

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.243** Parcel number(s): **145015011**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Furlong Building**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Furlong Building**
- 7. Building Address: **810 Lincoln Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Lockhart Associates**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **830 Lincoln Avenue**
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487



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: **84W**
NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 17
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344541 mE** **4483157 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 11 Block 15**
 Addition: **Original Addition of 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.
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 140 feet x Width: 50 feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **N/A**
21. General architectural description:
The E.O. Furlong Building is located on the northeast side of Lincoln Avenue in downtown Steamboat Springs. The building consists of a main two-story section, supported by a sandstone foundation and with a flat roof, which measures 50' NW-SE (across) by 100' NE-SW (deep), and a two-story addition to the southeast end of the northeast (rear) elevation which measures 40' NE-SW by 28' NW-SE. The symmetrical façade fronts directly onto the wide concrete sidewalk paralleling Lincoln Avenue on the southwest elevation. The façade's first story is divided into five bays, separated by sandstone columns, and with sandstone arches. Red brick columns appear at either end of the façade. The center bay features a recessed entryway where a set of paired, stained natural brown, glass-in-wood-frame doors with sidelights and transom lights enters into an enclosed foyer. Within the foyer, two additional doors lead respectively into the two retail businesses which occupy the ground floor - "Bushwackers" in the northwest half of the ground floor, and "Design of the Times" in the southeast half of the ground floor. Each of the four bays flanking the recessed entryway contains a large single-light fixed-pane storefront display window, with a painted green wood frame, and with frosted glass light topped by the rounded sandstone arch. The façade's second story features brown brick wall, laid in common bond, and with a sandstone belt course which forms a continuous sill beneath three oriel type windows, each with five single-light casement windows. Above the windows, the upper façade wall is made of alternating red and brown brick courses, with extensive corbelling, and with sandstone accents. The building's name "E.O. Furlong" is incised in a concrete panel directly above the center rounded arch over the recessed entryway. The upper front end of the northwest (side) elevation (partially visible, above the adjacent single-story building) is made of coursed sandstone blocks, partially covered with concrete pargeting. The southeast (side) elevation abuts the Routt County National Bank building. The northwest end of the original northeast (rear) elevation is exposed, and also

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features coursed sandstone block walls, partially covered with concrete pargeting. The 27' by 40' two-story addition to the southeast end of the northeast elevation presently houses the "East West Frame Shop" and "Hands on Therapy a Massage Studio." The addition appears to be built of wood frame construction, with a concrete block veneer, except on the northwest elevation which is clad with stained brown horizontal weatherboard siding.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **The E.O. Furlong Building is located on the northeast side of the 800 block of Lincoln Avenue in downtown Steamboat Springs. The Routt County National Bank Building is located next door to the southeast at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and 8th Street. The Cantina café is located on the northwest side of this building.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Not Applicable**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1919-1920**
 Source of information: **Furlong Is Building Modern and Model Hardware Store." *Steamboat Pilot*, October 15, 1919, p. 9.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Carl Howelson (possibly)**
 Source of information: **Klein, Naomi I. Colorado Cultural Resource Survey, Inventory Record, May 11, 1981.**
28. Original owner: **E.O. Furlong**
 Source of information: **"Furlong is Building Modern and Model Hardware Store." *Steamboat Pilot*, October 15, 1919, p. 1.**
29. Construction history:
This building was constructed in 1919-1920 as the E.O. Furlong hardware store. The original two-story pressed brick and sandstone building measured 50 by 100 feet. A two-story wood frame and concrete block addition to the rear elevation, measuring 40 by 28 feet, was built in 1980.
30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s): **N/A**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
34. Site type(s): **Two-story commercial building.**

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35. Historical background:

This building was constructed in 1919-1920 as the Furlong Hardware Store. Edward O. Furlong, the original owner, had first started in the hardware business in 1903, with his brothers James and Albert. In that year, the Furlong brothers established a small hardware store on Lincoln Avenue; however, Edward soon bought out his brothers interests becoming the business' sole owner. Born in Nebraska circa 1875, Edward O. Furlong had arrived in Steamboat Springs around the turn of the twentieth century. He returned to Nebraska in 1904 to marry his childhood sweetheart, Miss Nellie "Nel" Taylor, who had been born in Plattsouth on April 10, 1879. The newlywed couple returned immediately to Steamboat Springs where Edward worked diligently to expand his young hardware store. In time, the company opened satellite stores in Craig and Hayden, and would eventually sell furniture, along with tractors and other farm machinery, in addition to a full line of hardware. In 1912, Furlong also founded another successful business, the Steamboat Creamery and Produce Company, which he operated until 1920 before selling it to Charles Beardshear.

Furlong purchased this lot in August 1919, and immediately arranged for the construction of an imposing two-story building to house the Furlong Hardware and Furniture Store. Strategically located, Furlong's Building would be adjacent to the new First National Bank building which was then still under construction. As reported by the *Steamboat Pilot* on August 13, 1919:

Another handsome two story business block is assured by the purchase yesterday by E.O. Furlong of the Sarah Ashton lot, next to the new First National bank building. F.A. Metcalf made the sale. Mr. Furlong plans at once the erection of a two story brick building 50 x 100 feet. It is probable in addition to his hardware and machinery business one side of the new building will be a modern furniture store. The new owner has not had time to formulate plans for the building, but it is certain to be an attractive one and a substantial improvement to the business section of the town.

This building, and the First National Bank building to the east, were in fact erected with complementary facades, both of which featured pressed brick walls and a series of rounded sandstone arches. Carl Howelson reportedly was involved in the construction of both buildings; however, this has not been confirmed through contemporary sources. When completed, the two pressed brick and sandstone buildings had a combined one hundred feet of frontage on Lincoln Avenue, which contributed significantly to the prosperous image of Steamboat Springs' downtown commercial district.

Edward O. Furlong passed away on December 31, 1923, at the relatively young age of 48, having seen his store operate in this building for less than four years. Management of the store was then turned over to George Allen, Furlong's nephew. Born in Nebraska in 1897, George Allen came to northwest Colorado during the mid-1910s. He managed of the Furlong Hardware Store in Hayden for several years, before coming to Steamboat Springs to manage this store following his uncle's death. Allen continued as the store's manager until 1943, when he turned over the reins to Edward T. Furlong, the son of Edward O. Furlong, the company's founder. Then age thirty, Edward T. had been just nine years old when his father passed away in 1923.

In 1948, the Furlong Building was sold to J.F. Stehley, and the hardware and furniture business was sold to a consortium of local businessmen led by William Woodward, Mark Knowles, and Eldon W. Brummett. With this, both the building and the business passed out of the hands of the Furlong family, and by the 1950s, the store's

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name had been changed to the Home Furniture and Hardware Company. The early 1960s saw another change in ownership when the business was acquired by Leo A. Fick. Fick had established the Highway Lumber Company in Steamboat Springs in 1946, and after acquiring the Home Furniture and Hardware Company in 1963, he consolidated the two businesses into the L.A. Fick and Company, dealing in furniture, hardware, and lumber at this location.

L.A. Fick and Company lasted until the early 1970s. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, this building's primary occupant was an entity named Mountaincraft. Presently (in 2007), the building's ground floor is occupied by two well-established retail stores - Design of the Times and Bushwackers. Design of the Times has been located here since the late 1980s, while Bushwackers has been located in the building since the early-to-mid-1990s.

36. Sources of information:

Alexandroff, Marty. "Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Architectural Inventory Form." February 1996, on file with the City of Steamboat Springs, and the Colorado Historical Society Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>. "Activity in Building." *Steamboat Pilot*, October 8, 1919, p. 1; "The Furlong Building." *Steamboat Pilot*, August 27, 1919, p. 9; Furlong Is Building Modern and Model Hardware Store." *Steamboat Pilot*, October 15, 1919, p. 9; Furlong Will Erect Handsome Building." *Steamboat Pilot*, August 13, 1919, p. 1.

Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, Routt County, Colorado, Precinct 1, Steamboat Springs.

"Furlong's Has Served Public For 41 Years." *Steamboat Pilot*, n.d. (circa 1944) Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"Furlong Store Purchased by Local Group." *Steamboat Pilot*, June 17, 1948. Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

"George G. Allen Retires From Furlong Hardware." *Steamboat Pilot*, September 9, 1943. Located in clipping file at Tread of Pioneers Museum.

Klein, Naomi. "Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Inventory Record." May 1981, on file with the City of Steamboat Springs, and the Colorado Historical Society Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

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, Commercial Property Appraisal Record.

Sanborn Insurance maps for Steamboat Springs, July 1911, June 1920.

"Steamboat Springs, Co. About 1910." Plat map, on file at the Tread of Pioneers Museum.

Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, Routt County, Colorado, Precinct 1, Steamboat Springs.

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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.

Steamboat Springs Standards for Designation:

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.

C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of Routt County.

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.

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.

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:

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42. Statement of significance:

This Furlong Building is historically significant for its long historic use as the Furlong hardware store, and for its concomitant association with Steamboat Springs' commercial development in the years following 1920. The building is also architecturally significant for its early twentieth century commercial architectural style. Due to some loss of integrity (the non-historic second story windows on the façade), the building probably does not qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It may, however, qualify for individual listing in the State Register of Historic Properties, and it is eligible for individual listing in the Routt County Historic Register.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a reasonably high 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 building's physical integrity has most noticeably been diminished by the installation of incompatible oriel type windows in the façade's second story - in place of the historic tripled 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The integrity has also been slightly reduced by the construction of a rear addition. If not for the altered second story windows, this building would be an excellent candidate for individual listing in the National Register.

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 in the core area of downtown Steamboat Springs may collectively possess the historical and/or architectural significance, and display sufficient physical integrity, to comprise a 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 #5: Image 96, CD #6; Images 114, 115, 117** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**

48. Report title: **Historic Building Inventory of Downtown Steamboat Springs** **137 10th Street**

49. Date(s): **05/18/07** **Steamboat Springs, CO 80477**

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

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

