

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

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.2795** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource no.: **N/A** **237500001**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Smith House**
- 6. Current building name: **Lindahl House**
- 7. Building address: **538 Pine Street, 540 Pine Steet, 542 Pine Street**
- 8. Owner name and address: **Kyle C. & Donald E. Lindahl, et. al.**
P. O. Box 883093
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488-3093



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

Local Landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **6N** Range **84W**
NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of section 17
10. UTM reference (NAD27)
Zone **13**; **344910** mE **4483166** mN
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **N/A** Block: **N/A**
Addition: **Units A, B, C Pine Street Townhomes** Year of Addition: **2003**
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: **992 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Synthetics/Vinyl**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch; Chimney; Fence**
21. General architectural description:

Dwelling (542 Pine Street)

The dwelling at 542 Pine Street is a 1½-story, rectangular-shaped, wood frame, building. It is supported by a river rock and concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with cream color horizontal vinyl siding with pale blue color vertical vinyl corner pieces. The dwelling is covered by a steeply-pitched side gabled roof, with an intersecting gable on the northwest elevation and a lower hipped-roof section, over an enclosed rear porch, on the northeast elevation. The roof is covered with red metal roofing material, and the eaves are boxed and clad with pale blue and cream color stucco. A metal-capped red brick chimney is located on the southwest-facing roof slope. A painted red wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights, enters the southwest end of the southeast elevation from an open wood porch which measures approximately 8' by 5'. The porch floor is made of recycled materials, and it features an open wood railing with painted pale blue and red turned balusters, painted pale blue 4" by 4" wood posts, and a shed roof. A painted red wood screen door enters the enclosed hipped-roof rear porch from a 2-step concrete stoop at the southeast end of the northeast elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with two vertically-oriented upper sash lights with curved tops, and with a transom light, leads from within the enclosed porch into the home's interior. A single-light fixed-pane window penetrates the southwest elevation, facing Pine Street. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with pale blue color vinyl-clad surrounds.

22. Architectural style/building type: **Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements**
23. Landscaping or special setting features: **This property is located at the northern corner of Pine and 6th Streets. It appears well-maintained, with planted grass lawns nicely-landscaped with native trees, plants and flowers. Butcher Knife Creek parallels 6th Street along the northwest property line before entering a culvert and crossing under the intersection of 6th and Pine Streets. The property historically consisted of a single-family residence with related secondary structures; however, it currently consists of three separately-owned single-family residences: the original dwelling, with the address 542 Pine Street; and two other dwellings, with the addresses of 538 Pine Street and 540 Pine Street.**

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects:

Dwelling (538 Pine Street)

This wood frame building was reportedly erected as a garage, circa 1964, and converted into a residence circa 1994. It features a 1½-story rectangular plan which measures approximately 28' NE-SW by 22' NW-SE. It is supported by a low unpainted concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with beige color horizontal vinyl siding with vertical white vinyl corner pieces. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with green metal roofing material and white vinyl-clad boxed eaves. A symmetrical façade faces toward Pine Street on the southwest elevation. A white metal screen door enters into an enclosed gabled porch which is centered on the façade. A painted white wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights, leads from within the enclosed porch into the home's interior. The enclosed front porch measures approximately 8' by 5', and is flanked on either side by a single-light fixed-pane window. Windows elsewhere are entirely 1x1 horizontal sliders with metal frames and vinyl-clad surrounds. A painted green solid wood door enters the northeast end of the northwest elevation from an uncovered wood porch.

Dwelling (540 Pine Street)

This wood frame building was reportedly constructed as a residence circa 1994. It features a tall 1½-story rectangular plan which measures approximately 16' NW-Se by 28' NE-SW. Its exterior walls are clad with painted red stucco, and it is covered by a steeply-pitched gambrel roof with flared eaves. Stained dark brown square-cut wood shingles appear in the upper gambrel ends. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white metal or synthetic storm door, enters the northwest end of the northeast elevation from a small uncovered porch. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white metal storm door, enters the southeast elevation from a small uncovered porch. This building's windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames and stained brown wood surrounds.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1912** Actual:
- Source of information: **Routt County Assessor records; "Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1900." Retrospective plat map, January 23, 1976.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder/Contractor: **Unknown**
- Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Rodolphus M. Smith, Sr.**
- Source of information: **"J. Raymond Smith 1916 - ." Typewritten manuscript dated December 20, 1988; "Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1900." Retrospective plat map, January 23, 1976.**
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
The dwelling at 542 Pine Street was constructed circa 1912 and has served as a single family residence from that time to the present. The dwelling at 538 Pine Street was reportedly erected as a garage, circa 1964, and converted into a residence circa 1994. The gambrel-roofed dwelling at 540 Pine Street was reportedly constructed as a residence circa 1994.
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**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Single Family Residence**
35. Historical background:
This property was originally platted as the west half of Lot 13 and all of Lot 14, of Block 10, in the First Addition to the City of Steamboat Springs. The property was replatted in 2003 as units A, B, and C, Pine Street Townhomes, with each of the three residences under separate ownership. The historic house at 542 Pine Street was built circa 1912 and was owned by the R.M. and Mary Smith family from that time until March of 1964. Rodolphus M. Smith, Sr. was born at Chateau Gay, New York on November 23, 1871. He came to Leadville, Colorado in 1896, where he and Mary were married on December 29, 1902 (Mary's maiden name is unknown). The Smiths moved to Steamboat Springs in 1908, inspired by the town's bright economic prospects buoyed by the pending arrival of the Denver,

Northwestern and Pacific Railway. Mr. Smith opened a tailor shop on Lincoln Avenue and was henceforth known locally as "Tailor Smith." In 1920, the Smith family residing in this house included Rodolphus "Tailor" Smith, Sr., his wife, Mary, and children Willard (b. 1907), Leona (b. 1910), Gerald (b. 1911), Rodolphus, Jr. (b. 1914), and John R. "Raymond" (b. 1917). Another son, Frank (known as Rodie), was born in the early 1920s. Young Gerald Smith died tragically, at the age of 10, in August of 1921 when he was thrown from a horse along Butcher Knife Creek near the family's home.

Tailor Smith owned and lived at 542 Pine Street until his death at the age of 80, on September 27, 1952. Mary Smith continued to live on in the family's Pine Street home until March of 1964 when she sold the property to R.H. and Flora Jensen. Flora Jensen then owned and lived in the home until 1990.

The Smith's two youngest sons, John Raymond and Frank "Rodie," led long and colorful lives. Competing under the name "Rodie O'Dooley," Frank Smith became a professional boxer in the early 1940s. He won his first ten bouts, including seven by knockout, before he was defeated by Pat Valentino in a heavyweight match held in San Francisco in January 1942. He then entered the United States Armed Forces during World War II. He competed in one more fight following the war, losing to Nolan Sharp in January 1946, in a bout also held in San Francisco. Frank Smith then hung up his boxing gloves for good and soon gained employment laying oil pipe lines in the Northwest Territories. In later years, he joined his brother, John Raymond, in the construction business in Arizona.

John Raymond Smith was regarded as one of Steamboat's best skiers and ski jumpers during the 1930s and early 1940s. He had begun skiing at age four, with his first set of skis fashioned out of staves from a lard barrel, and later graduated to a set of ash skis, handmade by venerable Steamboat Springs' craftsman Art Gumprecht. Smith cleared a jump of 109 feet at the age of nine, and was soon a top member of the Steamboat Springs Ski Club. A mentor to Gordy Wren who was three years his junior, J. Raymond was a top competitor in the "four-way" an Olympic event in which skiers participated in cross country, downhill, slalom and ski jumping events. He excelled in the National Ski Jumping Championships in 1942, and was named to the 1944 U.S. Olympic team; however, the Olympics were canceled that year due to the war. Instead of competing in the Olympics, in 1944, J. Raymond instead found himself a member of the U.S. military on board a naval supply ship.

Following the war, J. Raymond Smith supervised construction of the nation's first aerial ski lift to the top of Emerald Mountain, and served as the Chief Inspector for construction of the Administration Building outside Colorado Springs during the mid-1950s. Between 1958 and 1977, he was president of the J. Raymond Smith Construction Company, custom home builders in Flagstaff, Arizona. As of 1986, J. Raymond Smith was retired and living in Sedona, Arizona.

36. Sources of information:

"J. Raymond Smith 1916 - ." Typewritten manuscript dated December 20, 1988, located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"Local Boy had Experiences in Frozen North." *Steamboat Pilot*, July 29, 1943. Located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

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

"R.M. Smith, Pioneer Resident, Dies at Home in Steamboat." *Steamboat Pilot*, October 2, 1952. Located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"Rodie O'Dooley Enlists in Navy." *Steamboat Pilot*, March 12, 1942. Located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"Rodie O'Dooley Wins First Fight." *Steamboat Pilot*, January 23, 1941. Located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

Routt County Assessor, Residential 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.

"Valentino Scores Technical Kayo Over O'Dooley." *Steamboat Pilot*, (n.d., ca. January 25, 1942.) Located in biographical file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

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"Mrs. R. Smith..." *Steamboat Pilot*, May 21, 1902, p. 6.

"Happenings at Home" *Steamboat Pilot*, December 9, 1903, p.

Here and There." *Steamboat Pilot*, August 21, 1914, p. 1.

"Gerald Smith Dies From Accident With A Horse" *Steamboat Pilot*, August 12, 1921, p. 1.

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:

- xx** 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.
- xx** 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:

The house at 542 Pine Street is historically significant for its association with residential development in Steamboat Springs' Old Town neighborhood dating from the time of its construction circa 1912. It is also historically significant for its long association with the Smith family who made notable contributions to the history of Steamboat Springs. The house at 542 Pine Street is architecturally significant as well for its Late Victorian era architectural characteristics. These characteristic include the home's asymmetrical gabled plan, narrow 1/1 double-hung windows, and decorative porch elements. The house's significance in these regards may not be to the extent that it qualifies for individual listing in the National or State Registers; however, it does qualify for local landmark designation by the City of Steamboat Springs. Now under separate ownership, the other two residences at 538 and 540 Pine Street are both less than fifty years old, and are both probably ineligible for designation.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays 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 - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The house at 542 Pine Street has been sided with vinyl, but otherwise appears largely the same as when it was owned and occupied by the Smith family between circa 1912 and 1964.

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? **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 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 128-133**

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 VIII**

49. Date(s): **January 31, 2010**

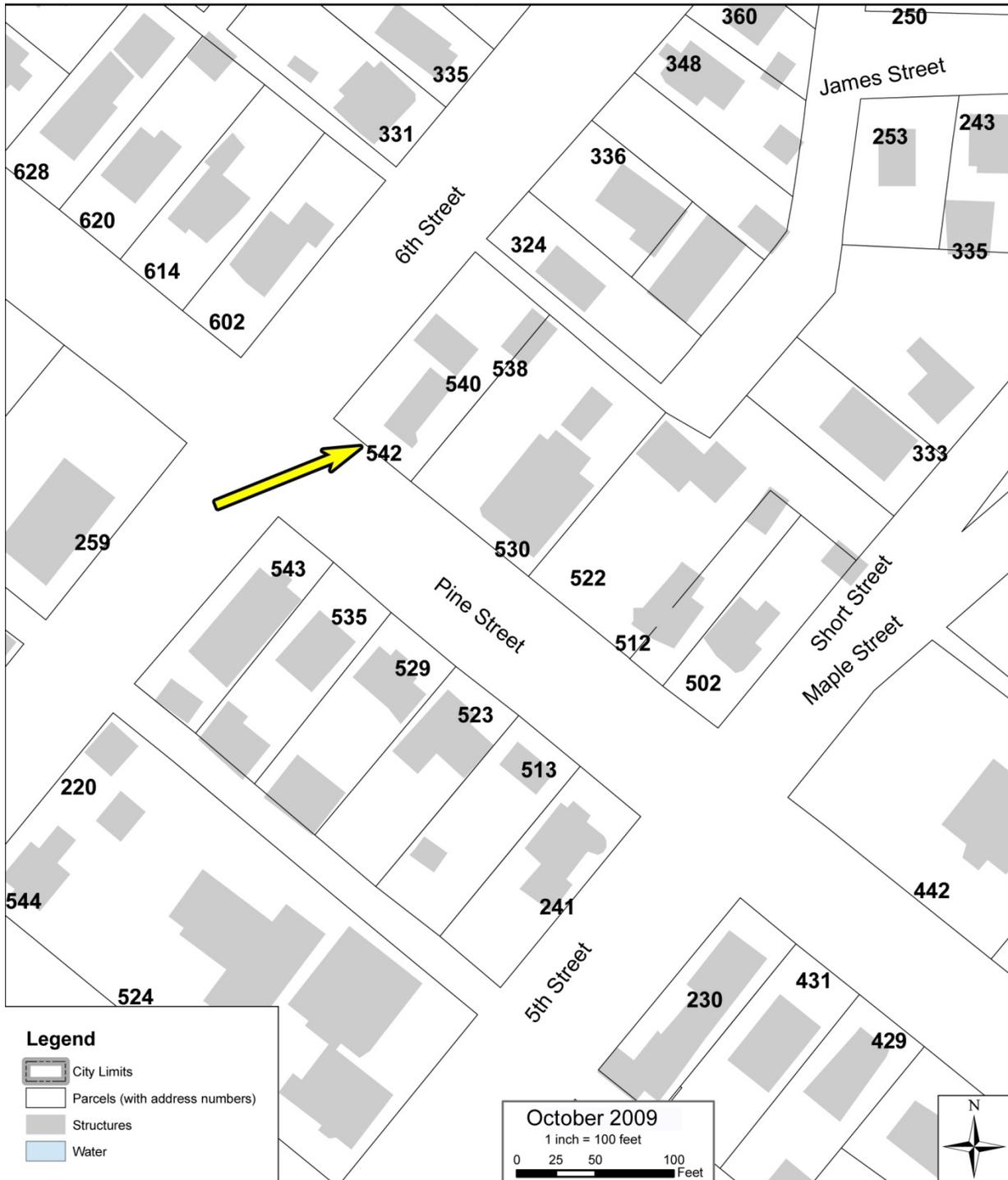
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams, Timothy Wilder**

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

