

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Date _____ Initials _____

Architectural Inventory Form

- _____ 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.2778** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource no.: **N/A** **144003008**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Struble House**
- 6. Current building name: **Wordon House**
- 7. Building address: **926 The Boulevard**
- 8. Owner name and address: **John K. & Julie R. Wordon**
P. O. Box 774342
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-4342



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**
SW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of section 8
10. UTM reference (NAD27)
Zone **13**; **344736** mE **4483759** mN
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **8 (excluding the North 16 Feet)** Block: **3**
Addition: **North Highlands** Year of Addition: **1905**
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): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **3400 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Vertical Siding; Wood/Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch; Chimney; Garage/Attached Garage**
21. General architectural description:

This is a two-story wood frame dwelling with the second story extending over an attached two-stall garage. The house is supported by a low painted green concrete foundation. Its first story exterior walls are clad with stained brown vertical wood siding, while its second story walls are clad with stained brown horizontal weatherboard siding. The moderately-pitched cross gable roof is covered with wood shingles and the eaves are boxed with painted green wood trim. A boxed fireplace chimney is located on the south-facing roof slope. The home's windows are primarily casements and single-light fixed-panes, with painted green wood surrounds. A stained natural brown glass-in-wood-frame door enters the north end of the south elevation (façade) from a gable-roofed porch. A painted white wood-paneled front door, with a fanlight, and covered by a painted green wood screen door, enters a 6' by 8' enclosed gabled porch near the east end of the façade. A horizontal-sliding glass bypass door enters the house from a deck near the west end of the north (rear) elevation. Two white metal-paneled garage doors on the garage's north elevation open onto an asphalt paved driveway which extends to the alley to the north. The north end of the flat garage roof forms a second story porch where a stained natural brown glass-in-wood-frame door enters the second story portion of the residence above the garage.

22. Architectural style/building type: **Post World War II**
23. Landscaping or special setting features: **This property is located on the north side of the Boulevard in the block east of Yahmonite Street. The property is well-maintained with planted grass front and backyards nicely landscaped with aspens and other deciduous trees.**
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1947 (original); late 1970s (alterations)**
Source of information: **Routt County Assessor data; John Wordon; Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder/Contractor: **Unknown**
Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Robinson family (probably)**
Source of information: **Roy Struble**
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
This original portion of this house was built in 1947, as a single-story Ranch style residence with an attached single-stall garage at the west end. In the late 1970s, the second story and extant two-stall attached garage were added, and the original attached garage was converted into a family room.
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 house was built in 1947, and from circa 1951 to the early 2000s it was owned and occupied by the Struble family. Phil and Donna (Light) Struble purchased the home in 1951, reportedly from the Robinson family, the original owners. In the 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Julie Struble. John and Julie Wordon are the home's current residents. They purchased it in September of 2005.

Phil Struble and his brother Roy Struble came to Steamboat Springs from Wheatland, Wyoming in 1947. They opened a Gambles store on Lincoln Avenue, originally where the old J.W. Hugus Store had been located (912 Lincoln Avenue, 5RT.251), and later for many years at 817 Lincoln Avenue (5RT.128). Roy and Phil operated the Gambles store together until circa 1955 when Roy bought out Phil's share. Roy Struble then continued to operate the Gambles store in Steamboat Springs until he retired in 1988. Phil Struble, meanwhile, was married to Donna Light, (the daughter of Emerson Day Light and granddaughter of Francis M. Light). After relinquishing his share of the Gambles store, Phil opened another store in Ness City, Kansas which soon burned down. He then returned to Steamboat Springs where he enjoyed a long career with F.M. Light and Company. Now retired, Roy Struble remains a Steamboat Springs residence. He reported that Phil Struble passed away in 1999. Phil's widow, Donna (Light) Struble reportedly now resides in Phoenix.

36. Sources of information:

McWilliams, Carl. "817 Lincoln Avenue" (5RT.128), Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Architectural Inventory Form, May 18, 2007.

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

Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record.

"Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."

John and Julie Wordon. Interview with Carl McWilliams, October, 2009.

Roy Struble. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, February 25, 2010.

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

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:

Built in 1947, this house is historically significant to a modest extent for its association with Steamboat Spring's residential development during the post-World War II period. The original house is also architecturally notable for its representative Ranch style attributes, although it has been significantly altered. The house's significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the State or National Registers. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, the property also does not qualify for local landmark designation.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This well-maintained property displays a well 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. Extensive alterations to the residence in the late 1970s have significantly impacted the integrity of the original dwelling.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. 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 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 77-80**

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**

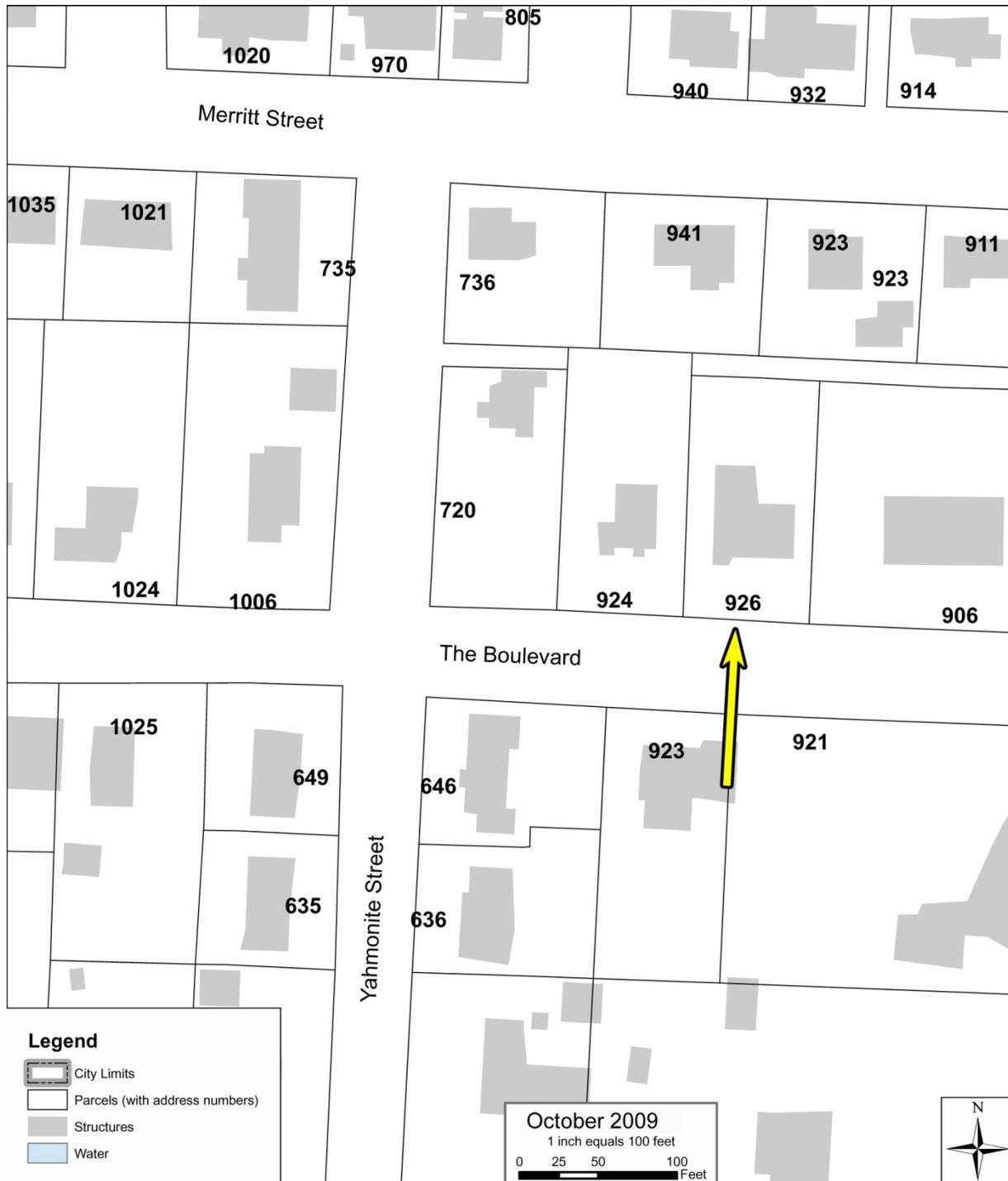
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams, Timothy Wilder**

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

