

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. Resource number: **5WL.3172** Parcel number: **080721204009**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Dr. Thomas B. and Cora Gormly House**
- 6. Current building name: **Elizabeth S. Meyer House**
- 7. Building address: **230 5th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Elizabeth S. Meyer**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **230 5th St  
Windsor, CO 80550**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **67W**  
**SE** 1/4 **NE** 1/4 **NW** 1/4 **NW** 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**  
Easting: **508098** Northing: **4480910**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Southern 130 feet of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9; Block 9**  
Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**
- Metes and bounds exist

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**  
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **2,012 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**  
  
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**  
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Car Port**  
**Porch**  
**Ornamentation/Decorative Shingles**  
**Window/Stained Glass**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the east, this house rests on a sandstone foundation, largely concealed behind cream-colored stucco. Cream-painted wood siding, with tan-painted wood cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Decorative wood shingles cover the gables. Windows are generally 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with tan-painted wood frames and surrounds. Spanning the northern two-thirds of the asymmetrical front (east) façade, beneath a pent roof, is a band of paired, 12-light casement windows, with tan painted wood frames and surrounds. The casement window opening just south of the principal doorway has 24 lights. Protruding from the southern third of the façade, centered beneath a gable, is a canted, three-sided bay window. It consists of a 25-light window flanked by 10-light windows. Beneath the bay window's shallowly pitched roof a paired, scroll-cut brackets. Opening beneath a front, clipped-gabled porch protruding from the south elevation is a window with a round-arch upper sash of stained glass. The principal doorway opens south of center in the front façade. It hosts a 6-panel wood door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Approaching the doorway is a 2-step concrete stoop. An identical doorway opens beneath the south porch, which is approached from the east. The porch features a decorative wood balustrade and friezes. A third doorway, nearly identical to the other two, opens in the north end of the rear (west) elevation. Decorative vergeboards appear in the east-, south-, and west-facing gables. The north-facing gables have knee brackets. Gray asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled main roof and all other roof surfaces. A tan-brick chimney protrudes near the center of the east-west roof ridge.**
22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian (Alterations: Late 19th and 20th Century American Movements/Craftsman)**  
Other architectural style:  
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This house is located on the northwest corner of 5th and Walnut streets, just south of Windsor's downtown commercial district. Separating the concrete sidewalks from the streets are grass strips. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the property. A concrete driveway connects Walnut Street to the garage northwest of the house.**
24. Associated building, features or objects:

A single-car garage is located northwest of the house. Oriented to the south, the building rests on a sandstone and concrete foundation. Cream-painted, horizontal wood weatherboard, with tan-painted cornerboards, clads the exterior walls. Dominating the front (south) facade, but offset west of center is a cream-painted, 16-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage door. The east elevation hosts 4-light hopper or awning windows, with tan-painted wood frames and surrounds. A doorway that once opened in the north end of the east elevation has been enclosed with weatherboard. Gray asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and the rafter ends are exposed.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1887 (remodeled ca. 1910)**  Actual  Estimate  
Source of information: **Weld County Assessor Property Profile.**  
**Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900 and January 1906.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
Source of information:
27. Builder: **Unknown**  
Source of information:
28. Original Owner: **Unknown**  
Source of information:
29. Construction history:  
**According to Weld County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1887. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates a 1887 date of construction. According to Sanborn maps, this house was originally a T-shaped plan. This is still evident in the differences in the decorative wood shingles covering the gables and in the vertical boards dividing the north elevation. Many of the modifications to the rear elevation occurred between 1910 and 1920. Additions along the front and rear elevations as well as the replacement of most windows appears to date to the 1940s or 1950s.**
30. Location: **Original Location** 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): **Residence**
35. Historical background:  
**This house was the home of pioneer Windsor physician Dr. Thomas B. Gormly (sometimes spelled Gormley). He was born in June 1862 in Pennsylvania. His wife, Cora, was born in Michigan in 1876, but resided in Dubuque, Iowa. They had three children: Thomas, C. Robert, and Catherine. They often boarded nurses at their home as well. The *Denver Sunday Times* featured a photograph of the Gormly House in article about Windsor published May 20, 1900. In 1908, Dr. Gormly offered the northern portion of his residential lots for the construction of Windsor Hospital (216 5th Street, 5WL2525), which he opened with Dr. E.I. Raymond. Dr. Gormly died in August 1940, after a 42-year career in medicine. Cora remained here through at least 1941.**
- Residing here prior to November 1945 was carpenter Henry Simon, who was born in Indiana around 1886. His wife, Elizabeth, was born to a German family in Russia around 1889. They had at least three children: Neva, Melvin, and Doris. The family arrived via Lisbon, North Dakota, and resided here through at least 1964.**
- Robert W. and Dorothy J. Musil sold the property to Polly McLean Dixon and Kent T. Douglass in 1983. Dixon quit claimed her share of the house and lots to Douglass in 1992. Elizabeth S. Meyer, the current owner, acquired the property from Douglass in 1996.**

36. Sources of information:

**Weld County Assessor Property Profile.**

**Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900, January 1906, May 1911, and November 1921.**

**Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone Directory [for Weld County]. Consulted 1927-28, 1929-30, Summer 1936, November 1941, November 1945, June 1950, Winter 1954-55, Summer 1960, and 1964.**

**Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, pp. 72-3.**

**Lindblad, Mary Alice. *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980, p. 150.**

**U.S. Census of 1900. Windsor, Weld County, Colorado. Roll: T623\_130 Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 198.**

**U.S. Census of 1920. Windsor, Weld County, Colorado. Roll: T625\_172; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 231; Image: 338.**

**U.S. Census of 1930. Windsor, Weld County, Colorado. Roll: 251; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 61; Image: 715.0.**

**"New Windsor, the Thriving Little Town of the Rich Poudre Valley." *Denver Sunday Times*, 20 May 1900, p. 21.**

## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:  Yes  No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns 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 that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

- 1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
- 1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
- 1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
- 1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
- 1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
- 1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
- 1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
- 1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
- 2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
- 2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community.
- 2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.

- 3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**  
**Social History**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Architecture, 1887, ca. 1910-1920; Social History, 1887-1958**

41. Level of Significance:  National  State  Local  Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

**This property is significant under Windsor Landmark Criterion 1a (architecture) as a example of the both a Late Victorian Style with elements of the Craftsman style applied to later additions and modifications. The house is also significant under Windsor Landmark Criterion 2b (social history) as one of the earliest dwelling constructed in the town and one of the most sophisticated for its time period. While the levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are not to the extent that this property would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, it could be eligible as a Windsor Landmark.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**Completed in 1887 and remodeled between 1910 and 1920, this residence exhibits a moderate level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The replacement or removal of some windows and the construction of the rear addition have removed or altered some character-defining features. However, the original form of the building is still clearly visible and many other original character-defining features remain intact.**

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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45. Is there National Register district potential:  Yes  No

Discuss: **Windsor's downtown district, surveyed as part of this project, represents a geographically definable area possessing a significant concentration of buildings united by their historical associations, particularly the commercial development of the community. However, the district lacks architectural integrity and, therefore, architectural association because more than half of the downtown façades were remade in the 1970s and later, mostly in the Windsor German Old-World style.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing:  Yes  No  N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing:  Yes  No  N/A

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **5thst230 - 1 to 5thst230 - 6**  
 Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor  
301 Walnut St  
Windsor, CO 80550**
48. Report title: **Downtown Windsor Survey Report**
49. Date(s): **4/29/2008**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and Rachel Kline**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

52: Address:

**PO Box 419  
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

53: Phone number(s):

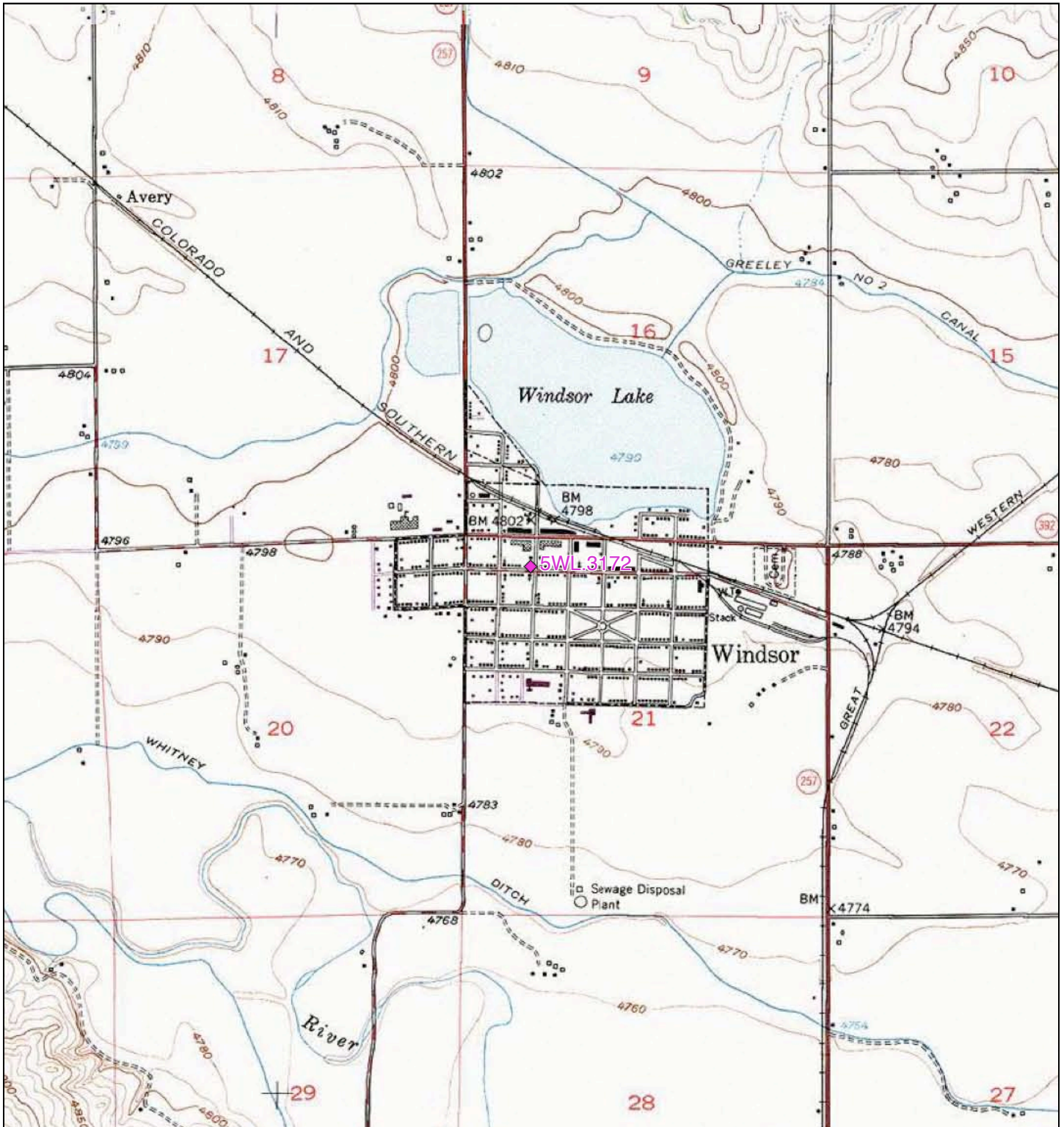
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**SKETCH MAP**



LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969

Downtown Windsor Survey

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