

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.5862** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525134005**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Meyer, Frank John, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Benvenuto, Robert A., House**
- 7. Building address: **1700 West Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Robert A. Benvenuto**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1700 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 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 **NW** 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**  
Easting: **533622** Northing: **4237052**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 9 and 10; Block 11**  
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): **2,376 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**  
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Garage/Attached Garage**  
**Chimney**  
**Porch**  
**Window/Glass Block**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the east, this house rests on a concrete foundation. A red-brick veneer, with brown-pink-tinted mortar, clads the exterior walls. Broad, brown-painted, horizontal wooden composition siding covers the gables. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and brick sills. Both faces of the southwest corner (north of the sheltered patio) host single-light picture windows. Sheltering a picture window dominating the south elevation is a shed-roof hood, on steel brackets with horseshoes welded onto them. Windows opening into the attached garage have glass blocks. The principal doorway opens in a canted wall connecting the main portion of the house to the southern wing. It has glass-block sidelights. The rest of the southern wing's west elevation hosts an integral patio. Opening between the garage and the rest of the house are plate-glass sliding doors. Doorways also open onto an unsheltered patio along the rear (east) elevation. Screening this patio is a brick wall, capped by welded horseshoes. Dominating the west elevation of the attached garage is a pair of brown and tan, fiberglass, overhead-retractable garage doors. Wood shingles cover the cross-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed. A large, brick chimney, with corbelled cap, protrudes from the east-west roof ridge. A steel weathervane, depicting a roadrunner with a snake in its mouth, caps the southern end of the main roof.**
22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

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Other architectural styles:

Building type: **Ranch Type**

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on terrain sloping steeply 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 northeast corner of West and West 17th streets. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. The southern and western portions of the property are terraced.**

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

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1951**Source of Information: **Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].**26. Architect: **Walter DeMordaunt**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Frank John Meyer**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 1951. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. It was designed by prominent Pueblo architect Walter DeMordaunt. Because the original owner, Frank Meyer, was an avid collector of horseshoes, the metal objects were used as a decorative motif throughout the house. The only notable alteration has been the enclosure of the breezeway between the house and the garage. This alteration appears to have been made after 1980.**

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 original owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1951, was jeweler Frank John Meyer. He was born on March 19, 1891, in Pueblo and worked for many years for the Fisher Jewelry Company. Meyer was an avid collector of horseshoes, collecting more than 5,000 of them from all over the world. He integrated his hobby into this house, using horseshoes for doorknobs, coat hooks, fences and other decorative details. He always installed them upward, so as to not "spill" the good luck. Meyer kept his most valuable shoes and all of his documentation in a vault in the basement. The current owner reported that this vault is still intact. Meyer's wife, Cecile R. Fisher, was born in Iowa around 1894. She died on July 10, 1972, after which Frank Meyer appears to have sold this house. He died on July 4, 1981.**

**First National Bank of Colorado Springs acquired this property in 1974. Ralph G. and Jeane L. Dille purchased the house and lot in 1984, selling them in 1986 to June A. Benvenuto. In 1996, she transferred the property to Robert A. Benevenuto, the current owner and resident. This house was for sale at the time of this survey.**

36. Sources of information:

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McLeod, Paul J. "Comprehensive List of the Projects of Walter DeMordaunt, Architect, with a Brief Biography." Ms (photocopy). Special Collections, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, Pueblo.

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.

"Frank J. Meyer" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 5 July 1981, p. 7B.

U.S. Census of 1930. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: 249; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 9; Image: 247.0.

Benvenuto, Robert A. Interview with Adam Thomas,. 23 August 2005.

Taylor, Ralph C. "Colorful Colorado: Horse Shoe Collecting Promotes International Good Will." Pueblo Star-Journal and Sunday Chieftain, 7 November 1954, p. 8.

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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: **Social History**  
**Architecture**40. Period of Significance: **Social History, 1951-1955; Architecture, 1951**41. Level of significance: National:  State  Local

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is significant under National Register Criterion A (Pueblo Local Landmark Criterion 1A--history) for its association with the post-World War II development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood and the continuing settlement of the entrepreneurial middle and upper classes here. This house was home to successful Pueblo jeweler Frank John Meyer. Thus, this house is also significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1C for its association with Meyer. As well, the house is significant under National Register Criterion C (Local Landmark Criteria 2A, 2B, and 2C--architecture) as an excellent example of a classic western ranch house. Moreover, prominent Pueblo architect Walter DeMordaunt designed the house, one of his few and probably the largest of his ranch house designs. It is also significant for the artistic and innovative use of horseshoes as decorative elements, expressing the original owner's hobby. While 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 or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, it could be individually eligible as a City of Pueblo Landmark. The property is, in any case, a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1951, 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 alteration has been enclosure of the breezeway. 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

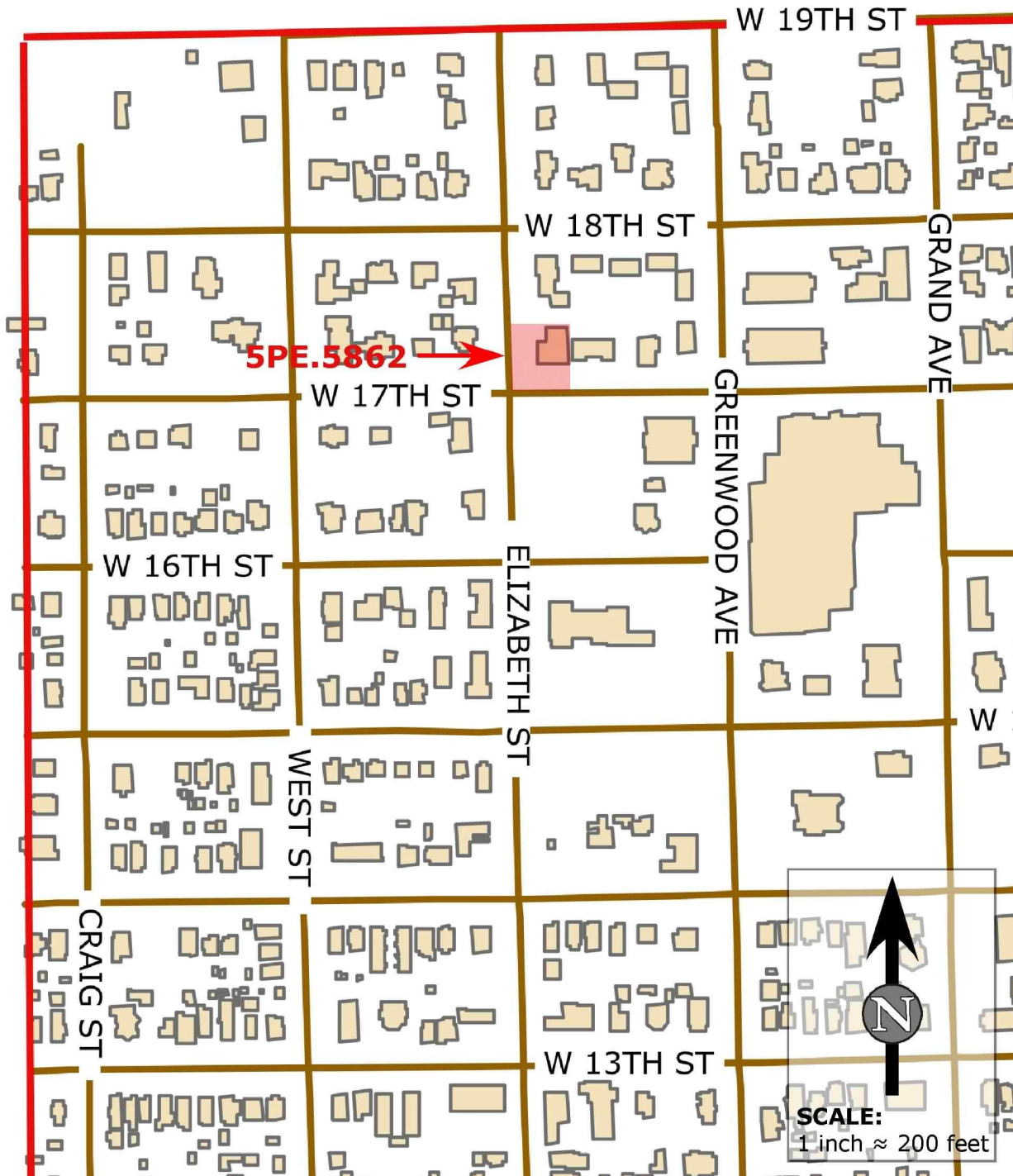
## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**  
**File Name(s) westst1700**
- 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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#### SITE SKETCH MAP

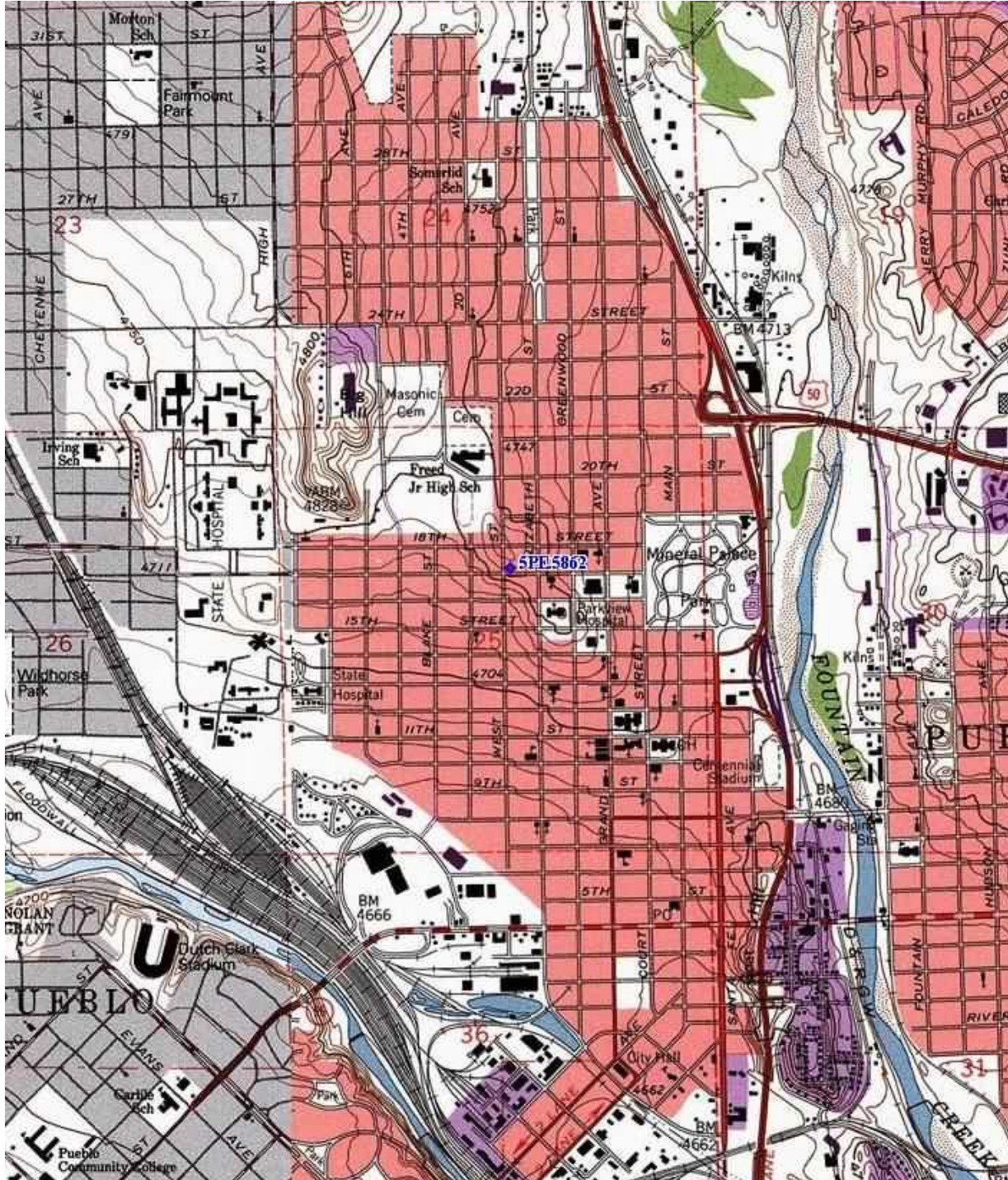




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## LOCATION MAP



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