

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.5792** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525401005**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **1414-1420 North Main Street Apartments**
- 6. Current building name: **1414-1420 North Main Street Aparments**
- 7. Building address: **1414-20 N Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Charles H. and Laurie L. Meili**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **4887 E Mineral Cir**  
**Centennial, CO 80122**

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**  
**NE 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
 Easting: **534279** Northing: **4236793**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
 Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Portions of Lots 9 through 10; Block 8**  
 Addition: **County Addition** Year of addition: **1869**
13. Boundary description and justification:  
**The boundary, as described below, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**  
 Metes and bounds exist:  **Beginning in the southwest corner of Lot 10; thence north 38.3 feet; thence east 48 feet; thence south 1.3 feet; thence east 18 feet; thence south 37 feet; thence west 66 feet to point of beginning.**

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**  
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **2,772 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:  
**Asbestos**
18. Roof configuration: **Shed Roof**  
 Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof/Rubber Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features:  
**Balcony**  
**Porch**  
**Roof Treatment/Decorative Cornice**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the west, this apartment building rests on a red-painted, rock-faced, random-coursed rhyolite ashlar foundation. A white-painted brick veneer clads the exterior walls. White-painted asbestos shingle siding covers the enclosed, southern half of the balcony across the front (west) façade. Enclosing the center of the rear (east) elevation is blue-painted beadboard. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames. A rectangular bay protrudes from the east side of the south elevation's second story. It hosts a 6-over-1-light window, flanked by sidelights. Piercing the west ends of the side elevations are hopper or awning windows. A flat-roofed porch spans the façade. It has a concrete floor, brick kneewalls capped by sandstone slabs, and gray-painted Tuscan columns. A large set of concrete steps approach the center of the porch, while narrow steps approach it on the north and south ends of the west elevation. The steps correspond to 4 doorways: a pair in the center and one each at the ends. They host wood slab doors, opening behind aluminum-frame storm doors. Another doorway opens in the center of the north half of the façade's second story, providing access to a balcony. Flanking the doorway are 12-light sidelights. A pair of doorways opens in the center of the rear elevation. Above them, in the second story, is another doorway, approached from the west by a black-painted steel staircase. A rubber membrane covers the shed roof, and the front parapet is stepped. Cantilevered from the front parapet is a wide, flat, gray-painted wood cornice.**

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22. Architectural style: **No Style**

Other architectural styles:

Building type: **Terrace 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. The neighborhood features modest and large 1- and 2-story houses and apartment buildings. Setbacks from North Main Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the east side of North Main Street, between an east-west-oriented alley to the south and 1422 North Main Street to the north. The front sidewalk is concrete, and packed-earth and gravel parking area is located east of the apartment building.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **No associated buildings identified.**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1911**Source of Information: **Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].**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 building was constructed in 1911. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. Based on Sanborn maps, the enclosure of the southern half of the front (west) balcony occurred after 1952. Most doors were replaced after 1970.**

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

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Multiple Dwelling**32. Intermediate use(s): **Multiple Dwelling**33. Current use(s): **Multiple Dwelling**34. Site type(s): **Apartments**

35. Historical background:

**The first owner of this apartment building, constructed in 1911, is unclear. In 1914 the residents were C.L. Crooks, W.H. Bradford, Lizzie E. Marsh, and J.J. Johnson. The U.S. Census of 1920 provides a glimpse of the residents and their occupations. George Bartram, a clerk at a clothing store, lived in 1416. In 1418 was Will Biddall, a clerk for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Edward Belcher, a salesman for a candy company, lived in 1420.**

**The resident in 1414 was widow Abbie (Hill) Loupe, who resided here from around 1919 through at least 1935. She was a juvenile officer in the probate court under Judge Frank Mirick and was a matron at the YMCA. Abbie Loupe was born in Kansas in 1873 and had two children: Walter R. Loupe and Inez N. Loupe.**

**Prior to 1930, Dr. Ralph Walmsley, a Pueblo osteopath, purchased this property and resided in the house immediately north, at 1422 North Main Street. He was born on June 25, 1876, in Illinois. His wife, Elizabeth Wilson Walmsley, was born on November 8, 1871, in Freeman, Missouri, and arrived in Pueblo in 1889. During World War I, Dr. Walmsley also served as overseas secretary for the National War Work Council of the YMCA. Elizabeth Walmsley managed a ladies apparel store. She later owned and operated this apartment building, residing in the 1416 unit, following Dr. Walmsley's death in 1935. Elizabeth Walmsley died here on December 2, 1961.**

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Residing in the 1420 unit beginning in 1940 were Elizabeth Walmsley's brother and sister-in-law, Edward J. and Josie M. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was born on September 4, 1876, in Illinois. Josie Walmsley was born in Texas. Originally a clerk for a Pueblo meatpacking company, Edward Wilson later operated his own store fixture distribution company. Their only child, Harold E. Wilson, was executive vice president of Swift & Company, a Chicago-based meatpacker—one of the largest in the world. The Wilsons remained in this apartment the rest of their lives. Edward died on February 6, 1949, and Josie on June 2, 1959.

Bette James Laughrun purchased this property in 1985, selling it in 1987 to Darla M. and Gerald J. Ewing. Charles H. and Laurie L. Meili, the current owners, purchased the apartment building from the Ewings in 2003.

## 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.

"Loupe (Abbie)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 3 September 1957, p. 25.

"Wilson (Edward J.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 8 February 1949, p. 6.

"Wilson (Josie M.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 3 June 1959, p. 6.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 14A.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 3 (part), Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Sheet 4A.

World War I Draft Registration Card for Ralph Walmsley. Serial no. 2695, order no. 2171.

World War I Draft Registration Card for Edward J. Wilson. Serial no. 2093, order no. 2552.

"Wamsley (Walmsley) Services Will Occur Today." Pueblo Chieftain, 20 July 1935, p. 3.

"Walmsley (Elizabeth)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 4 December 1961, p. 6B.

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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; or1b. History Be the site of a significant historic event; or1c. 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; or2b. Architecture Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder, or2c. 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, or3b. Geography Promote understanding and appreciation of Pueblo's environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity; or3c. 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: **Architecture**40. Period of Significance: **1911**41. Level of significance: National:  State  Local

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42. Statement of significance:

**This property is historically significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1A for its association with the development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when more architecturally sophisticated buildings like this one joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. Many of these newer buildings were multi-family homes. As well, the apartment building is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an intact example of the Terrace-form. 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. It is, nonetheless, a contributing resource within any potential historic district.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**Constructed in 1911, this apartment building 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. The only notable modifications have been the enclosure of a portion of the balcony and the replacement of doors.**

### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Individually eligible  Not eligible  Need data  
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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

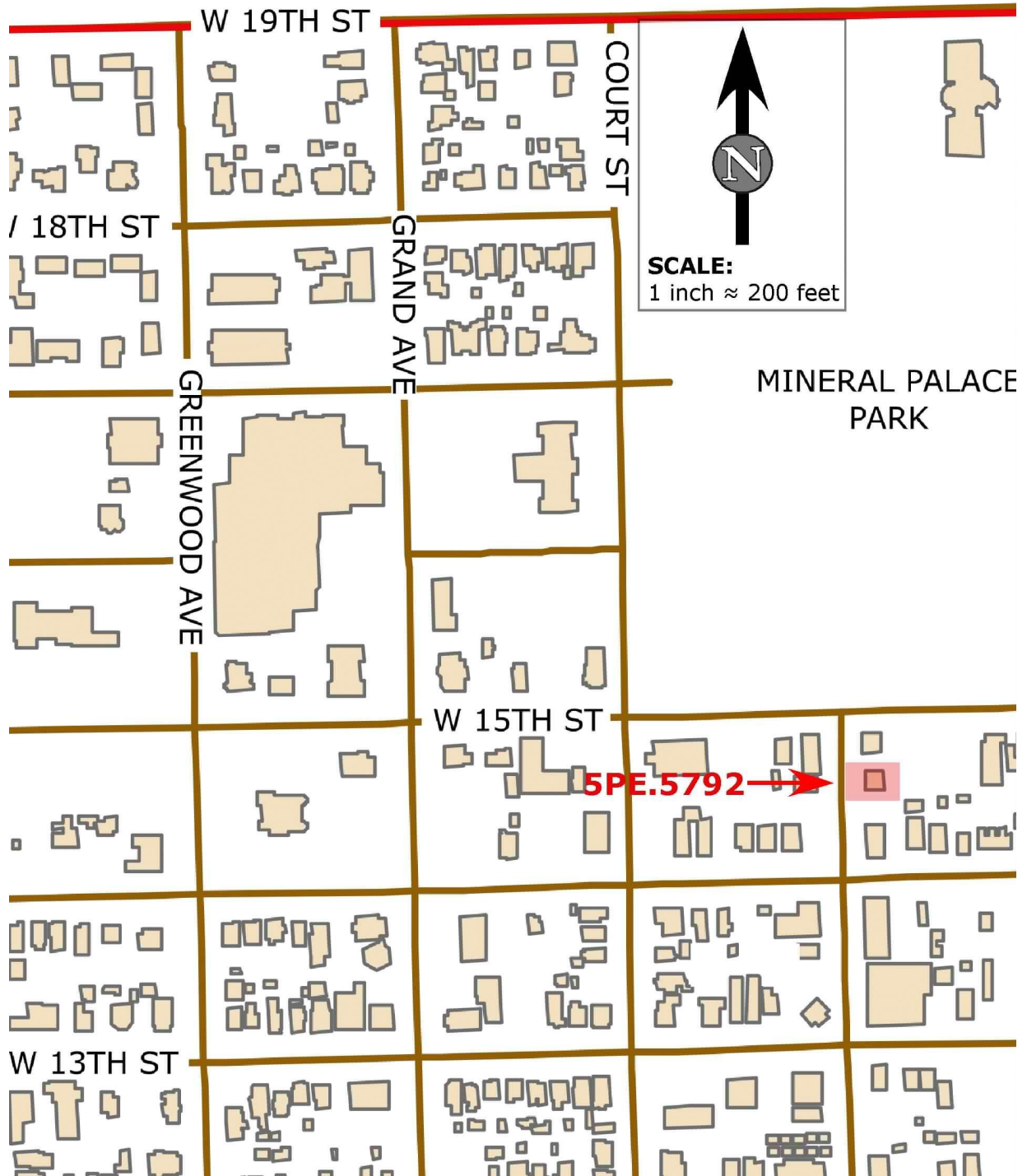
### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**  
**File Name(s): mainstn1414-20**  
 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): **08/03/05**  
 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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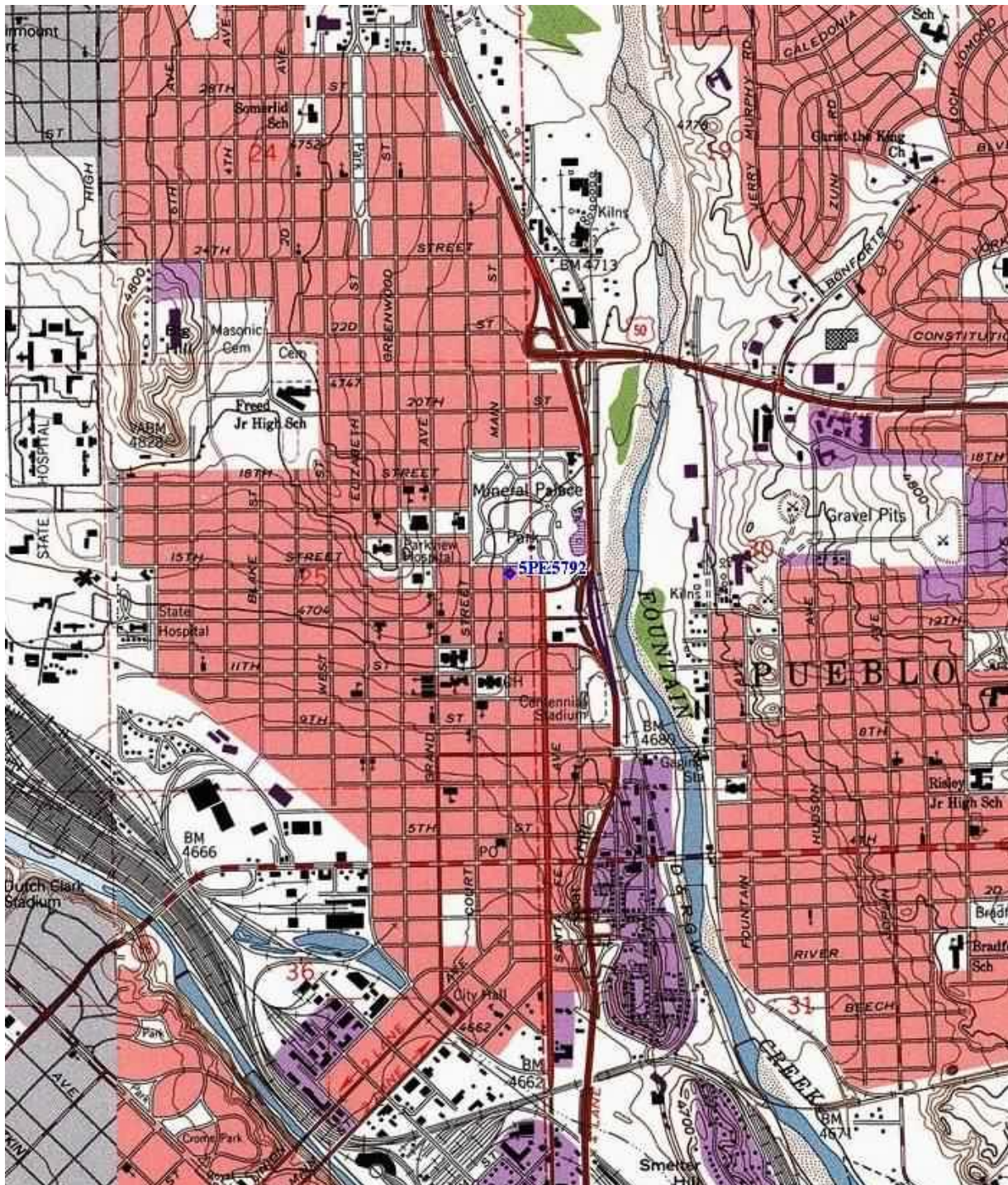
#### SITE SKETCH MAP





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## LOCATION MAP



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