

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Date _____ Initials _____

_____ Determined Eligible- NR

_____ Determined Not Eligible- NR

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_____ Need Data

_____ Contributes to eligible NR District

_____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5RT.3155** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource no.: **N/A** **145033009**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Fisher House**
- 6. Current building name: **Double Z Bar and Bar BQ Building**
- 7. Building address: **1124 Yampa Street**
- 8. Owner name and address: **W. H. Matzdorf Trust & Joan Matzdorf Trust**
3225 E. 61st Street
Tulsa, OK 74136-1218



National Register field eligibility assessment: **Not Eligible**

Local Landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. **6th** Township **6N** Range **84W**
SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of section 8
10. UTM reference (**NAD27**)
Zone **13**; **344179** mE **4483298** mN
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **E. ½ 9** Block: **33**
Addition: **Original Addition to 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.**

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **80' NE-SW by 16' NW-SE**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding, Wood / Vertical Siding, Stone**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney, False Front, Balcony**
21. General architectural description:

This is a two-story, rectangular-shaped, building with a false front façade. It is supported by a poured concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are primarily clad with stained brown horizontal wood siding with 1" by 4" corner boards. The lower level walls on the southwest elevation (façade), northwest (side) elevation, and northeast (rear) elevation are made of native river rock, while the upper second story wall on the northwest elevation is clad with stained brown vertical wood siding. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable which is hidden behind the false front façade which faces Yampa Street on the southwest elevation. The roof is covered with metal roofing material, and there is a large stone chimney on the northwest elevation. A stained brown glass-in-wood-frame door enters an enclosed foyer on the façade. This door enters the foyer from a wood porch with a wood railing which partially serves as an outdoor dining area. The porch is partially covered by a second story wood balcony with a wood railing. A horizontal sliding door, flanked on either side by paired 8-light casement windows, opens onto the balcony from the second story. A stained brown glass-in-wood-frame door, with an oval-shaped upper sash light, enters an enclosed gabled rear porch on the northeast elevation. This door enters the building from an asphalt-paved outdoor dining area. A canted bay window is located on the first story of the northeast elevation, while the second story is penetrated by a 1x1 horizontal sliding window. An exterior wooden staircase along the southeast (side) elevation leads to a small second story porch and entry door.
22. Architectural style/building type: **False Front Commercial Building (altered)**

23. Landscaping or special setting features:

This building is located on the northeast side of Yampa Street in the block between 11th and 12th Streets. The Orange Peel Bicycle Shop is next door at the corner of Yampa and 12th Streets.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1910**
Source of information: **Steamboat Pilot, December 17, 1909; Routt County Assessor records; "Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1900." Retrospective plat map compiled by Marcellus Merrill, January 23, 1976.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder/Contractor: **William F. Fisher**
Source of information: **Steamboat Pilot, December 17, 1909**
28. Original owner: **William F. Fisher**
Source of information: **Steamboat Pilot, December 17, 1909**

29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
The original portion of this building was constructed in 1910, as a residence for the family of W. F. Fisher. The house's pending construction was mentioned in a small article published in the Steamboat Pilot on December 17, 1909: "W. F. Fisher has invested in a nice lot on Yampa Street which he intends to improve considerably during the summer." Further research in U.S. census records document that the Fisher home was located here in Block 33. A retrospective plat map which depicts Steamboat Springs buildings circa 1910, also depicts the "Fisher Home" at this location. Routt County Assessor records also indicate that the original building was erected in 1910, and that it enlarged and significantly altered when it was converted to mixed commercial and residential use in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The Assessor records indicate that the building's rear section, measuring approximately 49' by 16', is a late 1970s or early 1980s addition. The building's false front façade also dates from that approximate time period.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
 Commerce and Trade / Restaurant
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Restaurant**
34. Site type(s): **Two story false front commercial building; presently a restaurant with an apartment in the second story**

35. Historical background:

The original portion of this building was constructed in 1910 as a residence for the family of William F. and Louise M. "Lulu" Fisher. The house's pending construction was mentioned as follows in a small article published in the *Steamboat Pilot* on December 17, 1909: "W. F. Fisher has invested in a nice lot on Yampa Street which he intends to improve considerably during the summer." Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were both born in Germany in 1863. They married there in 1885, before immigrating to the town of Pigeon in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, in 1888. By the turn of the twentieth century, five children had been born to the couple: Margaret (born September 1889), Clara (born July 1891), Frieda ("Freda"? born August 1895), Elizabeth "Lizie" (born December 1896), and William (born February 1900). The Fisher family moved to Steamboat Springs that same year where their youngest daughter, Annie or Anna, was born in 1902.

Mr. Fisher worked as a plasterer in Steamboat Springs, and was most likely the principal builder of this house. Known as "Lulu," Mrs. Fisher helped support the family by taking in laundry, and in 1910 daughter Frieda was employed as a hotel chambermaid. Tragedy struck the family in June of 1911, when Mr. Fisher passed away at the relatively young age of forty-seven. He was survived by Lulu and their six children, four of whom were still at home. Lulu Fisher continued to live here in the family's Yampa Street house for the next thirty-two years. She moved to Reno, Nevada in October of 1943, where her son, Dr. William F. Fisher, was then a resident. Mrs. Fisher passed away in Reno just eight months later, in June of 1944, at the age of eighty-one. She was survived by son William and five daughters: Margaret (Mrs. Riggs of St. Louis), Clara (Mrs. Odell), Elizabeth (Mrs. Lewis), Frieda (Mrs. Austin), and Anna (Mrs. Besser of Los Angeles).

Information about this building's history from the mid-1940s to the late 1970s remains obscure. It was converted into a restaurant with living space in the second story, during the late 1970s and early 1980s. The Double Z Bar and Bar BQ, a popular restaurant and bar, has been located in the building since the mid-1980s.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado Historic Newspapers. www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

"Wm. F. Fisher has invested..." *Steamboat Pilot*, December 17, 1909, p. 4.

"William Fisher Buried." *Steamboat Pilot*, June 14, 1911, p. 5.

Fisher family burial records. www.findagrave.com

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph/ Mountain Bell Telephone Directories for Steamboat Springs, 1956 – 2009. On file at the Denver Public Library, Western History Department.

"Mrs. Lulu Fisher Taken by Death." *Reno Evening Gazette*, June 8, 1944.

"Mrs. Lulu Fisher Succumbs at Home." *Nevada State Journal*, June 9, 1944.

Routt County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record.

"Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."

"Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1900." Retrospective plat map compiled by Marcellus Merrill, January 23, 1976.

U. S. Census records.

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: **N/A** Date of designation: **N/A**

Designating authority: **N/A**

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)

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

38A Applicable Steamboat Springs Landmark Criteria

A building, site, structure or object may be eligible for designation as an Historic Resource on the Local Register if it meets at least one (1) criterion in one or more of the following categories:

1. Historic Importance. The building, site, structure or object has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; is the site of an historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society; or, exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2. Architectural Importance. The building, site, structure or object portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

3. Geographic Importance. The building, site, structure or object, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City.

39. Area(s) of significance: **N/A**

40. Period of significance: **N/A**

41. Level of significance: **Local**

42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with residential development in Steamboat Springs, and for its long initial occupancy and ownership by Mrs. Lulu Fisher. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, however, the building no longer conveys a sense of its significance. For this reason, the building may be regarded as ineligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and ineligible for local landmark designation.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a below average level of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building's appearance and architectural character date from the late 1970s when it was enlarged and converted into commercial use. Little evidence of the Fisher family home which once existed here now remains.

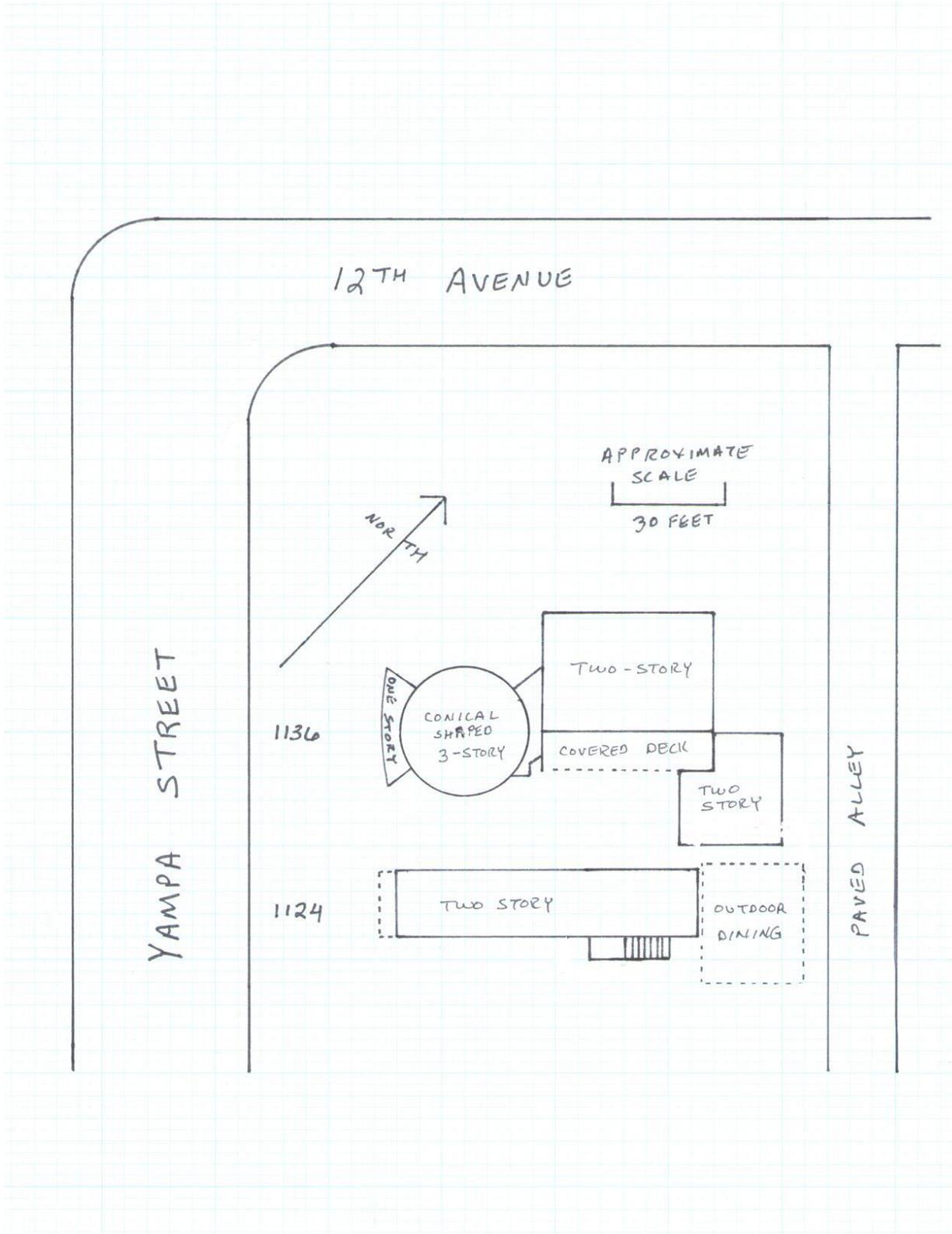
VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**Local Landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**45. Is there National Register district potential? **No**

Discuss: **Historic buildings in this area near the northwest end of Yampa Street are too dispersed to form a National Register historic district.**

If there is N.R. district potential, is this building contributing or noncontributing? **N/A**

46. If the building is in an existing N.R. district, is it contributing or noncontributing? **N/A****VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**47. Photograph numbers: **CD #1, Images 51-54; CD #2, Images 20, 62**CDs/Negatives filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs, 137 10th Street, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477**48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey Phase IX**49. Date(s): **July 31, 2012**50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams**51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525**53. Phone number(s): **(970) 493-5270**

Sketch Map



Location Map

