

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.6594** Parcel number: **525118010**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Willard S. Kettering House**
- 6. Current building name: **Charles H. Prichard House**
- 7. Building address: **1915 North Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Charles H. Prichard**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1915 N Main 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**
NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **25**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **534242** Northing: **4237324**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s): **North 15 feet of Lot 23 and all of Lot 24; 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: **1,053 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Stucco
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front 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 east, this house rests on a concrete foundation, covered in tan stucco. Tan-brown raked bricks clad the exterior walls. A brown-brick watertable divides the exterior walls from the foundation. Covering a shed-roof addition across the rear (west) elevation is tan stucco. Cladding the rear (west-facing) gable are tan-painted, square-cut wood shingles. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown-painted wood frames, and aluminum-frame storm windows. They open above brown-brick sills. The rear addition hosts 1-beside-1-light, sliding-sash windows. A 4-light hopper, awning, or casement window pierces the front (east-facing) gable. Its lights have been painted the same tan color as the surrounding stucco. Flanking this window are louvered, aluminum vents. An integral porch spans the entire front (east) facade. It has brick kneewalls and piers. Approaching the porch just south of center are brown-painted brick steps, flanked by a wrought-iron railing. The steps align to the principal doorway, which hosts a wood slab door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Another doorway opens low near the center of the rear (west) addition. It hosts a tan-painted, 3-panel wood door, with a single light, opening behind a brown-painted wood storm door. A shed roof porch spans the rear elevation. It has a concrete floor and slender, metal supports. The porch has a standing-seam metal roof. Gray, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled main roof. While the eaves are boxed, with brown-painted wood fascia and soffit, the shaped perlin ends are exposed. A tan-brown brick chimney protrudes from the west end of the roof ridge.
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. This residential neighborhood features modest and large, 1- and 2-story houses. Setbacks from North Main Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the west side of the street, between 1911 North Main Street to the south and 1919 North Main Street to the north. Separating the street from the concrete sidewalk is a grass-covered strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Wood privacy fences

delimit the northern and southern edges of the lot. A macadam-paved parking area is located on the southwest corner of the lot.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

SHED 1

A standard modular storage shed is located near the northwest corner of the property but east of Shed 2. Oriented to the south, the building lacks a formal foundation. The walls consist of tan-painted sheets of plywood. Dominating the front (south) elevation are paired plywood doors, opening on metal strap hinges. Brown asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof.

SHED 2

A standard kit-built metal shed is located at the northwest corner of the property, west of Shed 1. Oriented to the south, the building lacks a formal foundation. The walls consist of tan-painted sheets of metal. Opening in the center of the south elevation are paired, sliding metal doors, also painted tan. The shallowly pitched, side-gabled roof also consists of sheet metal, painted brown.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1926** 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: **Willard S. Kettering**

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 1926. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The rear addition appears to date to after 1960. The only other notable modification has been the boxing the eaves, which occurred in the 1990s.

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 first owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1926, was legendary local teacher and sports booster Willard S. Kettering. Born in Iowa around 1891, Kettering played both football and baseball at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, from 1910 to 1915. Kettering was married on August 27, 1919, and he and his wife, Dorothy C., moved to Pueblo the next year. Kettering served as a physical education instructor at Centennial High School, where he championed the revival of the annual football game between Centennial and Central high schools, a rivalry that had been dormant for several years. His efforts helped restart a tradition that has brought these two schools together over 107 times and is one of the most beloved rivalries in Colorado high school sports. Along with developing the entire school district's athletic programs, Kettering coached football, baseball, and basketball at Centennial with plenty of success: two of his basketball teams finished second in the state tournament, and his baseball team won a state championship in 1922. Kettering went on to serve Centennial as athletic director from 1927 to 1941, and was honored at the school's 1976 bicentennial celebration as a "master teacher."

Kettering was inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Association's Hall of Fame on November 31, 1978, for all of his accomplishments at Centennial High School. Upon retirement, Kettering spent more time engaged in his lifelong hobby

of rockhounding. Not interested in metallic minerals, he spent his time looking for precious stones and was actually able to make some money mining them. A decorated veteran of both World Wars I and II, Kettering rose to the rank of infantry captain and became a member of the retired officers association. He and his wife had three children: Patricia J., Richard C., and Priscilla K. Kettering. Willard Kettering died on June 16, 1983.

The Ketterings sold this property to Lawrence E. and Nedraetta Fletcher in 1946. By 1955, Justus "Jay" F. and Elizabeth L. Polak purchased the house and lot. The couple married about 1938 and had five children: Janet L., Shirley J., Mary E., Robert J., and Thomas A. Polak. The Polaks sold the property to Don G. and Leona E. Miller in 1957. The Millers resided here until 1998, at which time the current owner, Charles H. Prichard, purchased the property.

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.

"Willard S. Kettering" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 17 June 1983, p. 12C.

"Elizabeth 'Betty' Lee Polak" [obituary]. *Pueblo Chieftain*, 16 March 2003, p. 3B.

"GPSA Hall of Fame to induct 'master teacher' W.S. Kettering." *Pueblo Star-Journal and Sunday Chieftain*, 29 October 1978, p. 6B.

"W.S. Kettering Collects Gems From Treasure Chest." *Pueblo Chieftain*, ca. 1948, found in Pueblo Library District Rawlings Library Special Collections, Colorado Biography File: Kettering, Willard S.

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**
Architecture

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Architecture, 1926; Social History, 1926-1946**

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 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 was home to prominent Pueblo teacher and coach Willard S. Kettering. Because this house was Kettering's home during most of the time he served as a teacher and coach, it could be eligible under landmark Criterion 1c also. As well, the house is architecturally significant under Pueblo Landmark Criterion 2a as an example of a typical bungalow, minimally expressing the influences of the Craftsman style. Character-defining features include the broad front porch with brick piers, and exposed, shaped perlin ends. While 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 or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, it could be 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 1926, 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. The only notable modifications have been the construction of a small addition to the rear elevation and the boxing of the eaves. While the eave modification conceals the exposed rafter ends, a character-defining feature, most other features, materials, and the overall form remain intact. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to express 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.**

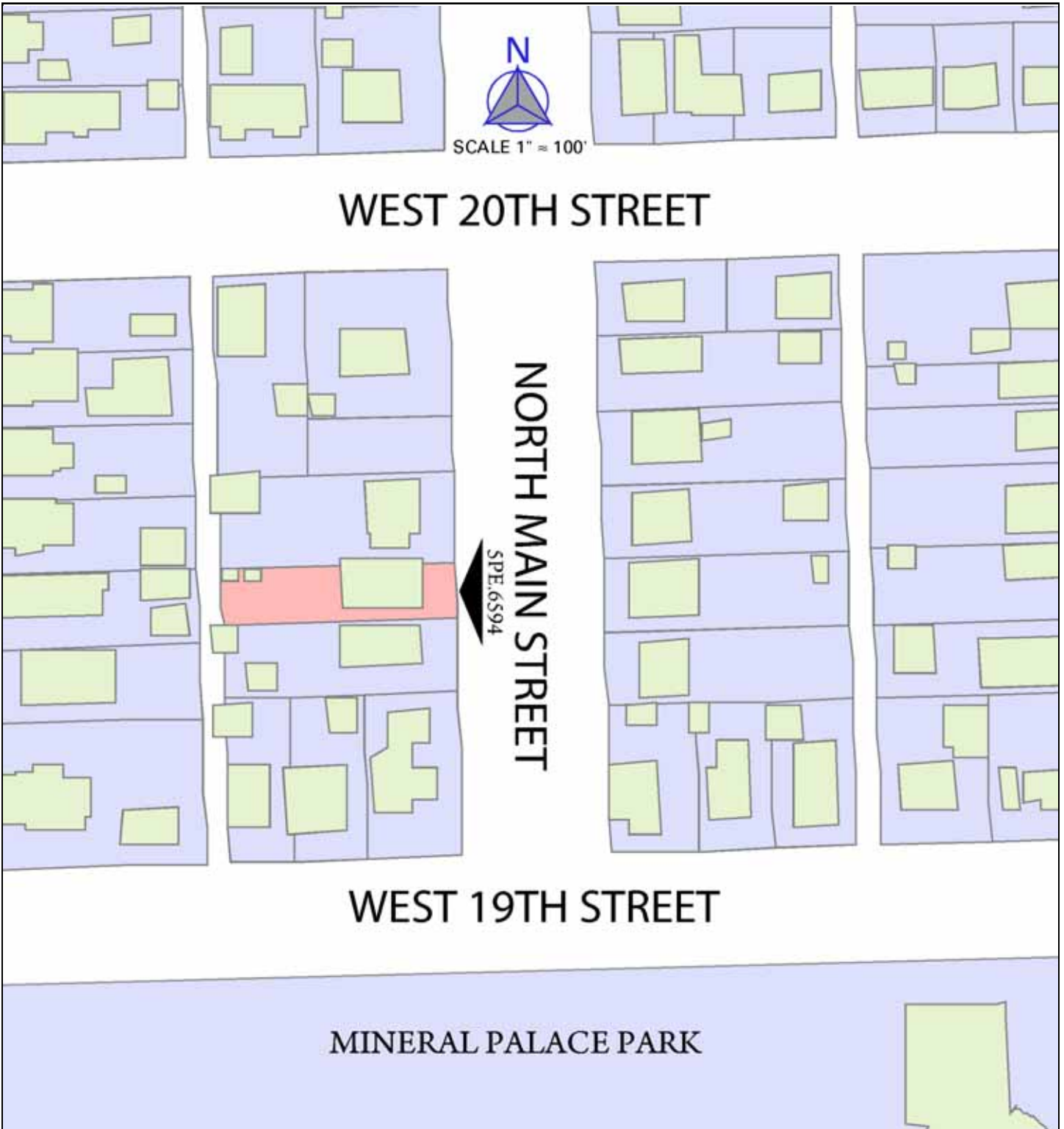
If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

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

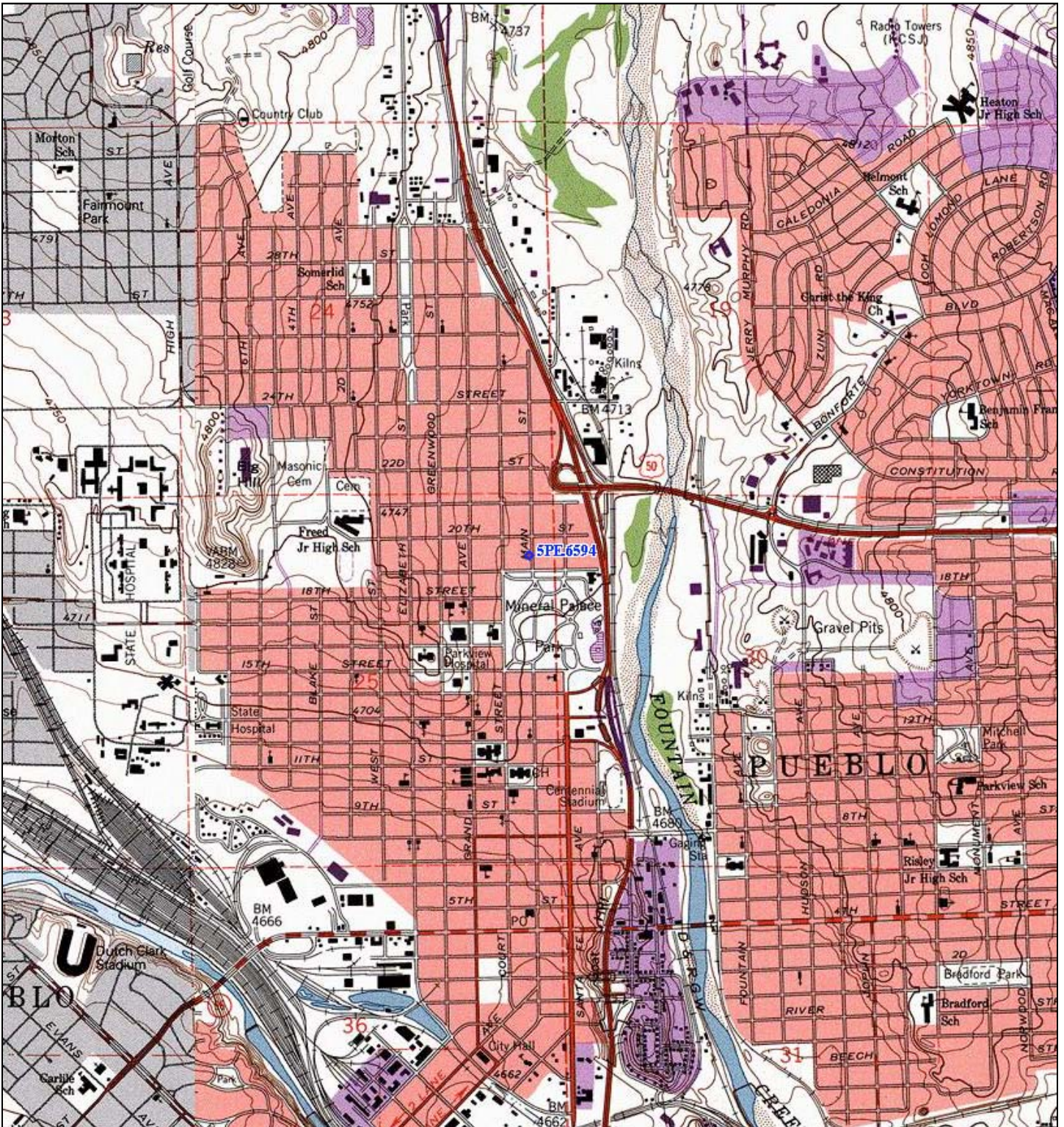
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **mainstn1915 - 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)