

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (OAH use only)

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- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible – National Register
- Determined Not Eligible – National Register
- Determined Eligible – State Register
- Determine Not Eligible – State Register
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible National Register District
- Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5RT.1861** Parcel number(s): **145016004**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Irene Nelson Interiors**
- 7. Building Address: **729 Oak Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **IR-KA-LIN, LLC**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 771273**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477



44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	Not Eligible
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	Not Eligible

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **84W**
NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 17
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344656 mE** **4483171 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 4 Block 16**
 Addition: **Original Addition of Steamboat Springs** Year of addition: **1884**
13. Boundary description and justification:
This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land historically associated with this property.
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 44 feet x Width: 28 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
The Irene Nelson Interiors building is a former single-family dwelling. Located on the southwest side of Oak Street, the building measures 28' NW-SE (across) by 44' NE-SW (deep). It is supported by a low concrete foundation (possibly concrete pargeting over stone), and its exterior walls are clad with troweled cream white stucco over wood frame construction. Decorative stained dark brown false half-timbering appears in the upper gable ends on the northwest and southeast elevations, and there are also stained dark brown 1" by 4" corner boards. The building is covered by a moderately-pitched side-gable roof, with a steeply-pitched intersecting gable centered on the northeast-facing roof slope, overlooking the façade. This intersecting gable is penetrated by a set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The roof is covered with metal roofing material, and there are two red brick chimneys with metal caps; both chimneys are located just below the ridge line at either end of the southwest-facing roof slope. A large, non-historic, shed-roofed dormer, with three single-light awning windows, is located on the southwest-facing (rear) roof slope. A hip-roofed canted bay, with non-historic windows, is located on the southeast elevation. Windows elsewhere are predominantly non-historic single-light fixed-panes, with stained dark brown wood surrounds. A 6' by 28' enclosed shed-roofed porch extends across the full length of the façade. Two wooden steps approach the southeast end of the porch. A single-story shed-roofed extension to the southwest (rear) elevation was probably originally a rear mud porch. A rear entry door leads into the shed-roofed extension at the southwest end of the southeast elevation.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the southwest side of the 700 block of Oak Street in Steamboat Springs. Lincoln Avenue (U.S. Highway 40), Steamboat Spring's main street, is a block to the southwest. The property features a nicely-landscaped front yard with sandstone pavers and with antique furniture decorative elements. A gravel driveway extends from Oak Street along the southeast side of the house.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A river rock garage, which measures 13' by 20', is located adjacent to the alley near the rear of the property. This small single-story building features distinctive river rock walls with concrete mortar, and it is covered by a shed roof. River rock parapet walls extend slightly above the roof line on the northwest and southeast (side) elevations, and a river rock gabled parapet extends above the roof line on the northeast elevation. A set of paired stained dark brown vertical wood plank doors, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, are located on the northeast elevation. These doors open onto the long gravel driveway which extends along the southeast side of the house to Oak Street.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1901** Actual:
 Source of information: **Routt County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1911 and 1920.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

29. Construction history:
Routt County Assessor records list 1901 as this house's year of construction. The dwelling is depicted on the July 1911 Sanborn Insurance map indicating that it was then in existence. The river rock garage is not depicted on either the 1911 or the 1920 Sanborn map.

30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s): **N/A**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
 32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
 33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Business**
 34. Site type(s): **Former single-family dwelling; presently an interiors design business.**

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35. Historical background:

Routt County Assessor records indicate that this house was built in 1901, although this date is unconfirmed through other sources. A reproduction of a circa 1910 plat map, located at the Tread of Pioneers Museum, indicates that a person or family named Palmer had a residence at this approximate location. The property's early history for the most part remains obscure, however. This address (729 Oak Street) is not listed in either the 1956 or 1961 Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directory. In the 1965 and 1970 Mountain Bell directories, Susie Clatte is listed at this address. Terry Dorse is then listed at this address in the 1975 directory, followed by Robert C. McHugh in 1980. Irene Nelson Interiors has been located in this building for the past several years. A native of Illinois, Irene Nelson came to Steamboat Springs in 1970, and has since made a significant contribution to the community as an interior designer, as a ski instructor, and through a variety of community endeavors.

36. Sources of information:

"A Lively Lady." *Steamboat Pilot*, January 14, 2007, p. D1.

Alexandroff, Marty. "Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Architectural Inventory Form." February 1996, on file with the City of Steamboat Springs, and the Colorado Historical Society Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph/ Mountain Bell Telephone Directories for Steamboat Springs, 1956 – 2007. On file at the Denver Public Library, Western History Department.

Routt County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record.

Sanborn Insurance maps for Steamboat Springs, July 1911, June 1920.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation:

Designating authority:

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 possesses 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.

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Steamboat Springs Standards for Designation:

- Not Applicable A. Its character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of Routt County, the State of Colorado, or the United States.
- Not Applicable B. Its location as a site of a significant historic event.
- Not Applicable C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of Routt County.
- Not Applicable D. Its exemplification of the cultural, economic, social, or historic heritage of Routt County.
- Not Applicable E. Its portrayal of the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.
- Not Applicable F. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.
- Not Applicable G. Its identification as the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Routt County.
- Not Applicable H. Its embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials, and/or craftsmanship that represent a significant architectural innovation.
- Not Applicable I. Its relationship to other distinctive areas that are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on an historic, cultural, or architectural motif.
- Not Applicable J. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, a community, or Routt County.

39. Area(s) of significance: **Not Applicable**

40. Period of significance: **Not Applicable**

41. Level of significance: National: State: Local:

42. Statement of significance:

The historic dwelling at this location may have been historically significant for its associations with Steamboat Springs' residential development during the early 1900s. Due to some loss of integrity, however, the present building is no longer able to adequately convey a sense of its former significance. As such, this building may be considered ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and in the State Register of Historic Properties. It is also probably ineligible for local landmark designation. The river rock garage, however, may be individually eligible for local landmark designation based on its architectural significance.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This former dwelling displays a marginal standard of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The front porch has been enclosed, and there has been other alterations to the original building.

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

