

Architectural Inventory Form

- 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.479** Parcel number(s): **145017003**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Wright House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Dwelling**
- 7. Building Address: **629 Oak Street**
- 8. Owner Name: **Routt County**
- Owner Organization:
- Owner Address: **P.O. Box 773598**
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: **84W**
SE ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 17
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **344750 mE** **4483098 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
 Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 3 and 4 Block 17**
 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: 40 feet x Width: 31 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
This single-story wood frame dwelling is located on the southwest side of the 600 block of Oak Street in Steamboat Springs. Featuring a gabled-L plan, the house overall measures 31' NW-SE (across) by 40' NE-SW (deep). The building is supported by a low unpainted sandstone foundation, while the exterior walls on the northeast, northwest and southeast elevations are clad with painted white horizontal weatherboard siding with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards. The southwest (rear) elevation is covered with non-historic white horizontal aluminum siding. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched cross-gabled roof, with a lower shed-roofed extension to the southwest elevation. The roof is covered with metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking. The eaves are boxed with painted green wood trim. A tall red brick chimney is located on the southwest-facing roof slope. A painted green wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the house from a 15' by 6' open front porch which fills in the front leg of the "L" at the southeast end of the façade. This porch features a wood plank floor, an open wood railing, turned columns, and a low-pitched hipped porch roof. A plywood-covered door enters the lower shed-roofed extension on the rear elevation. A large plywood-covered window overlooks the front porch. Three plywood-covered windows are located on the northwest (side) elevation. A small 1/1 double-hung sash window, with a painted white wood frame and painted green wood surrounds, penetrates the façade wall to the northwest of the porch. Two plywood-covered windows penetrate the southwest elevation. The southeast (side) elevation is penetrated by a set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows, a single 1/1 double-hung sash window, and two non-historic single-light awning or hopper windows. All of these windows have painted white wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.

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22. Architectural style: **No Style**
 Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the southwest side of the 600 block of Oak Street in Steamboat Springs. Lincoln Avenue (U.S. Highway 40), Steamboat Springs' main street lies one block to the southwest. The house is surrounded by a planted grass yard, with a vacant lot to the southeast. The property features mature landscaping, with a large elm tree and a pine tree in the front yard. The property is not presently being maintained.**

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1900** Actual:
 Source of information: **Routt County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1911 and 1920.**

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 1900 as this dwelling's year of construction. The building is depicted on the July 1911 Sanborn map, located east of Butcher Knife Creek. The Onyx Hotel was then located on the west side of the creek, at the corner of Oak and 8th Streets; however, the Sanborn map indicates there were then no other dwellings on this side of Oak Street between 6th and 7th Streets. The shed-roofed extension to the rear of the dwelling is depicted on the 1911 Sanborn map, indicating it is either original or a very early addition.

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): **Vacant/Not in Use**

34. Site type(s): **Single family dwelling**

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35. Historical background:

Routt County Assessor records list 1900 as this dwelling's year of construction. Sanborn Insurance maps document that the building was built prior to 1911. Efforts to research its early history have thus far been unsuccessful. By 1956, however (and perhaps much earlier), this was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wright. Mr. Wright worked as a welder according to Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph directories. Mr. Wright perhaps passed away in the late 1960s, and Mrs. Wright then continued to live here until her death circa 1980. Routt County Assessor records indicate that the county has owned this property since 1980. The house has been unoccupied for the past several years, and is suffering from neglect.

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.

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:

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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 dwelling is historically significant for its associations with residential development in Steamboat Springs through the first half of the twentieth century. The house is also architecturally significant for its early, circa 1900, year of construction, and for its representative, vernacular, wood-frame, gabled-L plan. The building's level of significance in these regards is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or in the State Register of Historic Properties. The building, though, may be considered eligible for individual listing in the Routt County Historic Register.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Although it is suffering from neglect, this building displays a reasonably 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. Some windows have been altered, and one elevation has been covered with metal siding.

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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 in this area along Oak Street probably do not collectively possess the historical or architectural significance, and do not display sufficient physical integrity, to be part of 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 #17, Images 307-310** CDs filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**
48. Report title: **Historic Building Inventory of Downtown** **137 10th Street**
 Steamboat Springs
49. Date(s): **08/08/07** **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

