

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible- NR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible- NR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible- SR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible- SR  
\_\_\_\_\_ Need Data  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible NR District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: 5RT-1544  
2. Temporary resource number: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. County: Routt  
4. City: Steamboat Springs  
5. Historic building name: Gooding House  
6. Current building name: Ivancie House  
7. Building address: 343 Sky Lane  
8. Owner name and address: Stephen and Diana Ivancie, P. O. Box 773862, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-3862

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. 6 Township 6N Range 84W  
\_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of section 17  
10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 ; 345059 mE 4483133 mN  
11. USGS quad name: Steamboat Springs  
Year: 2000 Map scale: 7.5' \_\_\_\_\_ 15' \_\_\_\_\_ Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.  
12. Lot(s): 16 and part of 15 Block: 10  
Addition: First Addition Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary is the legal plat of the property, part of lot 15 and all of lot 16.

**III. Architectural Description**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): rectangular plan  
15. Dimensions in feet: Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Number of stories: 1 1/2  
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): log  
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): Side gabled roof

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19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): Metal roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply): The house features a stone chimney, exposed rafter tails, and gabled dormers.
21. General architectural description: The Ivancie House is a one and one-half story, rectangular Rustic style residence. A concrete foundation supports a building with log walls and a steeply pitched side-gabled metal roof. A centrally positioned front door features a gabled entrance overhead. Roof features include exposed rafter tails and two gabled dormers on the front elevation. A stone chimney features prominently on the side elevation. On the opposite side, a small shed roofed portion appears over a covered porch addition. The Routt County assessor's Office dates an addition or remodel to the house in 1963.
22. Architectural style/building type: Rustic Style
23. Landscaping or special setting features: The Ivancie House features a large city lot atop a hill with views of the city and neighboring mountains. Mature vegetation and landscaping are present.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: Garage addition

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate 1947 Actual \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: Routt County Assessor's Office
26. Architect: Unknown  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: John Burroughs  
Source of information: Stephen Ivancie, owner
28. Original owner: C.C.V. and Luella Gooding  
Source of information: Routt County Assessor's Office
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):  
The Routt County Assessor's Office dates a remodel or addition to the building to 1963.
30. Original location  Moved  Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

31. Original use(s): single dwelling

32. Intermediate use(s): \_\_\_\_\_

33. Current use(s): single dwelling

34. Site type(s): Residential

35. Historical background:

The Ivancie House is known to have been built by John Rolfe Burroughs, significant local author and historian. John Burroughs was born in Denver in 1902 and moved to Steamboat springs when he was one and one-half years old. John R. Burroughs attended the Steamboat Springs high school and was considered a native of the town.

In the summer of 1941, John R. Burroughs went to Wake Island as the chief cost engineer for the construction company Morrison and Knudson. He then became involved in the defense of the island and was captured by the Japanese in December of 1941. John Burroughs endured four years of hard labor as a prisoner of war in China, Korea, and Japan until his release in September of 1945. Upon returning to Steamboat Springs, the "Steamboat Pilot" proudly featured many articles concerning John Burroughs' captivity. A December 27, 1945 stated:

"Four and a half years after leaving Steamboat Springs with the expectation only of new scenes and taking up his work in strange climes, John Rolfe Burroughs was home for Christmas. . . . John Rolfe Burroughs is a native of Steamboat Springs, a son of John H. Burroughs, a pioneer resident."

Burroughs worked on his writing career after returning home. Author of Steamboat in the Rockies, The Siege at Wake Island, the award winning Where the Old West Stayed Young, I Never Look Back, and others, he was the only author to have twice been awarded the Western Heritage Award from the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Appointed by Governor Love to fill the vacancy created upon the death of Maurice Leckenby in 1963, John Burroughs served on the Moffat Tunnel Commission. He also managed to build three log homes at the top of the hill along Maple Street. The house he built for himself at 173 Maple Street is still owned by a descendent.

John R. Burroughs died on November 7, 1987 following a long illness. He is buried in the Steamboat Springs cemetery. A fitting epitaph to his life is found in an undated newspaper clipping from the Tread of the Pioneers Museum, as follows:

"Due to a recent Congressional legislation, John Rolfe Burroughs, . . . , has been granted an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, 40 years after defending Wake Island as a civilian . . . . In addition, to the honorable discharge, Burroughs received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. According to Veterans Administration records, Burroughs is the first Coloradoan [sic] to be thus honored."

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36. Sources of information: Routt County Assessor's Office, Tread of Pioneers Museum (Burroughs file),  
Routt County Clerk and Recorder

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation: Yes \_\_\_ No X 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 possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
  - 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

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture

40. Period of significance: 1947

41. Level of significance: National \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Local X

42. Statement of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Constructed by significant local author and historian John Burroughs in 1947, the Ivancie House represents the growth of Steamboat Springs in the postwar period. An excellent example of the Rustic style of architecture, this style evolved from the early Pioneer Log style seen in the log buildings of the pioneer and homesteading period and still influences construction styles today. Typical of Rustic style homes, the building displays traditional building techniques and the importance of hand craftsmanship. The house typifies the modest homes constructed in the postwar period, when

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Americans were making a push toward home ownership and the fulfillment of the American Dream. The Ivancie House therefore illustrates the national postwar economic and social trends, yet portrays the local trends and historic influences in the use of log construction and the choice of the Rustic style. This charming home is one of three in the immediate area constructed by John Burroughs, all of which are of similar size and construction.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

The Ivancie House maintains its integrity and is reflective of its time, place, and significance.

#### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible X Not Eligible \_\_\_\_ Need Data \_\_\_\_\_

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes X No

Discuss: The Ivancie House, Fiebing House, and Burroughs House all contribute to a possible historic district. All three houses were built by John Burroughs and retain varying degrees of integrity.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing X Noncontributing

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing \_\_\_\_ Noncontributing

#### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers: roll#9, 3-6 Negatives filed at: City of Steamboat Springs

48. Report title: Steamboat Springs Residential Survey 1890-1980

49. Date(s): 12.2000 50. Recorder(s): Laureen Schaffer and Margo Rettig

51. Organization: City of Steamboat Springs/Mountain Architecture

52. Address: Mountain Architecture, PO Box 770420, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

53. Phone number(s): (970) 871-6305/ (970) 879-5764

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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