

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

OAHF1403

Rev. 9/98

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.2471** Parcel number(s): **176804011**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Craig House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **SEC Wallen, LLC House**
- 7. Building Address: **914 Merritt Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **SEC Wallen, LLC**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 772717**
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**
NE ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344771 mE** **4483850 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 11 and 12, Block 4**
 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: **1116 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Log**
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 distinctive Rustic style dwelling features a basic rectangular plan, and is supported by a low concrete foundation. Its exterior walls are made of stained brown whole logs, with lapped corners, and with painted white ends. The house is covered by a moderately-pitched side gable roof, with metal roofing material, and with painted white rafter ends exposed beneath the eaves. A red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. The house's façade faces toward Merritt Street on the south elevation. A wood-paneled front door, covered by a painted white wood screen door, enters the center of the façade from a 4-step wood porch. The front porch features a wood plank floor, log knee walls, vertical log supports, and a low-pitched gable roof. A band of four 2-light windows, with painted white wood frames, penetrates the façade wall to the west of the entry porch. Another band of three 2-light windows, with painted white wood frames, penetrates the façade walls to the east of the entry porch. Windows elsewhere on the dwelling also have painted white wood frames and surrounds. The west (side) elevation is penetrated by two bands of three 2-light windows which overlook the roof of an attached garage. The east (side) elevation is penetrated by a band of three 2-light windows. A 4-step wood stoop at the south end of the east elevation leads to a solid wood door which enters and enclosed 8' by 10' gabled porch of log construction. The single-stall garage which is attached to the lower portion of the west elevation, features painted brown concrete walls, and a shed roof with rolled green asphalt roofing material. A painted or stained brown overhead garage door on the garage's south elevation opens onto a gravel driveway which extends to Merritt Street.

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22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**
 Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the north side of Merritt Street in the block between Yahmonite and Douglas Streets. A spacious planted grass lawn with mature landscaping features surrounds the house.**
24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Not Applicable**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1946** 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: **Louis and Sarah Craig (possibly)**
 Source of information: **Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories**
29. Construction history:
Routt County Assessor records list 1946 as this house's year of construction. Kevin McNamara, who lives across the street at 841 Merritt Street, and whose wife, Bridget, grew up there, related that the logs for 838, 841, and 914 Merritt Street all came from the sawmill at Phippsburg during the late 1930s and 1940s. This house at 914 Merritt Street 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**
35. Historical background:
Routt County Assessor records indicate that this house was built in 1946. By 1956, and perhaps for some years previously, this property was owned and occupied by Louis C. and Sarah C. Craig. Sarah Craig reportedly passed away recently; however, her obituary apparently has not yet been published in the *Steamboat Pilot newspaper*. SEC Wallen, LLC has owned this property since December of 2006, according to Routt County Assessor records.

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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."

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

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 circa 1946. The house is also architecturally significant for its Rustic style of architecture, including is stained brown log walls with lapped corners. This is one of several Rustic style homes built in Steamboat Springs in the late 1930s and 1940s. 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 should 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 of a 1940s Rustic style residence remains clearly in evidence.

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VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

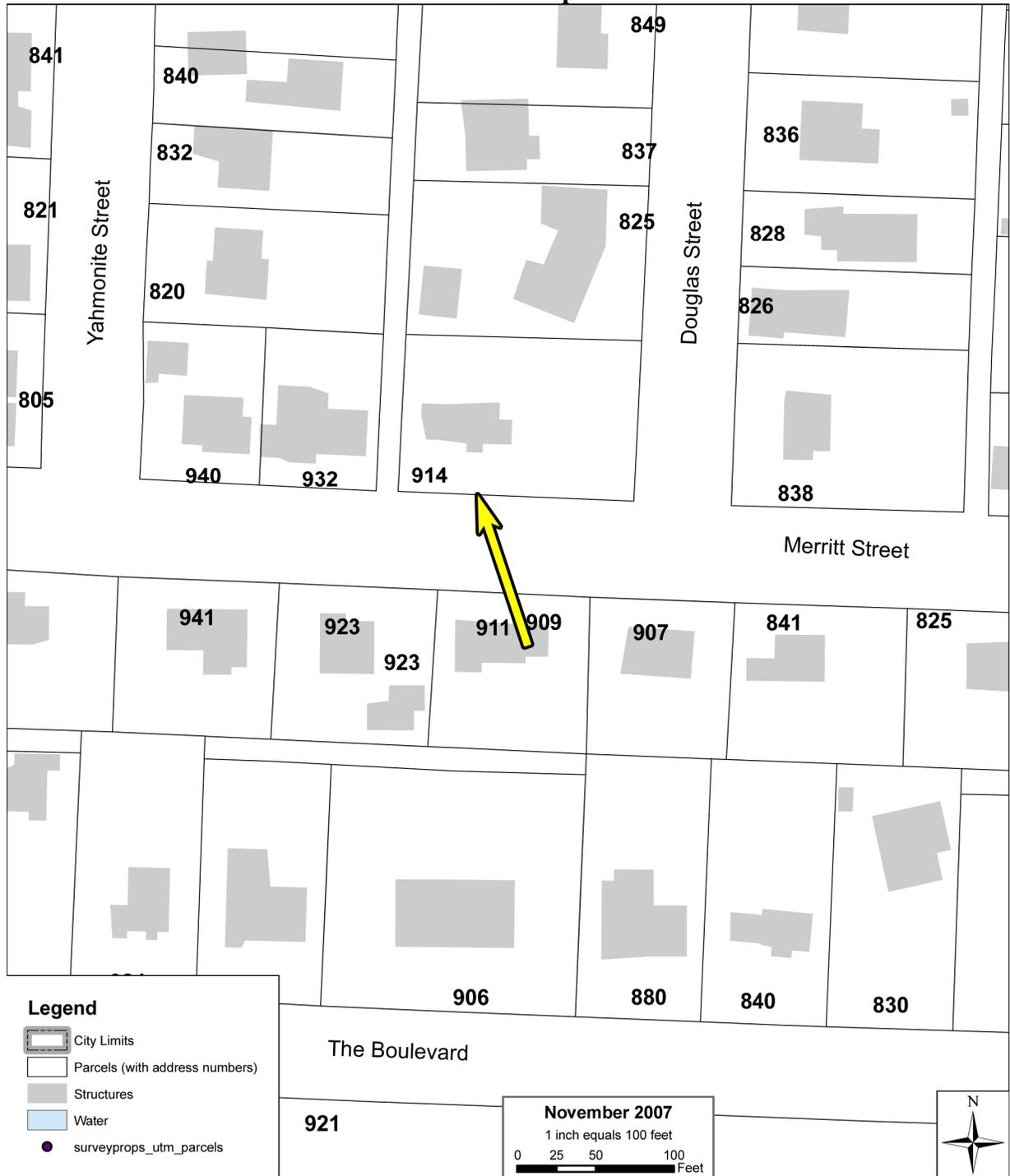
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Historic buildings within the survey area do not collectively possess sufficient historical or architectural 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

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #1, Images 107-110 | CDs filed at: | City of Steamboat Springs |
| 48. Report title: | Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey Phase V | | 137 10th Street |
| 49. Date(s): | 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

