

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination (OAHHP 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.1848** Parcel number(s): **145019005**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Dwelling**
- 7. Building Address: **437 Oak Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **James and Janet Williams Living Trust**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 770562**  
**Steamboat Springs, CO 80477**



44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<b>Not Eligible</b>
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<b>Not Eligible</b>

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **84W**  
**NE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 17**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **344915 mE** **4482964 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**  
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 5 Block 19**  
 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): **L-Shaped Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 39 feet x Width: 30 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Asbestos**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:  
**Traditionally a single family dwelling, this wood frame building is now used as a hair salon called "Hair on Earth." Featuring an L-shaped plan, the building is supported by a low sandstone foundation which is faced with river rock along the southeast and northeast (façade) elevations. A bulkhead cellar door is located adjacent to the southwest (rear) elevation. The exterior walls are clad with green undulated asbestos shingle siding, except for the lower façade which is clad with troweled green stucco. 1" by 4" vertical corner boards appear at the corners. The former house is covered by a steeply-pitched cross-gable roof with green metal roofing material. A band of three single-light casement windows, with painted green wood frames and surrounds, penetrate the upper gable end on the façade. Windows elsewhere are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted green wood frames and surrounds. A stained natural brown glass-in-wood-frame door enters the building from a shed-roofed porch which extends across the full width of the front gable portion of the façade. The porch is approached by two concrete steps, and features a carpeted floor, an open wood railing, painted green squared posts, and a shed roof. A wooden staircase along the southeast (side) elevation ascends to a small wooden balcony and an entry door which enters the upper half story. An older hip-roofed, single-story, rear extension extends across the rear elevation. A painted green wood-paneled door enters the extension from a 6-step wooden porch.**
22. Architectural style: **No Style**  
 Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the southwest side of the 400 block of Oak Street in Steamboat Springs. Lincoln Avenue (U.S. Highway 40), Steamboat Spring's main street, is a block to the southwest. The property features a planted grass front yard, with narrow side yards along the southeast and northwest sides of the former dwelling. The front yard is landscaped with native shrubs and flowers. An asphalt parking lot is located behind the building to the southwest.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **Not Applicable**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1907** Actual:  
 Source of information: **Routt County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance map, July 1911.**

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 list 1907 as the year of construction for this former single-family dwelling. The original portion of the building is depicted on the July 1911 Sanborn map, providing corroborating evidence that it was erected prior to that date. If 1907 is accurate, this would have been one of the last houses built in Steamboat Springs prior to the arrival of the railroad in 1908. The Sanborn map, and an older Assessor photo show that the house was built originally with a simple, rectangular, front-gabled plan. A gabled addition has been built onto the south end of the original building's west elevation, and a low-pitched hip-roofed addition has been built onto the rear of the original south elevation.**

30. Original location:  Moved: Date of move(s): **N/A**

### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**  
 32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**  
 33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**  
 34. Site type(s): **Former single family dwelling.**

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35. Historical background:

Routt County Assessor records indicate that the original front-gabled portion of this house was built in 1907. If this date is accurate, the house was erected at the beginning of a building boom, spurred by the coming of the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railroad (the Moffat Road) which arrived in Steamboat Springs at the end of 1908. Little regarding the building's early history has been uncovered to date. Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories, and later Mountain Bell telephone directories, provide a general chronology of the house's residents from 1956 to the 1990s. Stanley Dismuke is listed at this address from 1956 to the early 1970s. (In later years, from the mid-1970s into the 1980s, Dismuke's residence is listed at 629 Pine Street, while Dismuke and Dismuke Consulting Engineers and Surveyors is listed at 443 Oak Street, next door to this property. The phone directory also indicates that Dismuke and Dismuke Consulting Engineers and Surveyors was serving as the Routt County Surveyor in 1980.

This building has been used primarily as a hair salon from the late 1980s to the present. "Elite Hair" was located here in the late 1980s, and "Hair on Earth" has been located in the building since at least 1996. Routt County Assessor records indicate that this property has been owned by James and Janet Williams (now organized as James and Janet Williams Living Trust) since circa 1980. The Williams have also owned the property next door to the east for a number of years.

36. Sources of information:

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>. "Many New Residences In Steamboat Springs." *Steamboat Pilot*, March 23, 1910, p. 1; "Specials in Town Property." [advertisement] *Steamboat Pilot*, April 6, 1910, p. 14.

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.

## 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:

**The historic dwelling at this location may have been historically significant for its associations with Steamboat Springs' residential development during the early 1900s. Due to a loss of integrity, however, the present building is no longer able to adequately convey a sense of its former significance. As such, this building may be considered ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and in the State Register of Historic Properties. It is also ineligible for local landmark designation.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

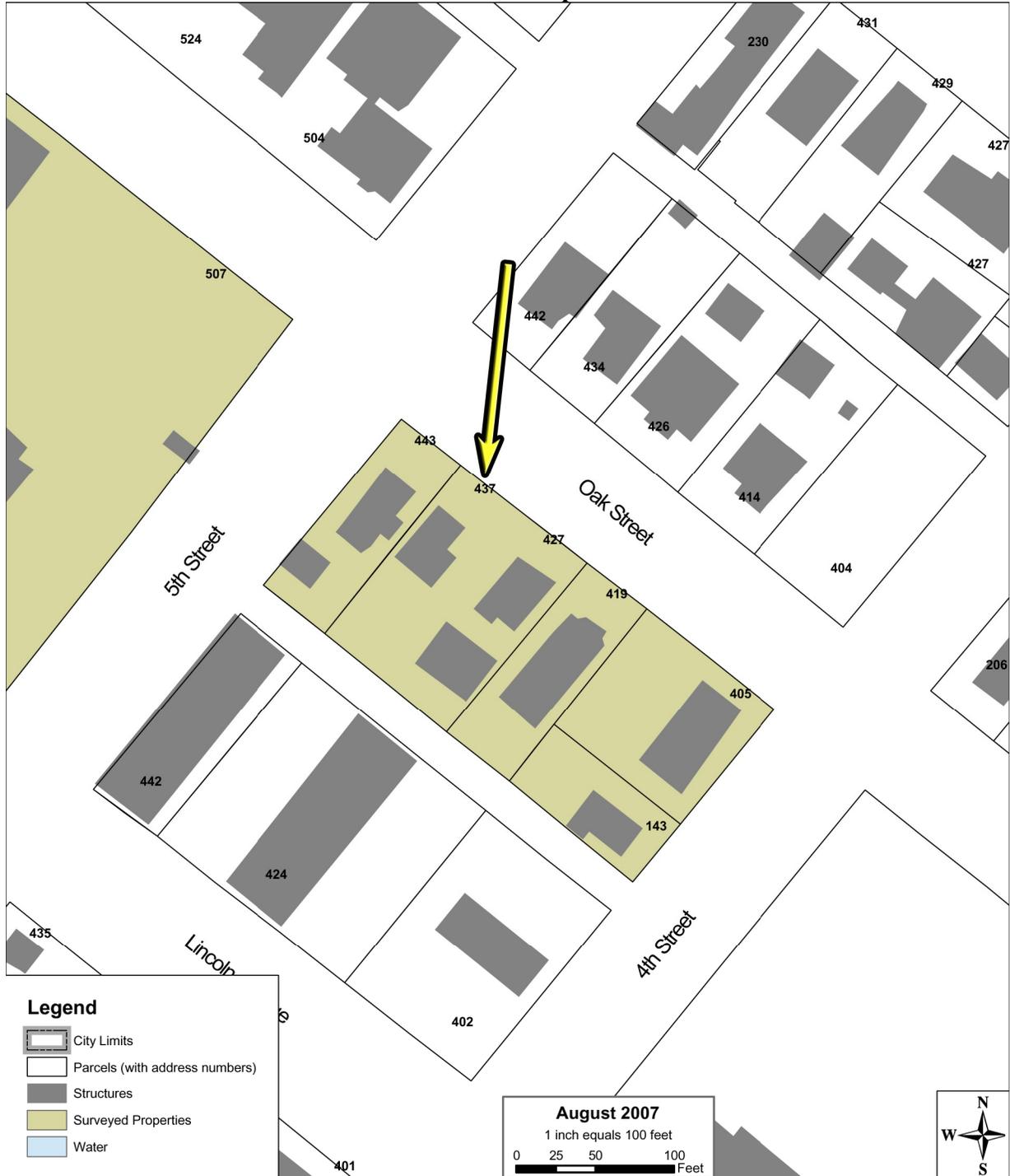
**This building displays a marginal standard of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building's integrity has been diminished most notably by additions to the east (side) and south (rear) elevations.**



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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map

