north and south. Telephone directories list an entry for the southern building as early as 1927. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates a 1927 date of construction for the southern half. The northern half was constructed in the 1930s or 1940s. Phillip Kennedy combined the buildings shortly after 1954. Photographs of this building from the late 1980s or early 1990s show a white-painted brick façade with a corbelled brick cornice. The current stucco façade treatment as well as replacement windows and doors appear to date to the current owner, who acquired the property in 2003.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**

33. Current use(s): **Unknown Use**

34. Site type(s): **Blacksmith Shop; Automobile Dealership**

35. Historical background:

The current building actually consists of two separate buildings, one to the north and the other to the south. The northern building, previously addressed as 211 4th Street, appears to have been constructed in the 1930s or 1940s as a blacksmith shop for Theodore "Ted" Starck. He practiced general blacksmithing, arc and acetylene welding, and fabricated custom truck bodies.

The southern building was constructed in 1927 as Wilson Chevrolet, Inc., a Chevrolet dealership owned by Foster W. Wilson. In 1936 T.G. Foster purchased the business and renamed it the Foster Chevrolet Company. In 1954 Phillip "Phil" Kennedy acquired the dealership and called it the Kennedy Chevrolet Company. Soon after, Kennedy acquired Starck's blacksmith shop and expanded his dealership into the adjacent space. Kennedy Chevrolet remained in business through the 1980s, making it downtown Windsor's last new-car dealership.

Thomas E. Hofmann purchased this property from Phillip W. and Leota L. Kennedy in 1989. Hofmann quit claimed the building and lots in 2003 to Shamrock Taxi of Fort Collins, Inc., before selling them to the Robert E. and Cheryl A. Ross Trust, the current owner. The Rosses use the building as a private automobile service shop.

36. Sources of information:

Weld County Assessor Property Profile.

Deeds 2178483, 3118875, and 3118877. Weld County Clerk and Recorder.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900, January 1906, May 1911, and November 1921.

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone Directory [for Weld County]. Consulted 1927-28, 1929-30, Summer 1936, November 1941, November 1945, June 1950, Winter 1954-55, Summer 1960, and 1964.

Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940.

Lindblad, Mary Alice. *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980, p. 143.

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 Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

- 1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
- 1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
- 1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
- 1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
- 1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
- 1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
- 1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
- 1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
- 2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
- 2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community.
- 2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Commerce**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1927-1958**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is significant for its association with the maturation of Windsor's downtown commercial district. Part of the building was historically the town's Chevrolet automobile dealership. Another portion of the building was a longtime blacksmith shop. 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 Windsor Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1927 and in the 1930s or 1940s, this building exhibits a moderately low 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 installation of a new façade treatment after 2003 and the replacement of windows and doors have removed almost all character-defining features. This property lacks 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
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45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No

Discuss: **Windsor's downtown district, surveyed as part of this project, represents a geographically definable area possessing a significant concentration of buildings united by their historical associations, particularly the commercial development of the community. However, the district lacks architectural integrity and, therefore, architectural association because more than half of the downtown façades were remade in the 1970s and later, mostly in the Windsor German Old-World style.**

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): **4thst213-215 - 1 to 4thst213-215 - 5**

Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor
301 Walnut St
Windsor, CO 80550**

48. Report title: **Downtown Windsor Survey Report**

49. Date(s): **4/29/2008**

50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and Rachel Kline**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

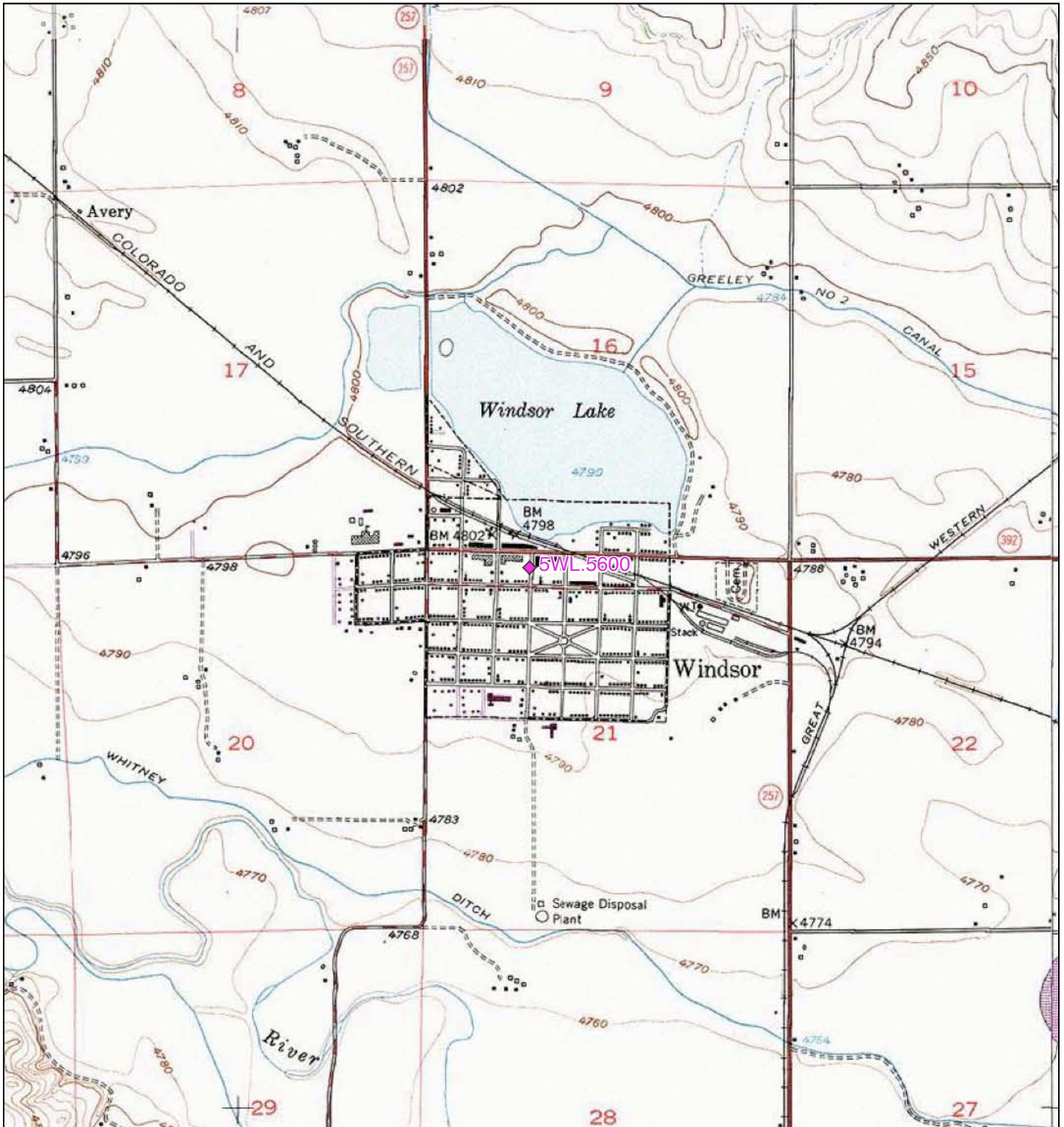
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969

Downtown Windsor Survey

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