

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.2644** Parcel number(s): **115210010**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Thornton House; Vanatta House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Vanatta House**
- 7. Building Address: **29 Missouri Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name: **Verla Jean Vanatta c/o Verla Jean Brown**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P O Box 770204**
Steamboat Springs, Co 80477-0204



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 SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 8
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **345315 mE** **4483671 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 10 and 11, Block 10**
 Addition: **Crawford Addition** Year of addition: **1901**
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: **1062 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**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story dwelling is supported by a low poured concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are made of stained brown whole logs, with overlapping corners and with painted green beveled ends. Stained brown diagonal half log siding appears in the upper gable ends on the east and west elevations. The house is covered by a moderately-pitched side gable roof, with metal roofing material, and with stained brown scalloped vergeboard in the upper gable ends and along the under side of the eaves. The home's windows are primarily single-light fixed-panes and casements, with stained brown wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with a fanlight, and covered by a stained natural brown wood storm door, enters the façade (north elevation) from an open front porch. The porch measures approximately 6' by 16', and features a red brick paved floor, and a gable hood with knee braces over the entry door. A wood-paneled storm door, with nine upper sash lights, enters an enclosed gabled porch from a red brick paved stoop at the west end of the south (rear) elevation. A narrow red brick paved patio, covered by a fiberglass shed roof, extends along the south elevation, east of the enclosed porch.
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the south side of Missouri Avenue near the middle of the block east of Larimer Street. Planted grass front and back yards, and narrow side yards along the east and west sides of the house, are nicely-landscaped with native shrubs, plants and flowers. A fir tree is located in the front yard.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Garage

A wood frame garage, which measures approximately 20' N-S by 14' E-W, is located near the rear southwest corner of the property. This building is supported by a low unpainted concrete foundation and floor, and its exterior walls are made of stained brown whole logs, with overlapping corners with painted green beveled ends. Stained brown vertical half logs appear in the upper gable ends. The garage is covered by a moderately-pitched front gable roof, with metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are stained brown and are exposed beneath the eaves. A brown metal-paneled garage door on the south elevation opens onto a gravel driveway which extends to the asphalt-paved alley. Four single-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the upper gable end, above the garage door, on the south elevation.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1947** Actual:
 Source of information: **Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record**

26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Bob Jones**
 Source of information: **Verla Vanatta**

28. Original owner: **Floyd L. Thornton**
 Source of information: **N/A**

29. Construction history:

Routt County Assessor files indicate that this Rustic style house was built in 1947, and that the detached garage was constructed in 1963. More recently, the Assessor records indicate that the enclosed gabled porch at the west end of the south elevation was added to the original dwelling in 1979. Verla M. Vanatta, who has owned and lived in the home since 1960, related that it was built in 1947 by Bob Jones and his brother, ? Jones (first name unknown).

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 residence**

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35. Historical background:

Information about this home's history was provided primarily by Verla Jean Vanatta (Brown) who has owned and lived here from 1960 to the present (2009). She related that the house was built by the Jones Brothers in the late 1940s, and that it was originally owned by the Floyd and Juanita Thornton family. Juanita possibly worked in the school cafeteria for a time. The Thorntons had a son, named Bill, who years later moved to Longmont.

In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton sold this home to Phillip and Verla M. Vanatta. They had two sons, named Lonny and Dirk. Mr. Vanatta worked as a lineman for the Yampa Valley Electric Association in the years prior to his death in 1968, at just thirty-two years of age. Verla married her second husband, Larry Brown, in 1970, and they have made their home here from that time to the present.

36. Sources of information:

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, Residential Property Appraisal Record.

Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information.

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

Vanatta, Verla. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, March 2009.

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 property is historically significant for its associations with Steamboat Springs' residential development dating from the time of its construction, circa 1947. The house and garage are also architecturally significant for their expression of the Rustic style of architecture. The property's combined level of significance and integrity is probably 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. The property, though, does appear to qualify for individual listing 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 - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. An enclosed rear porch addition at the west end of the south elevation is very compatible with the home's original construction. There have been no other additions or notable exterior alterations.

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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 161-166** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**

CD #3, Images 7-9

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

Phase VII

49. Date(s): **04/14/2009** **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

