

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.5859** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525145006**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Titus, Horace L., House**
- 6. Current building name: **MacKnight, Steven Lee, House**
- 7. Building address: **1505 West Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Steven Lee MacKnight**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1505 West St**
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

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**
SW 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533593** Northing: **4236874**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **North 35 feet of Lot 4 and of the east 12 feet of Lot 3; Block 4**
Addition: **Bartlett & Miller 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): **Irregular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **669 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Gable-on-hip Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles**
Garage/Attached Garage
Chimney
Porch
Roof Treatment/Flared Eave
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the east, this house rests on a sandstone foundation, encased in concrete. Narrow, white-painted, horizontal wood siding, with gray-painted cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Square-cut wood shingles, with a single course of saw-toothed shingles, covers the front (east-facing) gable. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames, aluminum-frame storm windows, and gray painted wood surrounds with projecting cornices. A set of 3 windows of this description dominate a rectangular, cantilever bay protruding from the south elevation. The bay has its own shed roof. Some windows have been replaced with aluminum-frame sashes. Opening in either end of the north elevation are single-light awning or hopper windows. West of the protruding bay on the south elevation is a 1-beside-1-light, sliding sash window, with a vinyl frame. A hipped-roof porch protrudes from the southern two-thirds of the asymmetrical front (east) elevation. It has a concrete floor, white-painted brick piers, and lacks a railing. The porch shelters the principal doorway, which hosts a 6-panel, steel door, painted white, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Another doorway opens in the rear (west) elevation, beneath a shed-roofed porch. A single-car garage is attached to the southwest corner of the house. Dominating its east elevation is a 2-light, steel, overhead-retractable garage door, painted white. Gray, interlocking asphalt

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shingles cover the gable-on-hip roof, and white-painted beadboard soffit and gray-painted fascia, with projecting cornice, box the flared eaves. A red-brick chimney protrudes from the apex of the roof.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And 20th Century Revivals/Classical Revival**

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 1- and 2-story houses and apartment buildings. Setbacks from West Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the west side of West Street, between 1503 West Street to the south and an east-west-oriented alley to the north. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a grass strip. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Connecting the attached garage to West Street is a concrete, 2-track driveway.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1905**

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: **Horace L. Titus**

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 1905. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The addition across the rear (west) elevation was completed prior to 1950, according to the current owners. Other alterations include the replacement of some windows and doors and the reconstruction of the front and rear porches. The dates of these modifications are uncertain.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**

33. Current use(s): **Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical background:

The first owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1905, appears to have been Horace S. (or L.) Titus, an electrician at the local power plant. He was born around 1880 in New Jersey. His wife, Vera C. Titus, was also born in Wisconsin, also around 1880.

By 1925, the owner and resident was Francis Lee ?Frank? Philhour. He was born on February 4, 1893, in Washington state. His family later settled in the La Junta area. Philhour was a brakeman and, later, locomotive engineer for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. With his wife, Audrey Philhour, Francis had a daughter, Frances Philhour. The family remained here through 1940, later moving to 2020 North Elizabeth Street. Francis Philhour died on March 28, 1942.

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Virgil R. Clifton lived here around 1945, followed by Louis H. Roth in 1950. Around 1955, Lester W. Burfford purchased this property and resided here through at least 1960. He was born on September 14, 1912, in Nashville, Arkansas. Burfford arrived in Pueblo in 1939 and worked for the nearby Colorado State Hospital. With his wife, Carol A. Burfford, Lester had a daughter, Sharon Burfford. The family later moved to 25 Meadowbrook. Lester Burfford died on August 20, 1982.

Susan M. Stocking and G.H. Bloss purchased this property in 1980. Stocking sold the house and lot to Christine L. Book in 1986. In 1989, Gary L. and Mary R. Straley purchased the property, selling it to Steven Lee MacKnight, the current owner, in 1993.

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.

"Philhour (Frank Lee)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 30 March 1942, p. 7.

"Harold Louis Roth" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 26 August 1932, p. 7.

"Lester W. Burfford" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 22 August 1982, p. 8B.

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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: **1905**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, the product of an emerging professional and entrepreneurial class, joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as an example of a Classic Cottage. 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 1905, 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. Alterations after the period of significance (after 1955) were the remodeling of the front porch and the replacement of some windows. This property retains 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): westst1505
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): 08/23/05

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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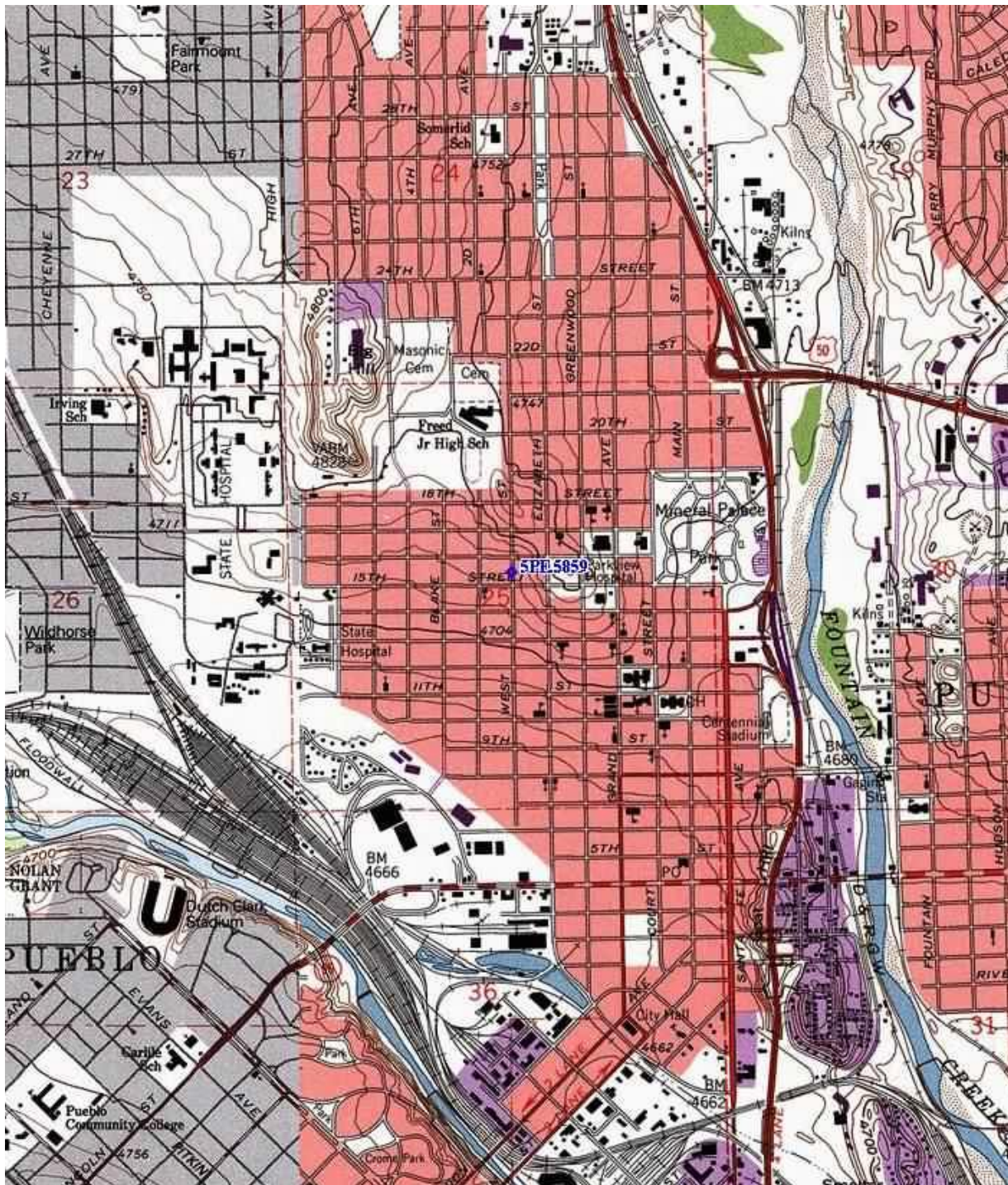
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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