

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Determined Eligible-National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Need Data
  - \_\_\_ Contributing to eligible National Register District
  - \_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District



I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.5830** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525410007**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Curtis & Roller Texaco Station; Bassi Texaco Gas Station; Bob's Texaco; Harold's Texaco Service Station**
- 6. Current building name: **Believers Realty**
- 7. Building address: **1300 N Elizabeth Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Mary A. Highline**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **11 Reservoir 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
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need data

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **20S** Range: **65W**  
**SE 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
Easting: **533762** Northing: **4236645**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 9, 10, and 11; Block 38**  
Addition: **County Addition** Year of addition: **1869**
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 (length x width): **2,736 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**  
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof/Rubber Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **n/a**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the west, this building rests on a concrete foundation. White stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows vary from 6-over-6-light, double-hung sash, to 6-beside-6-light and 9-beside-9-light sliding sash. They all have white vinyl frames. Above all of the windows in the front (west) façade and the westernmost windows in the side elevations are round-arch transoms. Doorways open in center of the southern half and northern half of the façade. Both host vinyl doors with oval glazing. A rubber membrane covers the flat roof, which extends westward from the southern half of the façade. Square, stucco-covered columns support this canopy, which shelters a former gas pump island.**
22. Architectural style: **No Style**  
Other architectural styles:  
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This property is located on terrain sloping downward from northeast to southwest, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest one- and two-story houses and a compact commercial district at the intersection of North Elizabeth and West 13th streets. Setbacks from North Elizabeth Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the northeast corner of North Elizabeth and West 13th streets. Concrete and macadam cover the entire property. Lining the northern and eastern edges of the property are massive, green-painted, concrete retaining walls,**

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**capped by chain-link fences.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Shed**Describe: **A shed is located on the northeast corner of the property. Oriented to the south, the building appears to lack a formal foundation. White-painted sheets of plywood clad the exterior walls. Doorways open in the south and west elevation. Gray asphalt shingles cover the shed roof.****IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1952 (original)**  
Source of Information: **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: **Leland L. Curtis and Charles F. Roller**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:

**Based on city directories, this former filling station was constructed in 1952. It originally consisted of just the southwest corner of the existing building, corresponding to the pump canopy. Thus, additions have been made to the north and east elevations. Recently (circa 2000) all of the windows and doors were replaced and the building received stucco wall cladding.**30. Location: **original** Date of move(s):**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**31. Original use(s): **Gas Station**32. Intermediate use(s): **Gas Station**33. Current use(s): **Professional**34. Site type(s): **Real Estate Office**

35. Historical background:

**The first owners of this former filling station were Leland L. Curtis and Charles F. Roller, who operated it as the Curtis & Roller Texaco Station. By 1955, it was known as the Bassi Taxaco Gas Station, with Frank Bassi as the owner. By 1960, this same building became Bob's Texaco and, around 1965, Harold's Texaco Service Station.****Warren E. and Carol A. Lombard purchased this property in 1985, selling it to Mary Witt in 1997. Mary Witt quit-claimed the property to herself after changing her name to Mary A. Highline in 2003. The building houses her business, Believers Realty.**

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.**

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## 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 pattern 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 represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**Pueblo Standards for Designation:**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.

Not Applicable

- Does not meet any of the above Pueblo landmark criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance: **Commerce**40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1955**41. Level of significance: National:  State  Local

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant under National Register criterion A (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1A) for its association with the development of retail businesses in Pueblo's largely residential North Side Neighborhood. 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 City of Pueblo Landmark. Because of the low level of physical integrity, this property should not be considered a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1955, this former filling station exhibits a 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. Additions, replaced windows and doors, and the stucco wall cladding have greatly altered the style and form of this building. The only visible remaining element from the filling station is the canopy over the fuel pump island. This property does not retain sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data
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. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**  
**File Name(s): elizabethstn1300**
- Negatives filed at: **Special Collections**  
**Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library**  
**100 East Abriendo Avenue**  
**Pueblo, CO 81004-4290**
48. Report title: **Pueblo North Side Neighborhood Survey**
49. Date(s): **08/30/05**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, L.L.C.**
52. Address: **PO Box 419**  
**Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

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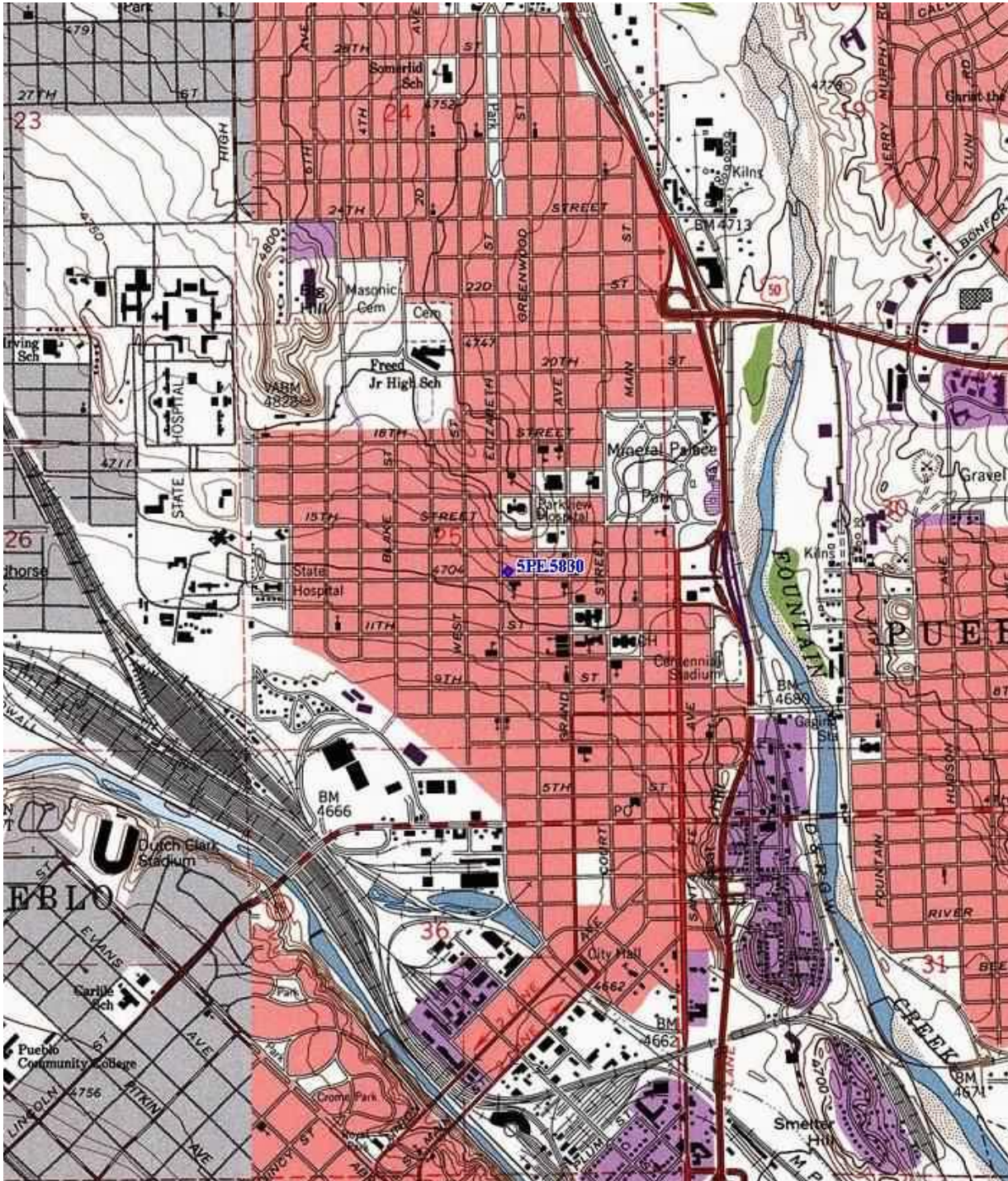
SITE SKETCH MAP





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## LOCATION MAP



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