

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.1547** Parcel number(s): **115213001**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Knowles House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Selby House**
- 7. Building Address: **223 Spruce Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Chris and Alysa Selby**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 776302**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477



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| 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**
SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **345098 mE** **4483379 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 1, Block 13**
 Addition: **Crawford Addition** Year of addition: **1901**
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: **1702 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Log**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
This is a single-story, rectangular-shaped, Rustic style dwelling. It is supported by a low unpainted concrete and river rock foundation; however, the basement level interior walls are made of river rock. The house's exterior walls are made of stained dark brown whole logs, with overlapping corners. The hip roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with metal roofing material. Stained dark brown 2x wood rafter ends are exposed beneath the eaves. There are two chimneys: one is a non-historic fireplace chimney with a stone veneer, located on the façade (north elevation); the other is a tall red brick chimney on the east-facing roof slope. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a painted white wood storm door, enters the west end of the façade from a 3-step concrete porch which is covered by a gable hood with knee brace supports. The façade wall is also penetrated by a set of paired 8-light casement windows with painted white wood frames and painted blue wood surrounds. The west (side) elevation is penetrated by three 8/1 double-hung sash windows; the east (side) elevation is penetrated by two 6/1 double-hung sash windows; the south (rear) elevation is penetrated by three 6/1 double-hung sash windows. All of these windows also feature painted white wood frames and painted blue wood surrounds. A painted blue and white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white storm door, enters the east elevation from a 3-step concrete porch which is covered by a gable hood with knee brace supports.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This well-maintained property is located on the south side of Spruce Street in the block between Grand and Laurel Streets. A planted grass lawn surrounds the house, with a large fir or spruce tree in the front yard.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Not Applicable**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1938** 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 1938 as this house's year of construction. There have been no additions, and no notable exterior alterations, following its original construction. This is one of several Rustic style buildings erected in Steamboat Springs during the late 1930s and 1940s.

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**

35. Historical background:
Routt County Assessor records indicate that this small Rustic style house was built in 1938. Mark and Norma Knowles, owned and lived here from circa 1956 (and perhaps earlier), until the early 1990s, according to Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories, and later Mountain Bell telephone directories. Mark Knowles (born in 1904 and died in 1991), and Norma Knowles (born in 1906 and died in 1993), are both interred at the Steamboat Springs Cemetery. No further information regarding Mr. and Mrs. Knowles was located in biographical files at the Tread of Pioneers Museum, in United States census records, or in historic online articles from the Steamboat Pilot newspaper. Chris and Alysa Selby are the property's current (2008) owners and residents. They have held title to the property since September of 2003, according to Routt County Assessor records.

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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.

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. |

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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 association with Steamboat Springs' residential development dating from the time of its construction, circa 1938. It is also architecturally significant for its expression of the Rustic style of architecture, including such features as its stained brown horizontal log walls with lapped corners, its exposed rafter ends, and its exposed river rock interior basement walls. Exhibiting overall a high level of integrity, the house conveys a strong sense of its historic and architectural significance. As such, it may be considered eligible local landmark listing in the Routt County Register of Historic Places. The property's historic and architectural significance is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the State or National Registers.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property exhibits an overall high 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. There have been no additions, and apart from a non-original chimney, no notable adverse alterations to the historic Rustic style dwelling.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

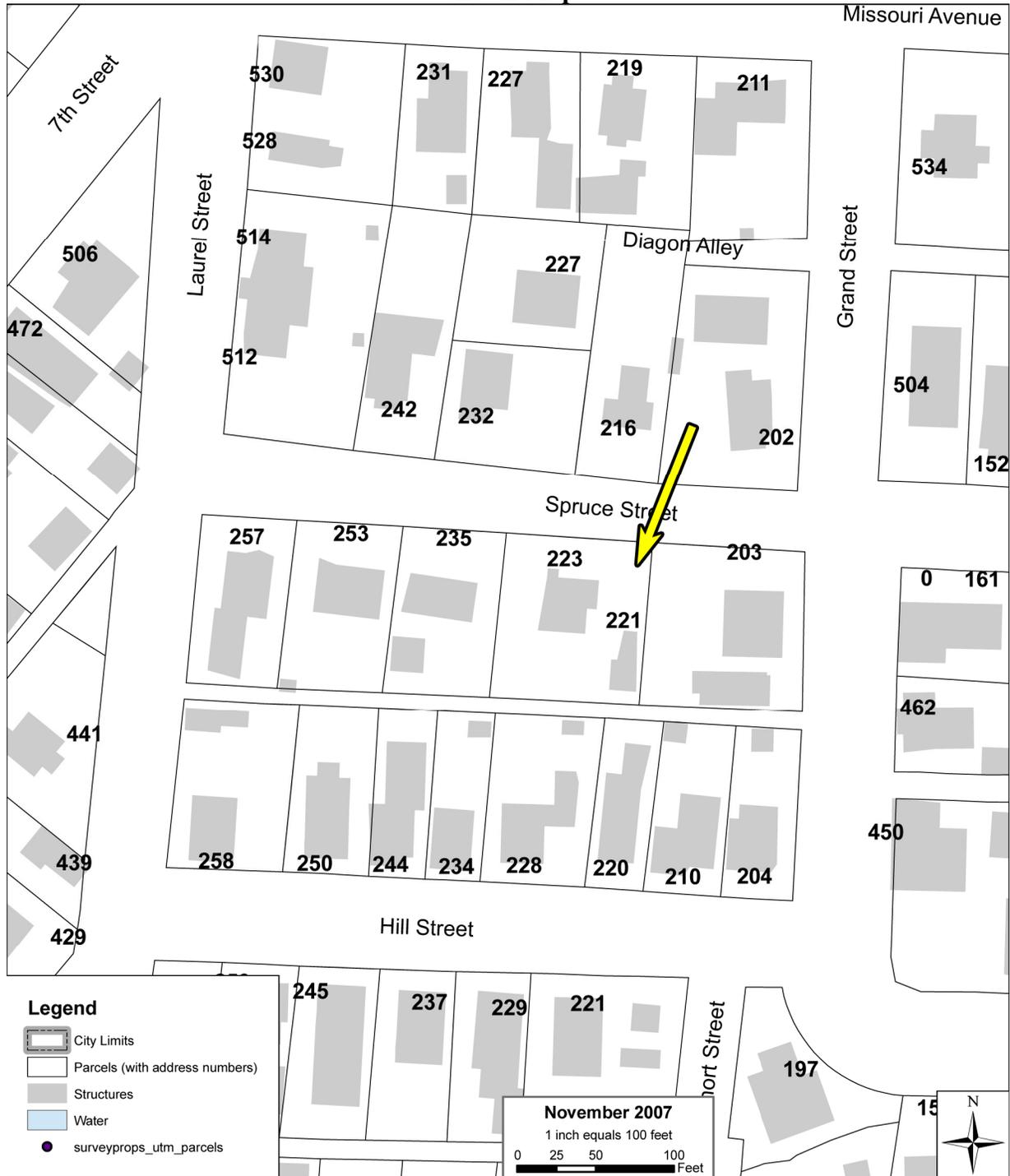
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
Discuss: **Historic buildings within the survey area do not collectively possess sufficient historical or architectural significance, and/or display sufficient physical integrity, to comprise a State or National Register historic district.**
- If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #1, Images 187-190** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**
48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey Phase V** **137 10th Street**
49. Date(s): **05/10/08** **Steamboat Springs, CO**
80477
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**
Timothy Wilder
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**
Fort Collins, CO 80525
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 493-5270**

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

