

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

- 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.471** Parcel number(s): **144001030**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Schnackenberg House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Cooper House**
- 7. Building Address: **1062 Crawford Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Nathaniel Cooper and Petra Chladek**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 772142**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477



44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	Not Eligible
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	Not 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** **344538 mE** **4483637 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Southerly 94.6 FT. of East 1/3 of Lot D, Block 1**
 Addition: **North Highlands Addition** 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.
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
15. Dimensions in feet: **3115 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
Garage/Attached Garage
21. General architectural description:
This is a 1½-story, front gabled, wood frame dwelling, with multiple additions to its original north (rear) elevation. The original house measures approximately 40' N-S (deep) by 26' E-W (across), including a large, open, L-shaped front porch which extends across the entire facade (south elevation). The additions date from 1992 and 1998, and incorporate an attached garage. The original house is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with narrow, painted beige, horizontal wood siding, with painted chocolate brown 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted beige square-cut wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends. The original dwelling is covered by a steeply-pitched front gable roof, with lower intersecting gables on the east and west elevations. The roof is covered with metal roofing material and has painted green boxed eaves. A red brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located on the roof ridge. The L-shaped front porch is approached by three wood steps, and features a wood floor, a painted white open wood railing, painted beige square posts, and a low-pitched hipped roof. A large single-hung sash window, with leaded glass upper sash lights, overlooks the front porch to the east of the entry door. Another large single-hung sash window, with leaded glass lights, is located on the west elevation. Sets of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows are located in the upper gable ends on the south end east elevations. Two 1/1 double-hung sash windows are located in the upper gable end on the west elevation.
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the north side of Crawford Avenue, in the block west of Yahmonite Street. The house is set well back from the street. A planted grass front yard is nicely-landscaped with mature trees and native plants.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Garage**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1910** Actual:
 Source of information: **Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record**

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 indicate that this house was built in 1910. A retrospective map, titled "Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1910," depicts four adjacent houses in this general area on the north side of Crawford Avenue. On the map, these four dwellings are labeled "Dr. Jefferson," "John Crawford," "Art Wessels," and "George Merrill." Multiple additions have been built onto the rear (north) elevation of the original dwelling, probably in the late 1980s or 1990s.

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:
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Between 1960 and the mid-to-late 1980s, this house, and the house next door to the west at 1070 Crawford Avenue, were associated with the Schnackenberg family. Elisabeth Schnackenberg (maiden name unknown) was born in Lunneburg, Germany in 1893. At age sixteen, she moved with her family to Hamburg, and in 1913, after a two-year courtship she was married to Johannes Schnackenberg. Johannes, then just twenty-one years of age,

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had just been certified as a master painter, eligible to work as a tradesman, after having completed a three year apprenticeship. Johannes was drafted into the German army in 1914, at the start of World War I. He then served in the German armed forces until the war's end in November of 1918. As a result, Johannes and Elisabeth were separated during the early years of their marriage, and no children were born until after the war's end. Between 1919 and 1923, though, Elisabeth gave birth to four boys in Hamburg: Werner, born in May of 1919,; Rudi born in 1921, John born in 1922, and Karl born November 4, 1923.

With inflation rampant in post-war Germany, and with little work to be found, Johannes Schnackenberg immigrated to America in 1924. After working initially as a traveling salesman, Johannes found work as a painter in Denver, including as an artistic painter of murals on post office walls. Elisabeth and sons, Werner, John and Karl joined him in America in 1925, while Rudi remained in Germany with Elisabeth's parents, until they too came to America in 1927. The Schnackenberg family then purchased a home in an ethnically diverse neighborhood in south Denver, just off Santa Fe Drive. Elisabeth's father passed away in 1927, and her mother then returned to her native Germany where she too eventually passed away. Johannes and Elisabeth, meanwhile, raised their four sons, and continued to live together in south Denver until Johannes' death in 1953. Elisabeth then remained living in her south Denver home until moving to Steamboat Springs circa 1961, where her sons Karl and Rudi had purchased adjacent homes at 1062 and 1070 Crawford Avenue. Elisabeth moved into this house with son Karl and his wife Joyce (Nilson), while Rudi and his wife Dottie lived next door at 1070 Crawford Avenue.

Karl and Rudi Schnackenberg had both become world-class skiers by the end of the 1930s, and both became members of the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. Karl served as a medic for the 10th Mountain Division and saw service in the Italian Alps. Rudi, meanwhile, skied competitively on a national level, between 1939 and 1942, before also joining the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale. In the fall of 1943, Rudi taught ice climbing and glacier work to a detachment of Camp Hale soldiers on Washington's Mount Rainer. The following winter, Rudi taught winter warfare to soldiers at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, including courses in medical evacuation, rock climbing, and cliff evacuation. He too then served with distinction, as an instructor and combat medic in Italy until the war's end in 1945. Following the war, Karl (like his father before him) became a professional painter, but also worked as ski instructor for the Winter Sports Club in Steamboat Springs, and was a member of the ski patrol, for a number of years.

Karl Schnackenberg passed away in Steamboat Springs, after suffering a heart attack, in November of 1970, at just 47 years of age. He was survived by his wife, Joyce, his mother, Elisabeth, and three sons, and one daughter - Karl Edward, Gerald Lee, Robert Louis, and Bonnie Jo. Rudi Schnackenberg passed away at Copper Mountain, Colorado on April 21, 1985, at the age of 64. Following the end of World War II, Rudi had become one of the founding members of the Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors' Association, and subsequently served both as the organization's president or executive secretary for twenty years. In 1972-1973, he was voted "Instructor of the Year" by the Professional Ski Instructors of America, and in 1982, he was inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. Rudi was survived by his wife, Dottie, his mother Elisabeth, two sons, Ron and Larry, and a daughter, Ruth (McClelland). Elisabeth Schnackenberg presumably passed away sometime after 1985; however her name is not listed in the online Routt County Burial Index, and a record of her death was not found in online Social Security death indexes.

More recent owners of this house include the Van Patten family, and the current owners Nathaniel Cooper and Petra Chladek.

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36. Sources of information:

Cooper, Nathaniel. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, October 2007.

Gandoly, Dany and Tanna Brock. "I Always Have a Song In My Heart' Elisabeth Schnackenberg." *Three Wire Winter, Winger* 1983, pp 14-18. Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph/ Mountain Bell Telephone Directories for Steamboat Springs, 1956 – 2007. On file at the Denver Public Library, Western History Department.

"Prominent Citizen Dies." (Karl Schnackenberg obituary) *Steamboat Pilot*, November 2, 1970. Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."

"Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record."

"Routt County Burial Index." <http://yampavalley.info/history>

"Rudi Schnackenberg 1921-1985." (obituary) *Steamboat Pilot*, April 25, 1985. Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Not Applicable 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:

Due to a loss of integrity, this property may be considered ineligible for local landmark designation, and ineligible for listing in the National and State Registers.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a less than optimal 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. Multiple additions, erected in the 1990s, to the original north (rear) elevation, have diminished the physical integrity of the historic dwelling.

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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? 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 42-50** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**

48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey** **137 10th Street**

49. Date(s): **Phase V** **05/10/08** **Steamboat Springs, CO**
80477

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

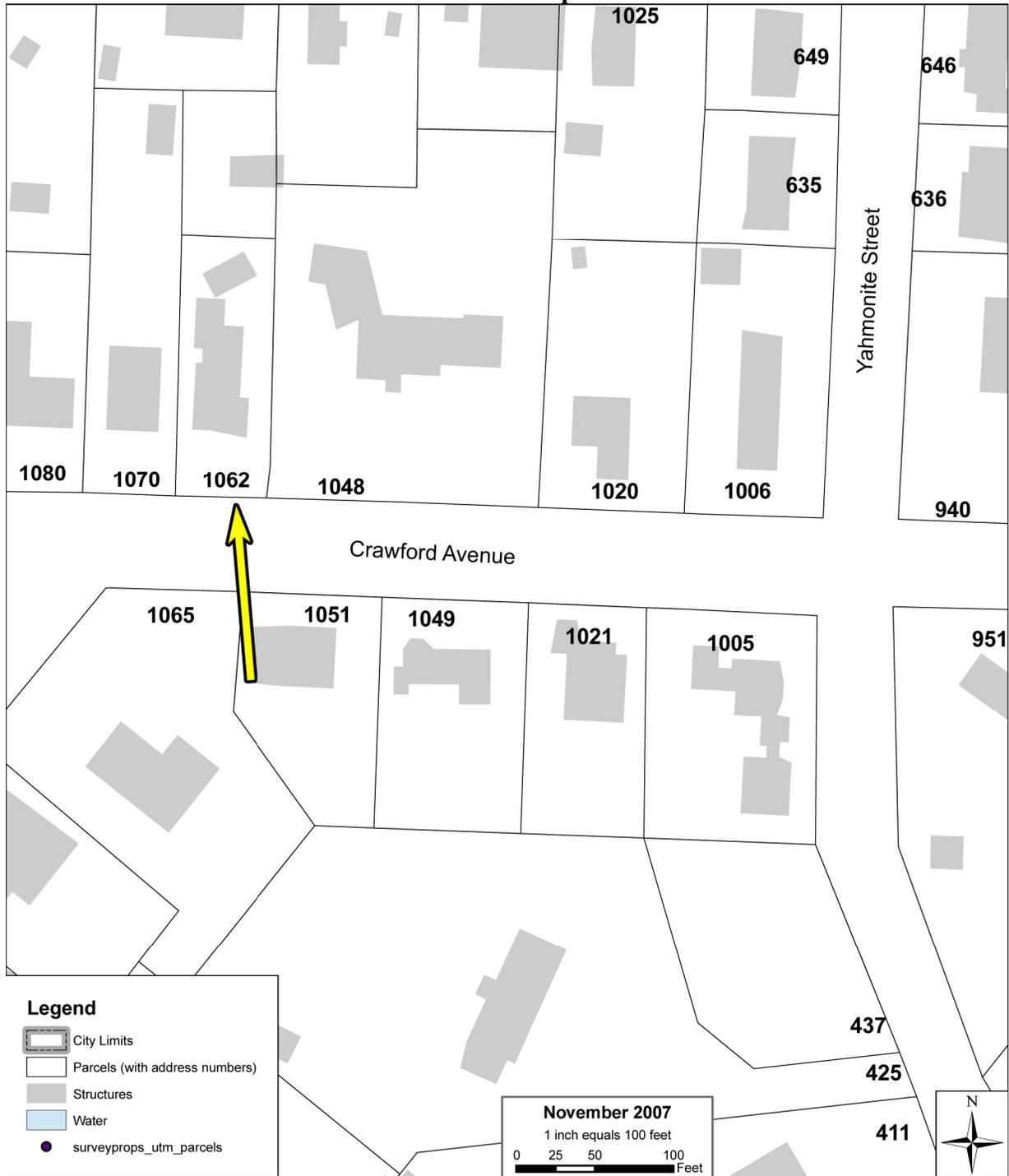
51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

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

