

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

Date _____ Initials _____

_____ Determined Eligible- NR

_____ Determined Not Eligible- NR

_____ Determined Eligible- SR

_____ Determined Not Eligible- SR

_____ Need Data

_____ Contributes to eligible NR District

_____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5RT.3148** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource no.: **N/A** **145028011**
- 3. County: **Routt**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Williams House**
- 6. Current building name: **608 Yampa LLC House**
- 7. Building address: **608 and 608½ Yampa Street**
- 8. Owner name and address: **608 Yampa LLC c/o Jon Wade**
P. O. Box 775430
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-5430



National Register field eligibility assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**

Local Landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**

II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. **6th** Township **6N** Range **84W**
SE ¼ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of section 17
10. UTM reference (NAD27)
Zone **13**; **344654** mE **4482911** mN
11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
Year: **1969** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **E'ly 19 Ft of S'ly 93 Ft of Lot 11; S'ly 93 Ft. of Lot 12** Block: **28**
Addition: **Original Addition to 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.**

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1076 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimneys, Dormers**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story wood frame residence features a rectangular plan which measures 36' NW-SE by 24' NE-SW. It is supported by a low poured concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with stained brown horizontal wood siding with 1" by 6" corner boards. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched hipped roof, with brown metal roofing material and with metal-clad boxed eaves. There are two red brick chimneys; one is located on the ridge, and the other on the northwest elevation. There are three dormers, respectively located on the southwest, southeast, and northwest elevations. The dormer on the southwest elevation overlooks the facade which faces toward Yampa Street. This dormer is gabled, and is penetrated by a band of four single-light casement windows beneath a fixed-pane fanlight window. An exterior wooden staircase ascends to a painted brown paneled door, with one upper sash light, which is located in the hipped-roof dormer on the southeast elevation. This door provides access to the upper half-story which is addressed as 608½ Yampa Street. A hipped-roof dormer on the northwest elevation is penetrated by a 1/1 double-hung sash window. The home's windows are primarily casements. A stained brown paneled entry door, with one upper sash lights with latticed inserts, is located within a 5' by 8' recessed entryway at the northwest end of the facade. An entry door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a brown metal storm door, enters the southeast elevation from a poured concrete stoop. An entry door, covered by a brown metal storm door, enters the northeast (rear) elevation from a poured concrete stoop. A single-story shed-roofed extension at the northwest end of the northeast elevation measures 14' by 5'.

22. Architectural style/building type: **Hipped-Roof Box (altered)**

23. Landscaping or special setting features:

This dwelling is located at the northern corner of Yampa and 6th Streets. A small gravel parking lot is located in front of the building along Yampa, while a poured concrete sidewalk parallels 6th Street where there is diagonal parking. A planted grass lawn, with a large willow tree and other deciduous trees, is located behind the dwelling to the northeast. Butcher Knife Creek flows generally northeast-southwest to the northwest of this property.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1925** Actual:

Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance Maps**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder/Contractor: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **John L. Williams (possibly)**

Source of information: **1930 and 1940 United States federal census records**

29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Routt County Assessor records list 1914 as this dwelling's year of construction; however, it is not depicted on the 1920 Sanborn Insurance map for Steamboat Springs, indicating that it was probably built after that date. The house's physical characteristics and census records relating to the John L. Williams family indicate that it was most likely built during the 1920s. The dormers do not appear original; however, their date of installation is unknown. Several of the home's windows also do not appear original.

30. Original location: **Yes** 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): **Domestic / Multiple Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical background:

This dwelling is representative of housing styles and types built in Steamboat Springs during the 1920s. It was home to the John and Mildred Williams from the 1920s until their respective deaths in April of 1974 and August of 1977. A lifelong resident of Routt County, John Logan Williams was born to William J. and Mary Williams on August 7, 1892. In addition to John, at the turn of the twentieth century, the Williams family included five other children: Clyde C. (born November 1881), Martha E. (born October 1883), Pearl E. (born June 1888), and Bertha H. (born July 1895). The 1900 census indicates that the Williams family lived in Steamboat Springs, and lists Mr. Williams occupation as "gold miner." William J. Williams passed away at the age of forty, on December 4, 1903, and was buried in the Steamboat Springs Cemetery. His widow, Mary, continued to live on in Steamboat Springs, and is listed in the 1910 census as residing on Lincoln Avenue with her two youngest children, John L. (then age 17), and Bertha H. (then age 14). That year's census lists John's occupation as "Laborer – Stock Ranch."

In November 1914, John Williams and Mildred Morse were united in marriage in a Catholic ceremony in Steamboat Springs. Census records indicate they moved into this house during the 1920s where they raised a family of four sons and one daughter: Leonard (born in 1916), Margaret (born in 1919), William (born in 1922), Lawrence (born in 1925), and Lloyd (born in 1928). The 1920 census lists John's occupation as "Rider – Stock Ranch," while the 1930 and 1940 census records respectively list his occupation as "Proprietor – Livery Barn," and as "Laborer – Odd Jobs." The 1940 census indicates that Mildred was also employed, as a "Maid" Leonard, then age 24, and Margaret, then age 21, were also employed in 1940, respectively as a "Road Maintenance Foreman," and as an "Operator" at the "Telephone Office." Mildred Williams, nee Morse, passed away at the age of 80, on April 1, 1974. John died three years later, at the age of 85, on August 27, 1977. Both are interred in the Steamboat Springs Cemetery.

The property passed from the hands of the Williams family in 1979. In more recent years, it has been owned by the Herbert family, M. C.R. Properties, Mooney and Rust, and by the current owner, 608 Yampa LLC. The building currently appears to be an over/under duplex, with the main level addressed as 608 Yampa Street and the upper half story addressed as 608½ Yampa Street

36. Sources of information:

1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940 United States Federal Census, accessed via www.ancestry.com.

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph/ Mountain Bell Telephone Directories for Steamboat Springs, 1956 – 2009. On file at the Denver Public Library, Western History Department.

Routt County Assessor, Residential Property Appraisal Record.

"Routt County Assessor/Treasurer Parcel Detail Information."

Sanborn Insurance maps for Steamboat Springs, July 1911, June 1920.

"Steamboat Springs, CO. About 1900." Retrospective plat map compiled by Marcellus Merrill, January 23, 1976.

VI. Significance

37. Local landmark designation: **N/A** Date of designation: **N/A**

Designating authority: **N/A**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

xx 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;

xx C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

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

38A Applicable Steamboat Springs Landmark Criteria

A building, site, structure or object may be eligible for designation as an Historic Resource on the Local Register if it meets at least one (1) criterion in one or more of the following categories:

1. Historic Importance. The building, site, structure or object has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation; is the site of an historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society; or, exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2. Architectural Importance. The building, site, structure or object portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

3. Geographic Importance. The building, site, structure or object, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City.

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture, Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of significance: **Circa 1925, Circa 1925 – 2012**

41. Level of significance: **Local**

42. Statement of significance:

This dwelling is historically significant for its association with the locally significant historic theme of residential development in Steamboat Springs dating from the time of its construction in the 1920s. It is particularly notable in this regard for its long association with the family of John L. and Mildred Williams, and due to its representative architectural features as described in section 21. Due to a loss of integrity, however, the property may be regarded as ineligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and ineligible for local landmark designation.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This dwelling displays a less than ideal level 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. Aspects of the dwelling's physical integrity (design, materials, and workmanship) appear to have been diminished by the installation of dormers which created additional living space in the upper half story, and by the alteration of several window openings. The dwelling retains its integrity of location and much of its integrity of setting, feeling and association.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**Local Landmark eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**45. Is there National Register district potential? **No**

Discuss: There is strong potential for a Downtown Steamboat Springs National Register District; however, historic buildings in this area along Yampa Street are too dispersed to be included within such a district's boundaries.

If there is N.R. district potential, is this building contributing or noncontributing? **N/A**46. If the building is in an existing N.R. district, is it contributing or noncontributing? **N/A****VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**47. Photograph numbers: **CD #1, Images 15-18; CD #2, Image 65**CDs/Negatives filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs, 137 10th Street, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477**48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey Phase IX**49. Date(s): **July 31, 2012**50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams**51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525**53. Phone number(s): **(970) 493-5270**

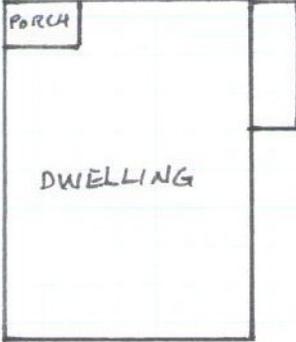
Sketch Map

NORTH

BUTCHER KNIFE CREEK

YAMPA STREET

GRAVEL
PARKING



UNFENCED
BACKYARD

6TH STREET

APPROXIMATE
SCALE



20 FEET

Location Map

