

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

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- 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.2470** Parcel number(s): **176802003**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Kelly House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **McNamara House**
- 7. Building Address: **841 Merritt Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Bridget McNamara**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 771500**
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 NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344838 mE** **4483803 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 3 and East 10 FT. of Lot 4, Block 2**
 Addition: **Yahmonite Addition** Year of addition: **1909**
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: **2190 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Log**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features:
Porch
Chimney
Garage/Attached Garage
Roof Treatment/ Dormer
21. General architectural description:
This distinctive dwelling features a basic rectangular plan which measures 32' N-S (across) by 26' E-W (deep). Not included in these dimensions is a garage, which measures 19' N-S by 26' E-W, which is attached to the south end of the west elevation. The house is supported by a low painted green concrete block foundation, which rests on poured concrete footers. The exterior walls are made of stained brown horizontal whole logs, with lapped corners with painted green ends. Stained brown vertical wood siding appears in the tall gable ends on the east and west elevations. The residence is covered by a steeply-pitched side gable roof, with silver metal roofing material, and with painted green boxed eaves which are nearly flush with the wall surface. A brown brick chimney is located on the north-facing roof slope. The house's symmetrical façade faces toward Merritt Street on the north elevation. A stained light brown solid wood front door, covered by a wood storm door, enters the center of the façade from a 3-step wood porch. This partially recessed porch is covered by a small steeply-pitched intersecting gable roof with log knee brace supports. The entry porch is flanked on either side by a large single-light fixed-pane picture window, with painted white wood frames and painted green wood surrounds. A set of paired 2/2 double-hung sash windows are located in the east elevation's upper gable end. The east elevation's main level is penetrated by a set of paired 2/2 double-hung sash windows, and by a horizontally-oriented single-light window. A horizontal sliding glass bypass door enters the south (rear) elevation from a wood deck. The attached single stall garage at the north end of the west elevation has a concrete slab foundation, stained brown log exterior walls, and a steeply-pitched side gable roof with silver metal roofing material. A gabled dormer is

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located on the garage's south-facing roof slope. A white metal-paneled garage door, and a painted cream white wood-paneled door with nine upper sash lights, and covered by a gable hood with knee brace supports, are both located on the garage's north elevation. The garage door opens onto an asphalt driveway which extends to Merritt Street.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This well-maintained property is located on the south side of Merritt Street, just east of the intersection with Douglas Street. A spacious planted grass lawn, with mature landscaping features, surrounds the house. Two large fir trees flank the front sidewalk.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Not Applicable**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1949** Actual:
 Source of information: **Kevin McNamara (property owner)**
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:
Property owner Kevin McNamara (whose wife, Bridget (Kelly) McNamara, grew up in this house) related that this house was built in 1938. Routt County Assessor records, though, indicate that the house was built in 1949. Certain features of the house, such as the picture windows on the façade, are perhaps more indicative of a 1949 date of construction. Mr. McNamara also related that the logs used in the construction of this house, as well as the houses at 838 and 914 Merritt Street, came from the sawmill at Phippsburg south of Steamboat Springs. The exterior of this house appears little changed from its original construction.
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**

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35. Historical background:

Built in the late 1930s or late 1940s, this house has served as a single-family dwelling from that time to the present. It has been owned and occupied by members of the Kelly/McNamara families throughout nearly all of its history. From the early-to-mid 1950s (and perhaps earlier), until the early 2000s, the house was owned and occupied by Francis and Rita Kelly; and now, subsequent to their deaths, it is owned and occupied by their daughter, Bridget (Kelly) McNamara, and her husband Kevin McNamara. Rita Kelly passed away circa 2005, while Francis Kelly passed away some years previously. Francis Kelly worked as a drag line operator at the Pittsburg and Midland (P. & M.) coal mine between Steamboat Springs and Oak Creek for many years. His wife, Rita Kelly, meanwhile, operated a daycare business out of this house for nearly fifty years. Today, their daughter Bridget (Kelly) McNamara, who grew up in this house, is employed as a "lunch lady" by the school district, while her husband, Kevin McNamara works as a project manager for KHB Construction Company.

36. Sources of information:

McNamara, Kevin. Oral Interview with Carl McWilliams, May 2008.

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."

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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| 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. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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 associations with Steamboat Springs' residential development beginning from the time of its construction. The house is also architecturally significant for its very distinctive steeply-pitched side-gable plan, and for its log walls which are representative of the Rustic style of architecture. Although this property's combined level of significance and integrity is likely not to the extent that it would qualify for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or in the State Register of Historic Properties, it may be considered eligible for local landmark designation in the Routt County Register of Historic Places.

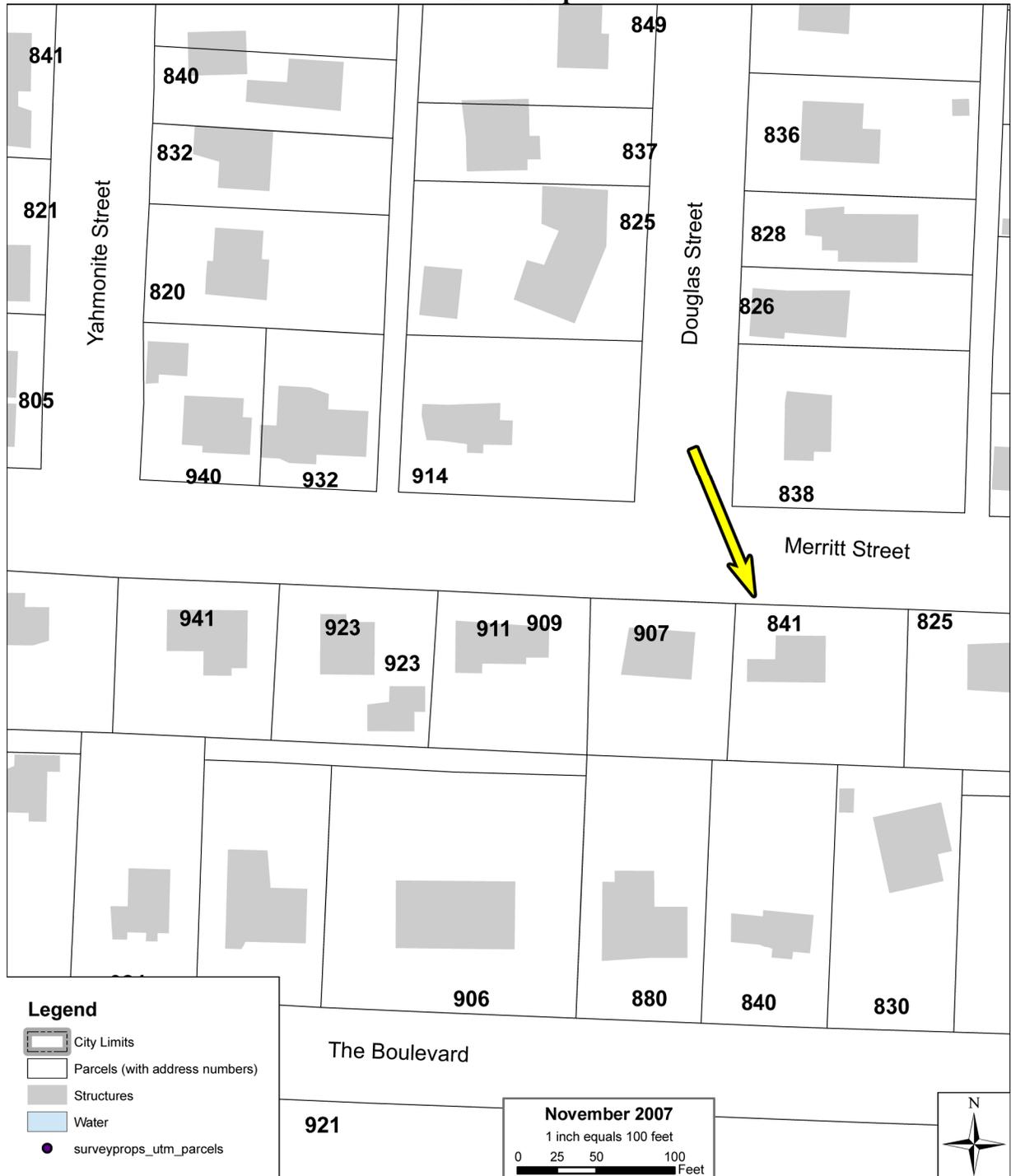
43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays an overall high 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. There have been no additions or notable adverse exterior alterations to the historic late 1940s dwelling. A sense of time and place relative to how this building appeared in the 1940s remains very much in evidence.

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

