

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (OAH use only)

- 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.469** Parcel number(s): **230500002**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Norvell House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Bartels/ Enzo House**
- 7. Building Address: **1051 Crawford Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Bradley Bartels and Louis Enzo**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 774175**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477



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**
SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344547 mE** **4483586 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 2 (0.26 acres)**
 Addition: **Liman Estates** Year of addition: **2002**
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): **Square Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **3860 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
20. Special features:
Porch
Chimney
Roof Treatment/Dormer
Roof Treatment/Flared Eave
Garage/Attached Garage
Window/Segmental Arch
21. General architectural description:
This 2½-story brick dwelling is supported by a painted white sandstone foundation. The foundation wall extends approximately 2.5 feet above grade, and is penetrated by 2-light basement windows with painted white wood frames. The house's walls are made of painted white brick laid in running bond. Two belt courses, each composed of two courses of painted blue projecting brick stretchers, are respectively located at the level of the first and second story window sills. The dwelling's hip roof is steeply pitched, with flared eaves, and is covered with brown asphalt composition shingles. The roof eaves are boxed and trimmed with metal. Four hip-roofed dormers, each with flared eaves and with paired single-light windows, are respectively located on the north, east, west and south facing roof slopes. There are two tall red brick chimneys - one located on the east elevation, and the other on the west elevation. The house features an asymmetrical façade which faces toward Crawford Avenue on the north elevation. A painted black wood-paneled front door, with a circular-shaped upper sash light, enters the west end of the façade from a 2-step wood porch covered by a gable roof supported by two painted white 4" by 4" wood posts. A non-historic painted white glass-in-wood-frame atrium door enters the south (rear) elevation from a non-historic redwood deck. A 1/1single-hung sash window, with leaded glass lights, a painted white sandstone lugsill, and a segmental brick arch, penetrates the façade wall to the east of the entry door. Two 8/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted white sandstone lugsills, penetrate the façade's second story. A

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large non-historic 1x1 horizontal sliding window penetrates the east elevation wall. Elsewhere, the home's original windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and sandstone lugsills. First story windows have segmental brick arches, while the second story windows have flat arches.

A garage addition, which measures approximately 34 'by 24', has been built onto the house's west (side) elevation. The addition rests on round concrete piers, and has painted white board-and-batten walls, and a flat roof. A metal roll-away garage door penetrates the garage's north elevation, and opens onto an asphalt driveway which extends to Crawford Avenue. A blue metal-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the attached garage's south elevation from a concrete and flagstone patio. A 1x1 horizontal sliding window also penetrates the garage's south elevation.

22. Architectural style:

Building type: **Foursquare**

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This spacious property is located on the south side of Crawford Avenue in the block west of Yahmonite Street. A planted grass lawn, with mature landscaping and several deciduous trees, surrounds the house.**

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1905** 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: **James L. Norvell (probably)**

Source of information: **"Steamboat Springs Home of the Mountain Trout." Illustrated typewritten manuscript (circa 1910), on file at the Tread of Pioneers Museum.**

29. Construction history:

Routt County Assessor records list 1905 as this house's year of construction. A circa early 1900s typewritten manuscript at the Tread of Pioneers Museum, titled "Steamboat Springs Home of the Mountain Trout," is illustrated with photographs of the Crawford House at 1124 Crawford Avenue (5RT.473), and this house at 1051 Crawford Avenue (5RT.469). The photos are respectively labeled "Residence of J.B. Crawford" and "Residence of J.L. Norvell." A garage addition, which measures approximately 34' by 24', has been built onto the house's west (side) elevation.

30. Original location: Moved: _____ Date of move(s): _____

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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:

Based upon historic photographic evidence, this property may be linked to early Routt County settler James L. Norvell. "Jim" Norvell was a colorful character in early Routt County history. Norvell arrived in Routt County in 1882, according to an article on the area's religious growth, published in the *Pilot* in 1910. Reportedly born in Tennessee, Norvell was the oldest son of Nancy J. and A. R. Norvell's six children, all but two of whom settled in the Routt area, including Robert E. Norvell of Hayden, and Joseph C. Norvell and Mrs. T. A. Forkner of Craig. James Norvell's life in Routt County was a mixture of luck and tragedy. An astute entrepreneur who was not adverse to risk, Jim lived first in Hayden, where he was the proprietor of the Hayden Stage Line, as well as owner of the Norvell Mercantile Company. He also owned a hotel and livery stable in Hayden. At the same time, however, Norvell routinely risked large sums of money purchasing ranches and tracts of open land around Hayden and Craig, as well as building lots within Steamboat, Craig and Yampa. To further his risk, he also speculated in Northern Colorado's fledgling mining boom, buying up mining claims around Columbine and near the Manhattan gold fields. His favorite enterprise, however, was speculating in cattle. He routinely spent large sums purchasing several hundred head of cattle, gambling that, when it came time to sell, the market would reward his daring. More often than not, it did, and Norvell routinely wintered two to three thousand head of cattle on ranches throughout Routt County.

Despite his self-made fortunes, Jim Norvell was reputed to be addicted to both alcohol and gambling. In 1900, his first wife left him. He placed his home and furnishings, as well as his livestock up for auction, and moved to Steamboat Springs to begin again. At about this time, he had a religious awakening, and became a changed man. In 1902, he was married again, to Steamboat resident Mary Jane Hamilton, and began a new chapter as a "cowboy evangelist." Legend has it that, to compensate for his less than stellar past, he built a church in each of the communities in which he previously had operated saloons. His missionary work and preaching took him all over the west, and even back to Oklahoma, where he was proselytizing in 1904 when news reached him of his mother's death. This must have been a hard blow, as his mother had been living with Norvell and his wife in Steamboat for some time before her passing.

On September 11, 1907, a son, James Atterbury Norvell, was born to James and Mary Norvell. Tragedy struck, however, when the boy was just two. In November 1909, little Jimmy Norvell ingested part of a bottle of wintergreen oil he found in the house and died. These and similar experiences may have led to James Norvell's "fire and brimstone" brand of preaching, which often shook his audiences to their core. Newspaper accounts of the day were torn between praise for the quantity of his converts, and horror at his message of a truly fearsome God, which frightened children and made even grown women cry hysterically. After forty years of making his mark on Routt County, in 1936, James L. Norvell passed away.

By 1956, the property belonged to Homer L. Bash. In the early 1960s, it was purchased by A. E. Bogue. Bogue had previously lived at 602 Oak Street. In 1978, the property was purchased by the Griffiths, who, in turn, sold to

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Les Liman in January of 1987. Reportedly, the dwelling served as apartments prior to Liman's purchase. The Limans built a new residence to the north, and, in 2005, sold this 1904-era home to its current owners Emmanuelle Vital and Bradley F. Bartels. Vital works as a consultant, while Bartels is associated with Habitat Design and Construction.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

"Believes in Steamboat." *Steamboat Pilot*, August 17, 1910, p. 3.

"Death of Mrs. Nancy J. Norvell." *Steamboat Pilot*, December 7, 1904, p. 1.

Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, Routt County Colorado.

Holderness, Patricia, (project director). *History of Hayden and West Routt County 1876-1989*. Dallas: Curtis Media Corporation, 1989, pp. 251-252.

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."

Snyder, Dorothy Norvell. "Jim Norvell Colorful Pioneer of Northwestern Colorado." (Unpublished manuscript, on file at the Bud Werner Memorial Library, Steamboat Springs, CO.)

Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, Routt County Colorado.

Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, Routt County Colorado.

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.

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Steamboat Springs Standards for Designation:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 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. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of Routt County. |
| Not Applicable | | 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. |

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 house is historically significant for its association with Steamboat Springs' residential development dating from the time of its construction, circa 1905, and in particular for its association with the Jim Norvell family, who made notable contributions to broad patterns of regional history. The house is also architecturally significant for its American Foursquare architectural style, for its fine brick construction, and for such notable features as its segmental arch windows, hip-roofed dormers, and flared eaves. Despite some loss of integrity, this house still conveys a sense of its historic and architectural significance. As such, it may be considered eligible for local landmark designation in the Routt County Register of Historic Places. The building's combined levels of significance and integrity is probably not the extent that it would qualify for inclusion in the National or State Registers.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building presently displays a less than optimal level 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. The historic dwelling's integrity has been diminished by the construction of an incompatible attached garage addition to the west elevation. The addition, though, covers only one side elevation, leaving the remainder of the historic house relatively intact. A sense of time and place of an early twentieth century American Foursquare style dwelling remains largely intact.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

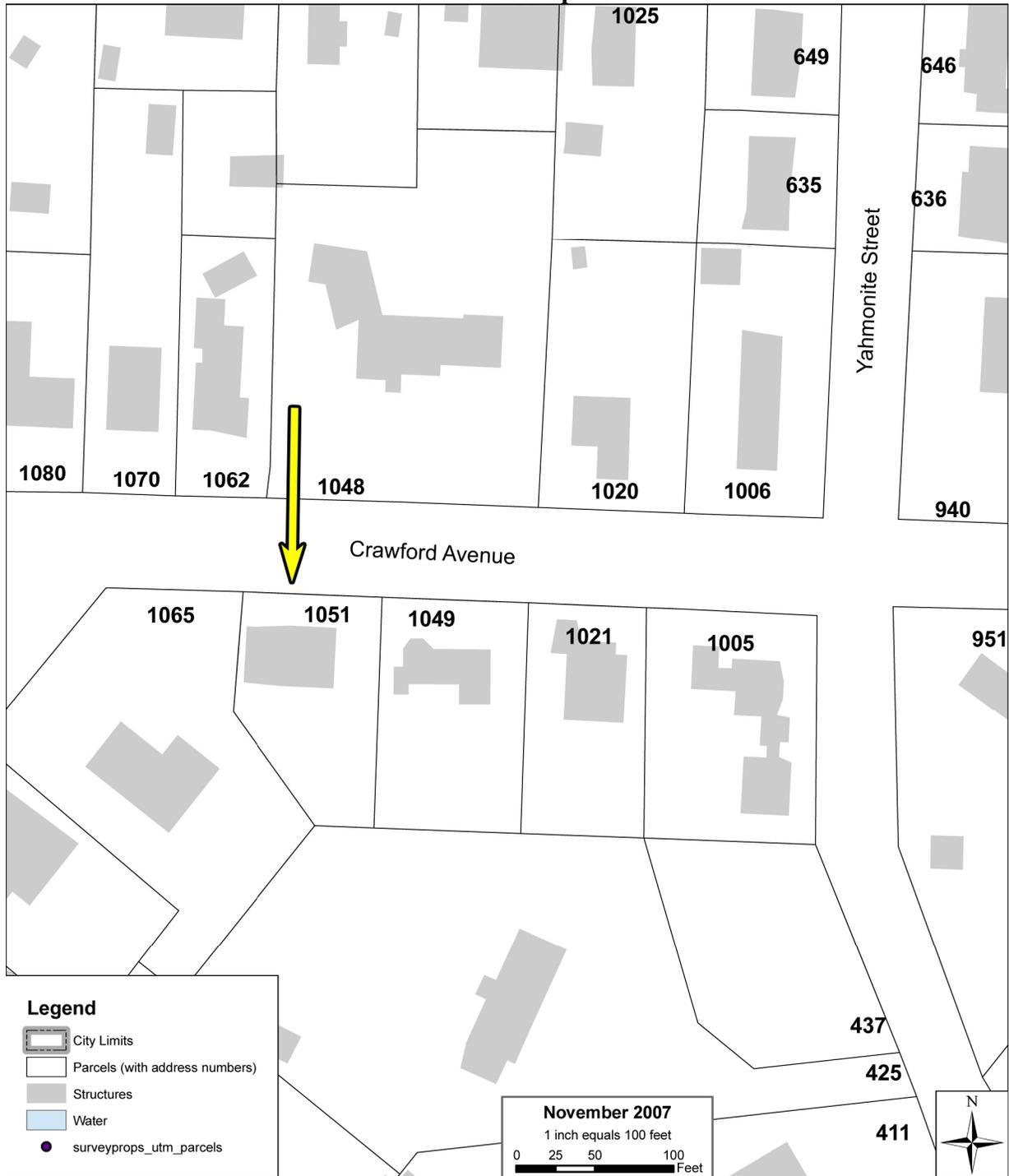
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Historic buildings within the survey area do not collectively possess sufficient historical or architectural 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 37-41** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**
48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey** **137 10th Street**
49. Date(s): **05/10/08** **Steamboat Springs, CO**
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**
 Karen McWilliams
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**
 Fort Collins, CO 80525
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Sketch Map



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Location Map

