

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6597** Parcel number: **525118009**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Ralph B. Ferris House**
- 6. Current building name: **Richard Tiffany House**
- 7. Building address: **1912-1914 Court Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Richard Wayne, Norman W., and Joyce A. Tiffany**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1912 Court 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 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **25**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **534146** Northing: **4237331**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 9 and 10; Block 21**
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: **1,534 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**

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
Roof Treatment/Dormer
Fence
Porch**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this house rests on a foundation concealed behind white-painted stucco. White-painted stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows in the south half of the house tend to be 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white vinyl frames and white-painted wood surrounds. Those in the north half are generally 1- or 2-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames. An 8-light casement opens in the north half of symmetrical front (west) facade. Doorways open in the west ends of both the north and south elevations. Unsheltered concrete stoops approach both doorways. The south doorway hosts a single-light vinyl door, opening behind a white, aluminum-frame storm door. The north doorway hosts a white-painted, paneled wood door, with a single light, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. A shed-roofed addition spans the rear elevation. Protruding from the south half of the addition's east elevation is a shed-roof porch. Green asphalt shingles cover the main hipped roof and all other roof surfaces. White-painted wood fascia and soffit box the eaves. A hipped-roof dormer, hosting a louvered vent, emerges from the apex of the roof's west-facing slope. A chimney, covered in white-painted stucco, protrudes from near the west end of the roof ridge.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
Other architectural style:
Building type: **Hipped-Roof Box**
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. This residential neighborhood features modest and large, 1- and 2-story houses. Setbacks from Court Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the east side of the street, between 1910 Court Street to the south and 1918 Court Street to the north. Separating the street from the concrete sidewalk is a mulch-covered strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the front yard is a split-rail fence; encircling the backyard is a wood privacy fence.
24. Associated building, features or objects:

A two-car garage is located on the northeast corner of the lot. Oriented to the south, the building rests on a concrete slab. White-painted stucco clads the exterior walls. Dominating the front (south) elevation, but offset east of center, is a pair of garage doors. Each hosts an overhead pivot-type garage door, constructed of white-painted tongue-and-groove siding. Opening west of these garage doors is a paneled, white-painted wood door. A four-light awning window pierces the south-facing gable. Green asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1908** 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: **Unknown**
Source of information:
29. Construction history:
According to Pueblo County tax assessor records, this house was constructed in 1908. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. This house appears to have remained relatively unchanged until around 1945, when it was converted into a duplex. At that time, the front porch was enclosed and side entrances added. As well, the rear addition was constructed. At the time of this survey, the current owner, Richard Tiffany, was converting the house back into a single-family residence. As part of this remodeling, he had replaced most of the windows in the southern half of the house.
30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Multiple Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Residence**
35. Historical background:
The original owner and resident of this house is unclear. However, by 1912, the resident was Ralph B. Ferris. He was born on February 8, 1884, in Scotland, and immigrated to the United States 1890. Married in 1907, Ralph and Anne Ferris had a daughter, Ruth A. Ferris. Ralph Ferris began working as a laborer and eventually became a machinist at the American Smelting & Refinery Company in Pueblo. By 1919, he held the title of "engineer."
- In 1924, the owner and resident of this house was Austin G. Marsh. He was born on September 26, 1887, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. He attended Columbia University in New York City and, upon graduation, worked as a metallurgist. With his wife, Essie May Marsh, Austin had a daughter, Marilyn, and a son, John A. Marsh. Austin Marsh served in the United States Armed Forces during World War I. Following armistice, he worked as a Pueblo-based mining engineer for the Dayton-Morgan Engineering Company. Marsh moved between Pueblo and Springfield, Illinois, twice. Upon his last move from Pueblo to Springfield, Marsh began a successful career as an automotive engineer for the Weaver Manufacturing Company; he was credited with inventing several innovations in the automotive field. Austin Marsh died on November 25, 1958, in Colorado Springs.**
- Henry R. Anderson purchased the house and lot from Marsh in 1928. He was born in Missouri around 1870. He and his wife Clara had six children: four girls and two boys. Anderson worked as a truck driver for the Pueblo Laundry Company. He later lived at 517 West Nineteenth Street and died on October 17, 1951.**

Around 1945, this house transformed from a single-family residence into a duplex, addressed as 1912 Court Street (southern half) and 1914 Court Street (northern half). Residents in the 1912 Court Street half included Faye Edwards (1950), and Raymon and Edna F. Johnston (1960). Raymon Johnson was a maintenance worker at the nearby Colorado State Hospital. Residents at 1914 Court Street included Raymond R. and Dorothy Alber (1945); Fred A. and Joy M. Black (1950); Parry M. and Bulla Lichty (1955); and Foy E. Winters (1960). Parry Lichty was a foreman for the CF&I Steel Corporation; Foy Winters sold and/or maintained Kirby vacuum cleaners.

In the latter half of the 1970s, Orville W. Hanneman purchased the property and brought stability to its ownership. He remained the owner until 2004, when Richard W. Tiffany purchased the house and lot. Tiffany shares ownership with Norman W. and Joyce A. Tiffany and is currently converting the house back into a single-family residence.

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.

Tiffany, Richard. Interview with Adam Thomas, 31 August 2007.

"Marsh (Austin Gerry)" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 26 November 1958, p. 5.

"Austin Marsh Funeral Services On Friday". *Pueblo Chieftain*, 26 November 1958, p. 5.

"Anderson (Henry R.)" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 18 October 1951, p. 16.

World War I Draft Registration Card for Ralph Bruce Ferris.

U.S. Census of 1910. Precinct 22, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 13B.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precincts 2 and 28, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 10B.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precincts 2 and 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 7B.

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: **Social History**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1908-1957**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with the development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, both as an early twentieth-century residence and as an example of mid-century economic realities, when the house was divided into a duplex. 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. Given its low level of physical integrity, this house should not be considered a contributing resource within a potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1908, this house 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 conversion of this house into a duplex and, currently, back into a single-family residence has resulted in the removal or concealing of most character-defining features and original materials. This building does not retain 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: **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

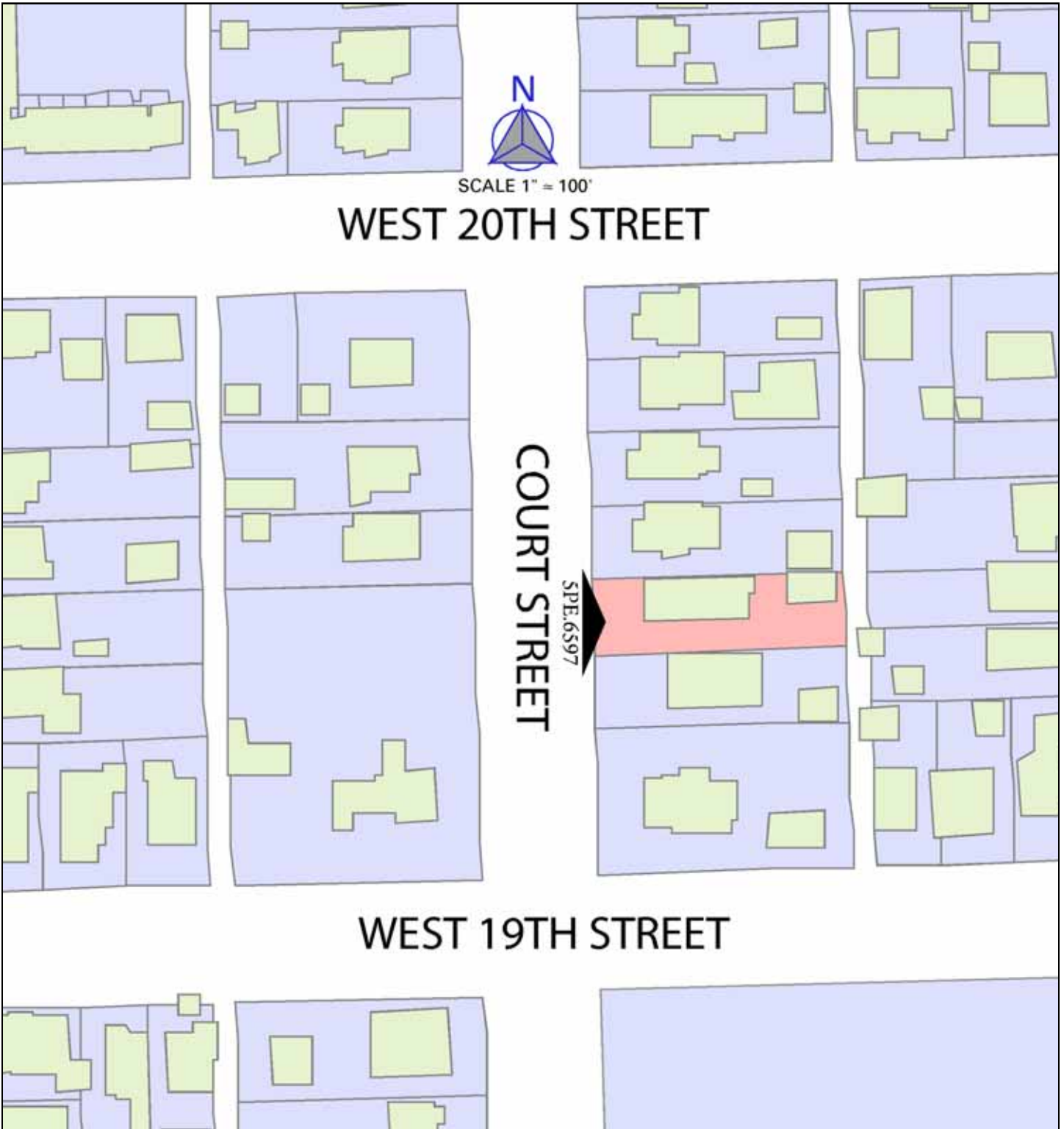
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing:

Yes No N/A

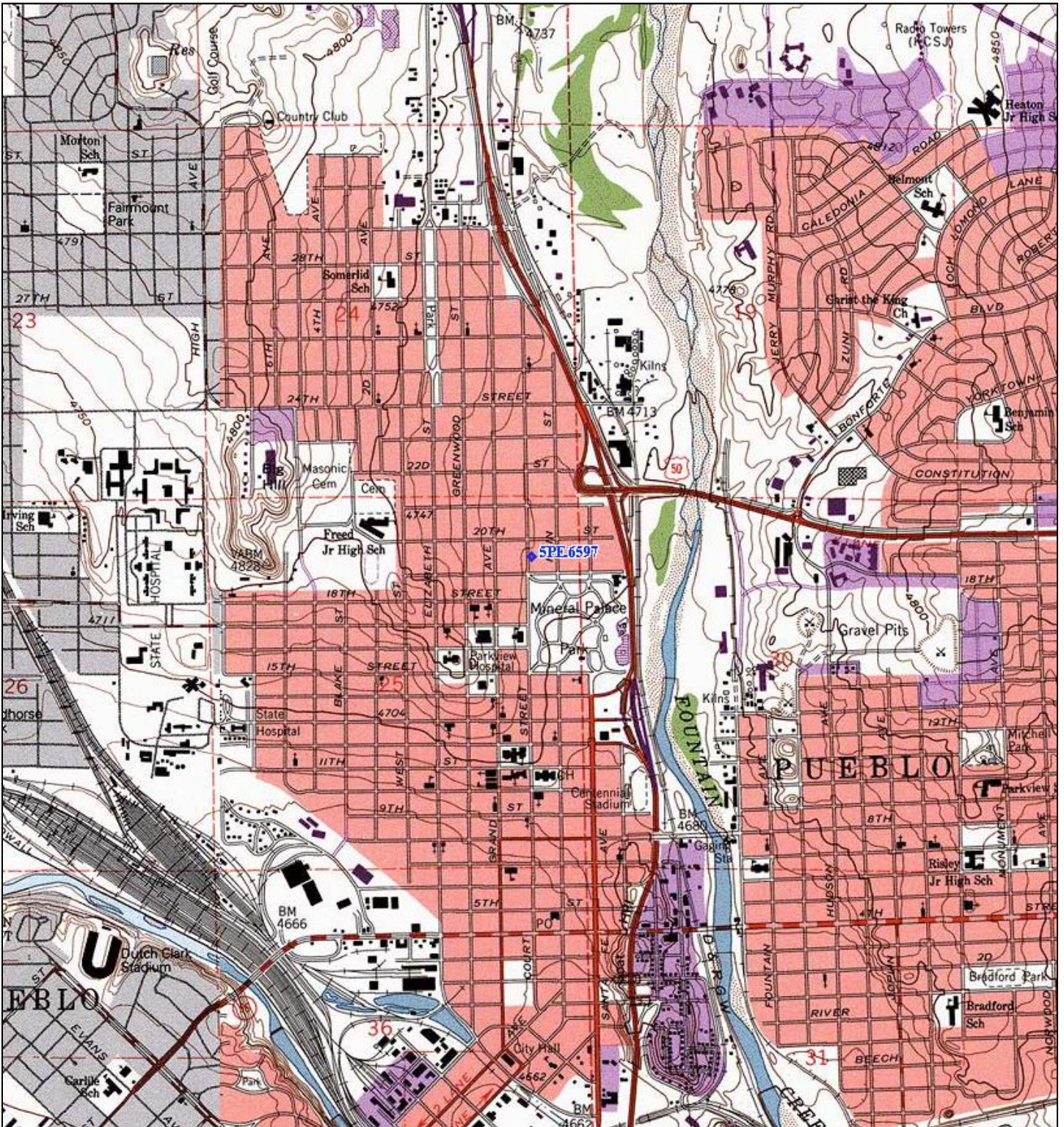
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **courtst1912-1914 - 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): **08/31/2007**
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)