

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6603** Parcel number: **525119001**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Charles T. Strots House**
- 6. Current building name: **Roger A. and Mary L. Riekena House**
- 7. Building address: **1927 Court Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Roger A. and Mary L. Riekena**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **544 Starlite Dr
Pueblo, CO 81005**

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: **534094** Northing: **4237388**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s): **east 116 feet of the north 10 feet of Lot 29 and the east 116 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: **1,222 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Stucco
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Porch
Window/Segmental Arch
Fence
21. General architectural description:
This house is oriented to the east. Tan-painted stucco conceals the foundation and extends upward on the exterior walls approximately 3 feet. The walls consist of tan-painted brick, set in a 6-over-1 common bond. Tan-painted wood shingles cover the sides and pediment frieze of the porch roof. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown-painted wood frames and aluminum-frame storm windows. They open between segmental arches and brown-painted, dressed stone sills. The north end of the rear (west) elevation hosts a 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash window. Filling the rest of this window opening is a tan-painted sheet of plywood. A shed-roof porch protrudes north of center on the asymmetrical front (east) facade. It has a concrete floor, turned supports with scrolled brackets, and a wrought-iron railing. Concrete steps approach the porch at its center, beneath the pediment. The porch shelters two doorways, both offset to the south end of the elevation. The southern doorway hosts a wood slab door, opening behind a brown, aluminum-frame storm door. The northern doorway has been boarded shut with a sheet of tan-painted plywood. Another doorway, hosting another slab door, opens in the south end of the west elevation. The transom above it has been boarded shut. This doorway provides access to an unsheltered concrete patio. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover main side-gabled roof, the hipped roof to the west, and all other roof surfaces. A brick chimney, encased in concrete, protrudes near the junction of the side-gabled and hipped roofs. Another emerges near the center of west elevation.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
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. 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 southwest corner of Court and West 20th streets. A pink sandstone sidewalk runs parallel to Court Street and concrete sidewalk parallel to West 20th Street.

Separating the streets from the sidewalks are gravel-covered strips. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Connecting Court Street to the garage southwest of the house is a packed-earth driveway. A chain-link fence encloses the backyard.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

GARAGE

A two-car garage is located southwest of the house. Oriented to the east, the building appears to rest on a concrete foundation. Tan-painted stucco clads the exterior walls. Dominating the front (east) elevation are two sets of paired, white-painted, vertical-plank doors, opening on metal strap hinges. A window opening east of center in the north elevation has been boarded shut. The building has a shed roof, flanked by stepped parapets on all but its west side.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1900** Actual Estimate

Source of information: **Pueblo County Assessor Property Profile.**

Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co., consulted 1886 through 2003.

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Charles T. Strots**

Source of information: **U.S. Census of 1900. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: T623 128; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 94.**

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County tax assessor records, this house was constructed in 1900. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. Modifications since that time have been minor, and consist of the replacement of all of the doors, the porch floor, and one window. All date to after 1970.

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 original owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1900, was Charles T. Strots. He was born in May 1855, in Sweden. His wife, Josephine Strots, was also a native of Sweden, born in March 1861. They arrived in the United States separately, first settling in Kansas and then in Colorado. They were married around 1888 and had two daughters: Hilma and Esther. In 1900, Charles Strots was an iron molder. By 1910, he had risen to the position of superintendent of an iron foundry.

By 1914, the resident of this house was Charles O.H. Robinett. He was born on January 11, 1892, in Oklahoma. He was married in early 1917. Charles and his wife, Esther J. Robinett, had their first child, Charles O.H. Robinett Jr., later that year. They eventually had three more children: Norman, Ronald, and Betty. The young family moved from this house by 1919, at which time Samuel R. Risley became the owner and resident.

Samuel Risley was born around 1881 in New Jersey. His wife, Elsie E. Risley, was born around 1905. The couple had two children: Jennie A. and Somers D. Risely During the time he lived here, Risley worked as a creditman at the Continental Oil Company; he previously worked as a hotel bookkeeper. The Risley family lived here only a few years, moving by 1921.

Frances M. "Frank" Henderson became the owner of this property after Risley. Frank and his wife, Mary I. Henderson, had three children. Frank Henderson was only a brief resident of this house; he died on October 19, 1922. Mary Henderson continued to live here long after her husband's death; she died on July 23, 1945.

Following Mary Henderson's death, Verne H. Wilkening became the owner and resident. He was born on September 23, 1899, in Collins, Iowa, and married Mildred G. King on July 6, 1922. The couple had three children: DeWayne, Robert, and Marcia. Wilkening was an office equipment repairman, first for Pueblo Typewriter Exchange and later for Shopmier Office Equipment.

By 1960, Roy and Jane Smith were the owners of this property. The couple lived here about ten years, selling the house and lots in 1970 to Carol E. Henderson. She sold the property in 1982 to Andrew N. and Edna C. Ferrara. Kenneth L. Helmick purchased the property in 1985, only to sell the next year to Roger A. Riekema. He and Mary L. Riekema remain the owners. They operate the property as a rental unit.

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. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: T623 128; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 94.

U.S. Census of 1910. Precinct 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: T624_124; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 154; Image: 635.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 3, Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Sheet 20B.

U.S. Census of 1910. Precinct 4, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 15A.

"Francis M. Henderson" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 21 October 1922, p. 12.

"Henderson (Mary Ida)" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 24 July 1945, p. 3.

"Verne H. Wilkening" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 26 October 1993, p. 10C.

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, 1900; Social History, 1900-1958**

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, however, was extremely modest and its occupants tended to be more working class than their neighbors. These occupants included iron foundry superintendent Charles T. Strots, oil company bookkeeper Samuel Risley, office equipment repairman Verne H. Wilkening. As well, the house is architecturally significant as an example of a minimalist, Late-Victorian style. The character-defining features are largely isolated to the front porch and include the turned supports and scrolled brackets. However, the levels of architectural and historical significance 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 1900, 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. Modifications are minor and include the replacement of doors, the porch floor, and one window. All character-defining features, as well as the original plan, remain intact. 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
 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.

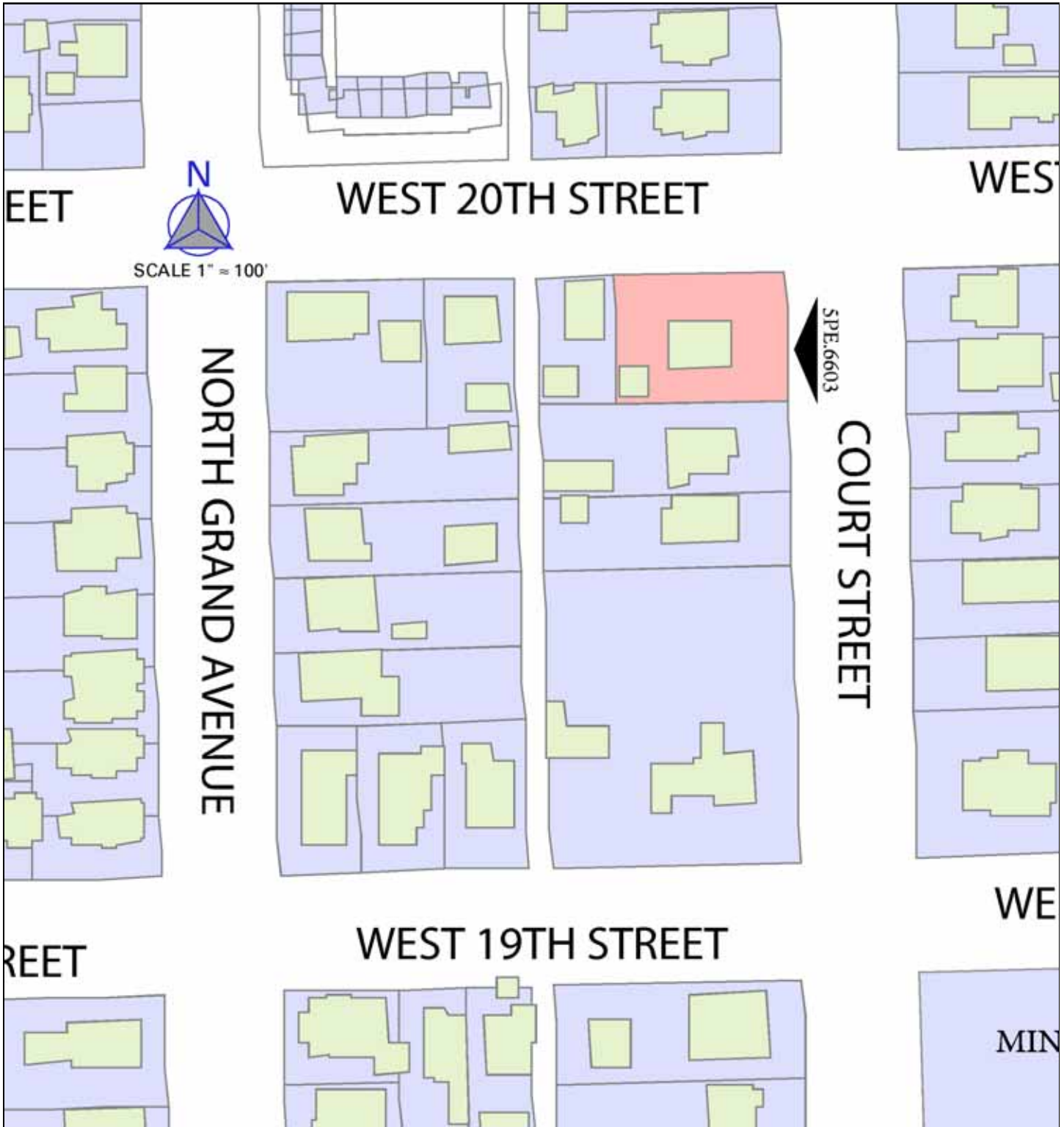
If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

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

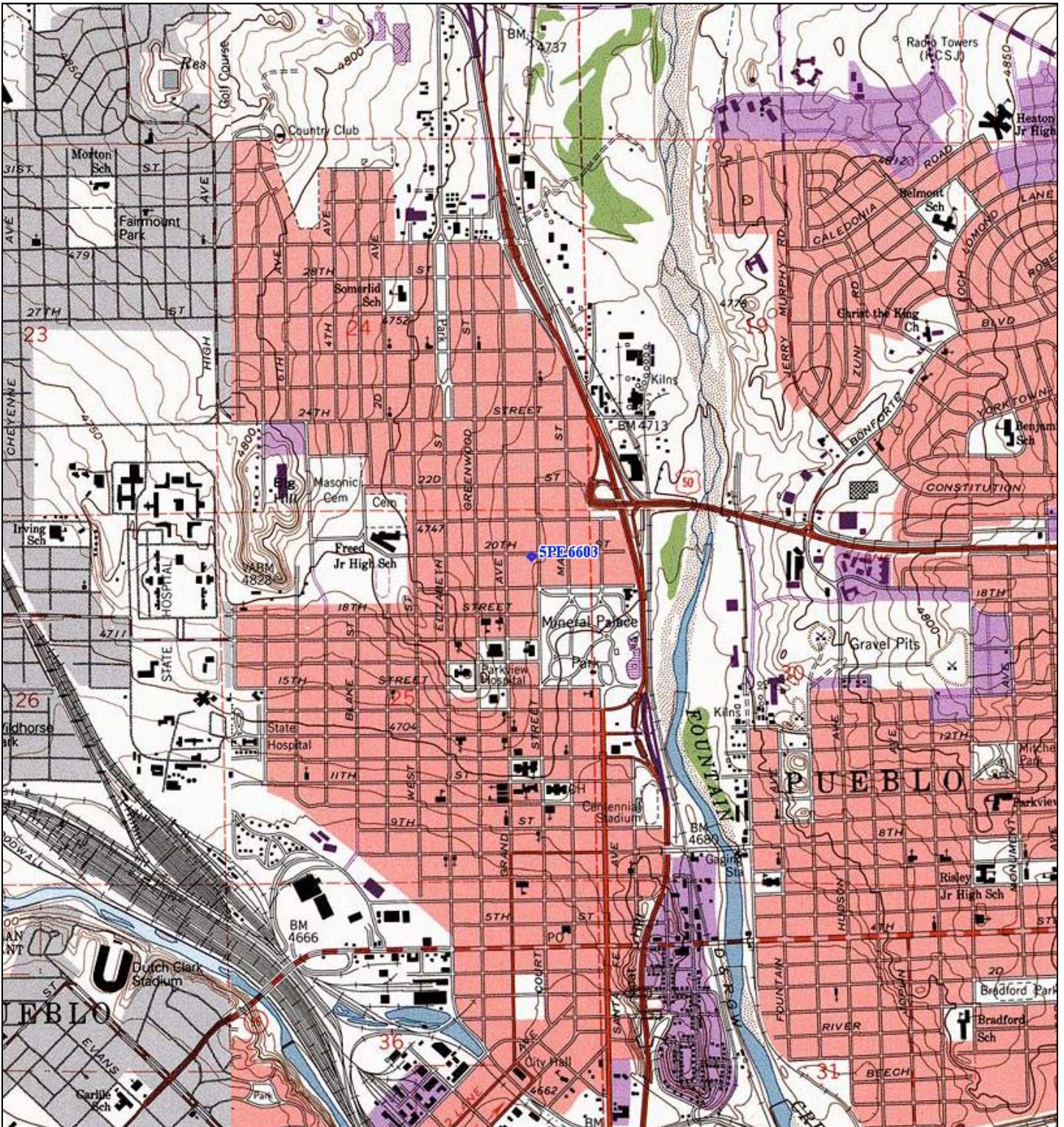
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **courtst1927 - 1 to - 5**
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): **9/6/2007**
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)

Pueblo North Side Neighborhood, Phase II

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