

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6630** Parcel number: **525121002**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Finney-Clark House**
- 6. Current building name: **Herbert E. Belt House**
- 7. Building address: **1930 North Elizabeth Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Herbert E. Belt**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1930 N Elizabeth 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input 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 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **25**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **533735** Northing: **4237383**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 1 and 2; Block 22**
Addition: **Dundee Place** Year of addition: **1888**
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: **1,329 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Wood/Shingle
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Porch
Fence
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this house rests on a concrete foundation. A tan-brick veneer clads the exterior walls. Cream-painted, square-cut wood shingles cover the gables and the exterior walls of two shed-roofed bays protruding from the rear (east) elevation. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown-painted wood frames and brick sills. Most have narrow upper sashes. The rear bays host single-light awning windows flanked by fixed sash. They have white vinyl frames. A front-gabled porch spans the symmetrical front (west) facade. It features a concrete floor, tan-brick piers, and knee walls consisting of brown, glazed bricks, set in a stack bond. The porch frieze consists of open trusswork. Concrete steps, with brown-painted pipe railings, approach the center of the porch. The principal doorway opens within a shallow recess at the center of the facade. It hosts a single-light, 2-panel wood door, painted brown. Flanking it are windows, with wood panels beneath them. Another doorway opens in the center of the rear elevation, between the bays. It hosts 10-light French doors, with brown-painted wood frames. Flanking the doors are 10-light sidelights. The doorway provides access to an unsheltered wood deck. Another doorway opens low in the south end of the rear elevation. The rafter and perlin ends are exposed. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled main roof. A structure with skylights or solar panels on its south slope protrudes from the porch roof's south slope. Tan brick chimneys protrude north of center on the west-facing slope and south of center on the east-facing slope.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements**
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 North Elizabeth Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the southeast corner of North Elizabeth and West 20th streets. Concrete sidewalks are parallel to both streets. Separating the streets from the sidewalks are grass-covered strips. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Encircling the back yard is a wood privacy fence.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

GARAGE

A two-car garage is located at the northeast corner of the lot. Oriented to the north, it rests on a concrete foundation. A tan, pressed-brick veneer clads the exterior walls. Centered in the front (north) elevation is a pair of cream-painted, 16-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage doors are centered. A brown-painted, wood, single-panel door opens in the center of the south elevation. Opening beneath a segmental arch, a window just south of center in the east elevation has been boarded shut with brown-painted plywood. Cream-painted, horizontal wood siding clads the gables. The rafter ends are exposed. Brown asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1913** 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: **Dr. Royal H. Finney**
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 1913. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The only notable alterations have been the construction of the skylight or solar panel structure and the replacement of the rear windows, which appear to be completed 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:
Constructed in 1913, this house was originally addressed as 1926 North Elizabeth Street. The address changed to 1930 North Elizabeth Street around 1915. The original owner and resident was physician Dr. Royal H. Finney, who lived here with his wife, Ruth. He was born around 1884 in Oklahoma; Ruth was born around 1891 in Colorado. The couple was married on August 21, 1911, in Otero County, Colorado. Dr. Finney served on the medical staff of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's (CF&I) Minnequa Hospital in Pueblo. He later started his own practice. The Finneys lived here about two years, moving by 1915.
- The resident of this house in 1919 was George A. Clark, who lived here with his wife, Bertha. George was the vice president and treasurer of the Clark-Black Overland Company, the Pueblo dealer of Willys-Knight automobiles. The company appears to have become defunct in late 1919 or early 1920, and the Clarks subsequently left Pueblo.**
- In 1921, the resident of the house was John D. Davis, who moved here with his wife, Mollie, from 802 South Union Avenue. John Davis served as the secretary-treasurer and part owner of the National Broom Manufacturing Company, which was located on Spring Street in Pueblo's Grove neighborhood. It employed 20 workers in 1913. The Davises lived at this address a little over five years, moving by 1930.**
- Oliver W. Ward was the owner of the house by 1930. He was president and part owner of the Rood Candy Company, one of Pueblo's largest manufacturing enterprises outside of CF&I. The confectioner employed several hundred people, shipped its products all over the United States, and was described by the *Pueblo Chieftain* as "one of the important**

productive enterprises of the city.” Oliver Ward was born around 1870 in Missouri; his wife, Lena, was born about 1878. They were married circa 1898. Ward moved to Colorado Springs by 1935, then returned to Pueblo in 1949 following the death of his wife.

Veterinarian Dr. Albert Evans lived at this address in 1935. He was born around 1881 in Illinois and lived here with his wife, Katherine, who was born around 1882 in Iowa. The couple moved to Pueblo from Butte, Montana, and Dr. Evans continued his veterinary practice in Pueblo.

The residents here in 1940 were Ralph C. and Katherine I. Taylor. A lifelong Pueblo resident, Ralph Taylor was born on January 15, 1904. In the 1930s, Taylor handled public relations and promotions for the Broadmoor Hotel, Spencer Penrose, and the Will Rogers Rodeo, which later become the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. He worked for the *Pueblo Chieftain* and *Pueblo Star-Journal* newspapers for 42 years, serving as news director of both papers for 20 of those years. He retired in 1962, the same year the University of Colorado Department of Journalism named Taylor the state’s leading newspaper editor. Taylor also authored the syndicated newspaper column and companion radio program “Colorful Colorado,” which ran for 34 years. However, Taylor’s knowledge of Colorado history was not limited to his newspaper column and radio program. He authored seven books about the subject, the most famous of which was *Colorado, South of the Border*, published in 1963. As well, Pueblo School District 60 commissioned Taylor to write a third-grade textbook about the history of the city. His diversified interests included the development of land he owned on Pueblo’s South Side, where he constructed housing, shopping centers, and churches. His land development concerns allowed him to branch out and become vice president of the Colorado City Development Company. He also held interests in companies developing areas in western Pueblo County. Taylor served on the Board of Directors and was the regional vice president of the Colorado Historical Society for two decades. During that tenure, he also chaired the committee that remodeled Pueblo’s former airport hangar on Prairie Avenue into the El Pueblo Museum. Taylor resided here until the early 1950s. He died on January 29, 1997.

Jack B. Lacy and his wife, Madeline A. Lacy, were the residents of this house in 1955. Jack Lacy was born on February 14, 1914, in Rocky Ford, Colorado. He attended the University of Colorado and Northwestern University, from which he received a certificate from the National Institute for Commercial and Trade Organizations. Lacy was always active in economic development, and managed the La Junta Chamber of Commerce following from 1937 to 1942. He spent the next five years in the same position in St. Joseph, Missouri, before moving to Pueblo. In 1947, Lacy began working for the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, where he was the director of publications. He held that position until 1955 when he became the executive vice president of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. Lacy moved about the Southwest, leaving Pueblo to assume similar employment in Amarillo, Texas. From there, Lacy relocated to New Mexico, where he served as director of the state’s Department of Development. He was also an assistant to New Mexico Senator Edwin L. Mecham. Lacy left New Mexico for Kansas, where he worked for the Kansas Economic Development Commission in Topeka. He retired from the Commission in 1972, and he and his wife moved to Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Jack Lacy died on September 20, 1994.

By 1960, the residents of this house were Howard and Mary E. MacIntosh. Howard was a mechanic at Pueblo Auto Repair and later owned and operated Howard’s Texaco Service Station. Herbert E. and Vera A. Belt were the residents and owners of this house beginning around 1967. Herbert Belt died on April 12, 1998, at which time Vera Belt became the sole owner. She remains the current owner and resident.

36. Sources of information:

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 39, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado, Sheet 7B; Precinct 2, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado, Sheet 13B; and Precinct 13, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 3A.

“Davis (John)” [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 29 May 1943, p. 7.

“The National Broom Factory Pueblo Has One of the Most Important Plants of the Kind in the West.” *Pueblo Chieftain*, 9 November 1913, p. 20.

“Ward (Oliver Wendell)” [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 7 May 1956, p. 2.

“Aaron Rood, Founder of the Rood Candy Company, Dead.” *Pueblo Chieftain*, 20 February 1920, p. 1.

“Ralph Collinsworth Taylor” [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 20 January 1997, p. 2B.

Pitts, Gail. “Longtime newspaperman, Ralph Taylor, dies.” *Pueblo Chieftain*, 30 January 1997, p. 1B.

Pitts, Gail. “Veteran of community development dies.” *Pueblo Chieftain*, 21 September 1994, p. 5B.

“Pitts, Gail. “Lacy put special sparkle in his life.” *Pueblo Chieftain*, 22 September 1994, p. 8A.

“Herbert E. Belt” [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 15 April 1998, p. 2B.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 55, Butte, Silver Bow County, Montana. Sheet 19B.

Belt, Vera A. Interview by Adam Thomas, 4 January 2008.

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, 1913; Social History, 1913-1958**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant under Pueblo Landmark Criterion 1A for its association with the 20th-century development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when the city's professional and entrepreneurial class moved northward to construct homes in the latest contemporary suburban styles. This house was home to a string of prominent Pueblo professionals, including physician Dr. Royal Finney; entrepreneur George Clark; businessmen John D. Davis and Oliver W. Ward; veterinarian Dr. Albert Evans; newspaper editor and historian Ralph Taylor; and economic development expert Jack Lacy. As well, the house is architecturally significant under Pueblo Landmark Criterion 2A as an example of a Craftsman-inspired bungalow. Character-defining features include the large front porch with front-gabled roof, pent-roofed bays, overhanging eaves, and exposed rafter and perlin ends. While the levels of architectural and historical significance are not to the extent that this property would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, it could be individually eligible 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 1913, this house exhibits a moderate 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 construction of the skylight/solar panel structure has altered the roof's form. However, almost all of the key character-defining features remain intact. This house 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): **elizabethstn1930 - 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): **1/4/2008**

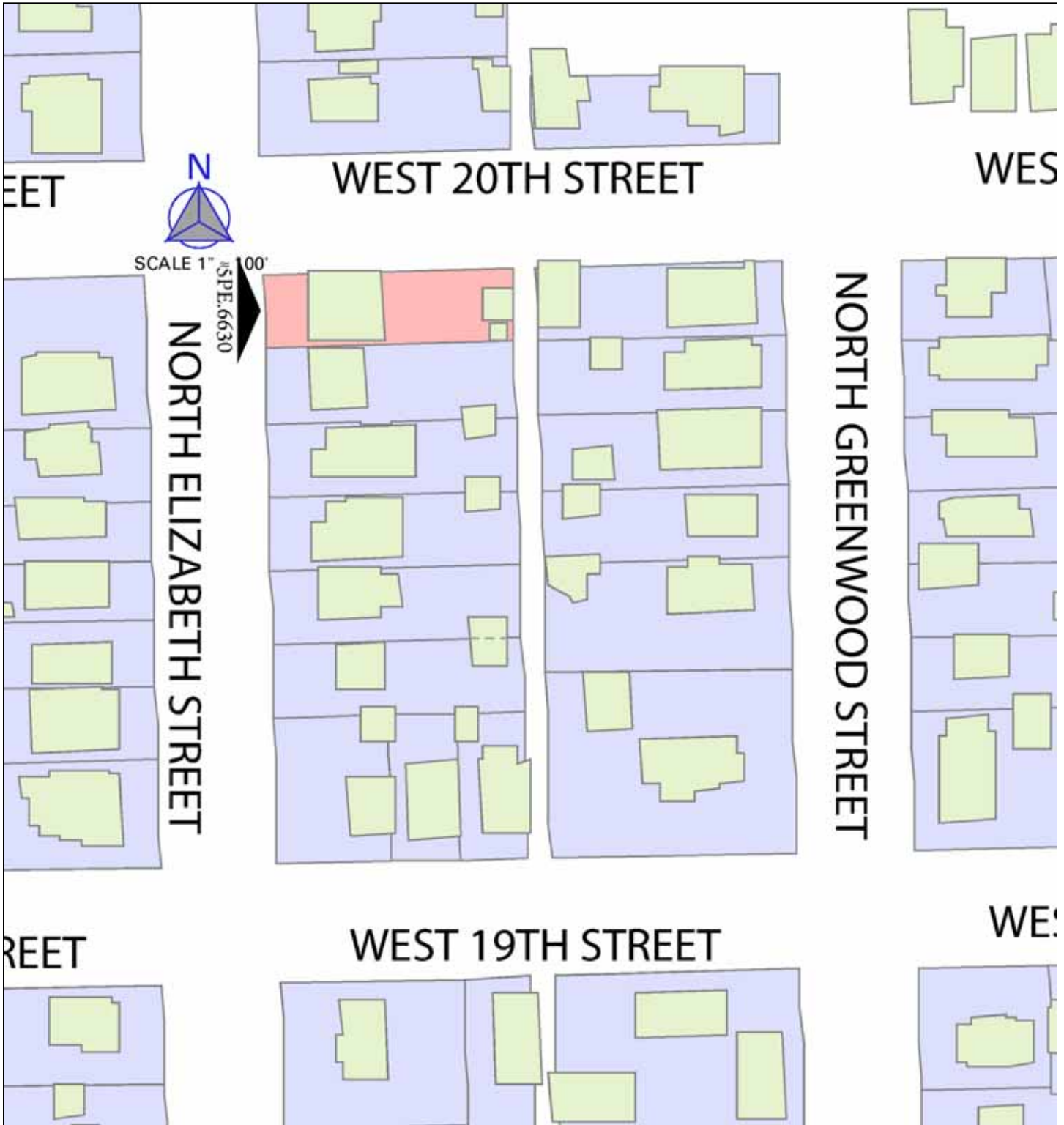
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas and Jeffrey DeHerrera**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

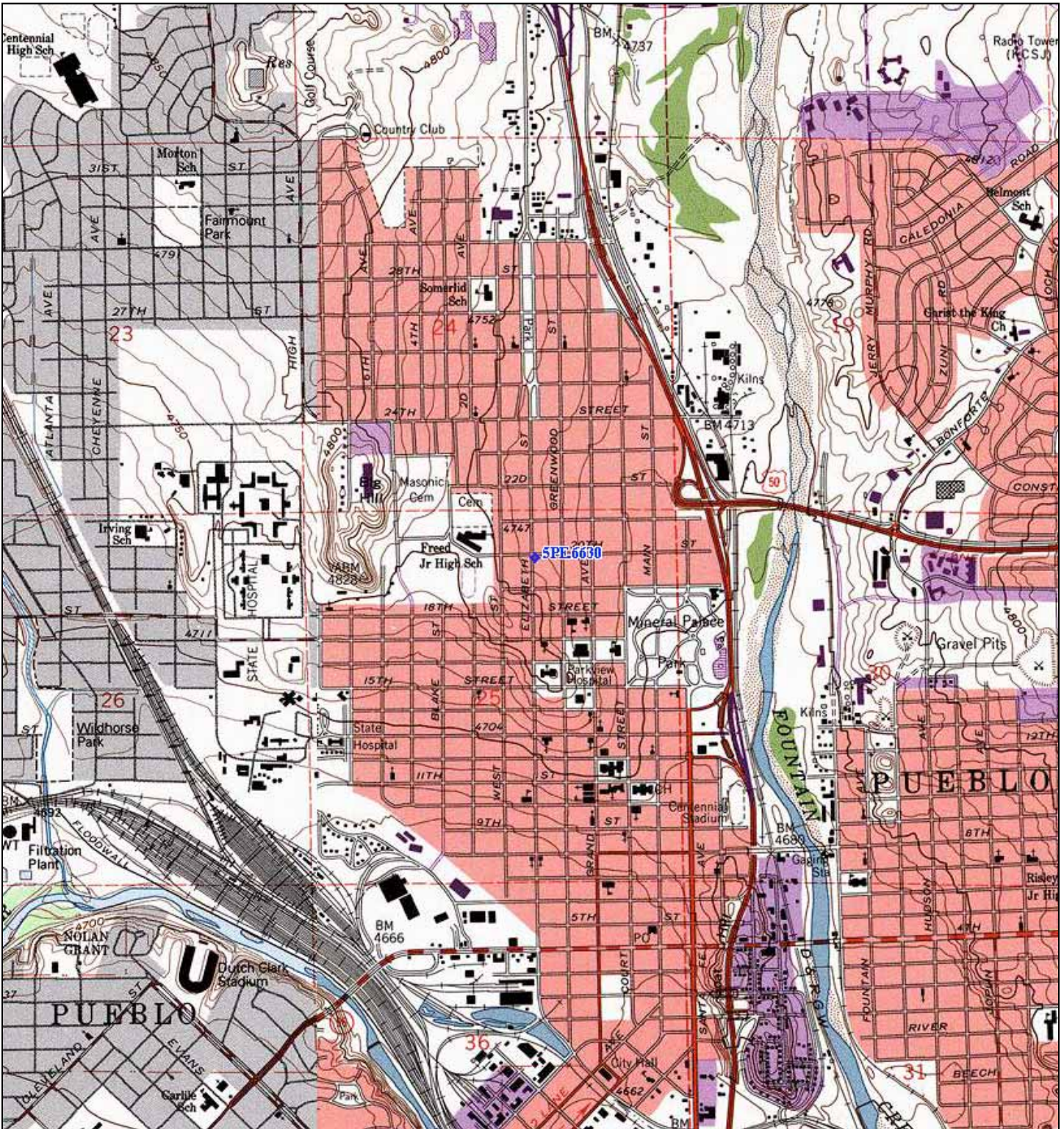
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

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)