

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF 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.2482** Parcel number(s): **115204014**
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Collens House; Auter House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Phillips House**
- 7. Building Address: **17 Park Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Sandra Kay Phillips**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **42605 RCR 36**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487



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

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **84 W**
SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **345404 mE** **4483666 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 14, 15, 16 Block 4**
 Addition: **Crawford** Year of addition: **1902**
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: **1445 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
Wood/Weatherboard
18. Roof configuration: **Gable Roof/ Front Gable Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Fence
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story wood frame dwelling is supported by a low concrete foundation, and it is covered by a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with metal roofing material, and with painted cream yellow rafter ends exposed beneath the eaves. A weathervane is located near the north end of the roof peak. The house is composed of two rectangular-shaped blocks. The front (north) block, measures 18' E-W (across) by 24' N-S (deep), and has painted cream yellow stuccoed walls, while the rear (south) block, measures 24' E-W by 20' N-S, and has painted cream yellow horizontal weatherboard siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. Green square-cut asbestos shingles appear in the upper gable end on the façade (north elevation). A stained brown glass-in-wood-frame door enters a 4' by 9' enclosed gabled porch on the façade. A stained brown wood-paneled door, with two upper sash lights, enters the south elevation from a wood deck. A 4-light window and a 2x2 horizontal sliding window penetrate the west elevation. The south (rear) elevation is penetrated by a 1x1 horizontal siding window, a 2x2 horizontal sliding window, and by a 2-light window in the upper gable end. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted salmon color wood frames and surrounds.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the south side of Park Avenue, a short distance west of the intersection of Park Avenue and North Park Road. A planted grass lawn, with mature landscaping features, surrounds the house. An older chain link fence extends along the east and south property lines. A large spruce tree is located in the front yard, northwest of the house.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Shed

A wood frame shed, which measures approximately 16' by 12', is located near the rear southwest corner of the property. This utilitarian building has painted cream yellow horizontal exterior wood siding, with 1" by 4" corner boards, and it is covered by a shed roof with metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. A wooden door, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, enters the shed's east elevation beneath a 4-light window.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1947** Actual:
- Source of information: **"Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."**
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 1947 as this house's year of construction. This date seems plausible given the dwelling's architectural characteristics, its overall condition and appearance, and the development patterns of the neighborhood. The extant house consists of two gabled, rectangular-shaped, blocks (as described above in Section 21). It is possible that the rear block was added some years after the front block was built in 1947.

30. Original location: Moved: _____ 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): **Single family dwelling**

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35. Historical background:

Routt County Assessor records list 1947 as this house's year of construction. Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories, and later Mountain Bell telephone directories, provide a chronology of the home's residents from 1956 to the present. (Directories prior to 1956 unfortunately are unavailable.) The directories list Phil Collens as the resident of this property in the late 1950s, followed by Charles A. Auter, from circa 1960 until 1996. Routt County Assessor records, meanwhile, reveal that Charles Auter sold the property to its current owner, Sandra Kay Phillips, in November of 1996. No further information regarding Phil Collens was found in biographical files at the Tread of Pioneers Museum. Charles A. Auter (born in 1919 and died in 1997) is buried at Steamboat Springs Cemetery according to Routt County Burial Index records.

36. Sources of information:

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/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."

"Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record."

"Routt County Burial Index." <http://yampavalley.info/history>

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:

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| 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. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 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. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 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:

This property is historically significant for its associations with Steamboat Springs' residential development dating from the time of its construction, circa 1947, and it is also architecturally significant as a representative vernacular wood front gabled dwelling. Numerous houses, such as this one - generally lacking a particular architectural style, and with minimal architectural details - were built throughout Steamboat Springs' residential neighborhoods during the first half of the twentieth century. The remaining number of these houses is dwindling, however. This dwelling's level of historic and architectural significance is not to the extent that it would be considered eligible for inclusion in the National or State Registers; however, it may be considered eligible for local landmark listing in the Routt County Register of Historic Places.

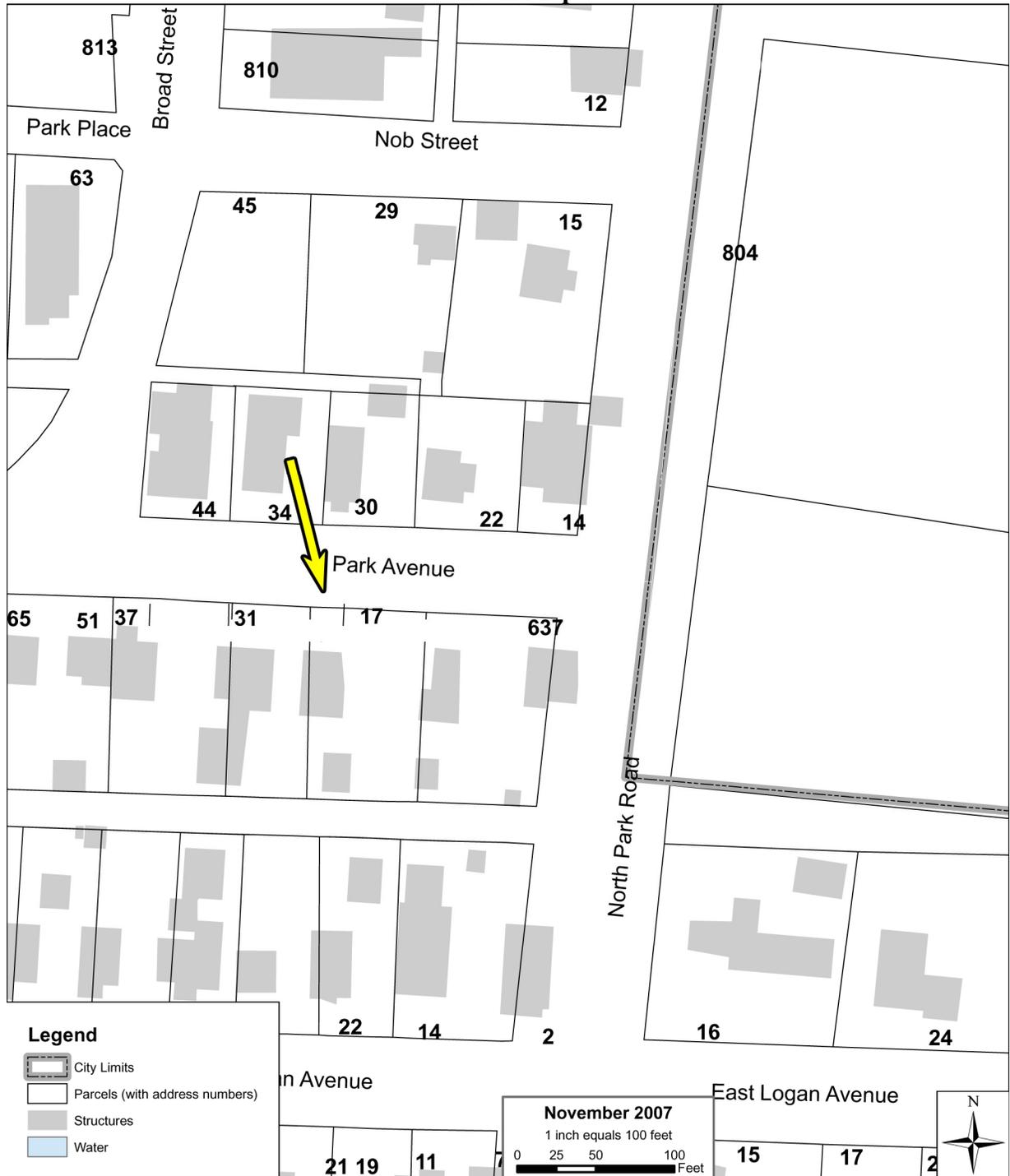
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits an overall high level 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. There have been no notable adverse exterior alterations to the historic dwelling. The shed at the rear of the property also displays good integrity.

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

