

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. Resource number: **5WL.5606** Parcel number: **080716308012**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **J.T. Wilson Blacksmith Shop; George Manweiler Blacksmith Shop; Ehrlich Building**
- 6. Current building name: **The Border Restaurant**
- 7. Building address: **404 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Reinhold Ehrlich**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **820 Elm 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 type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" 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**  
**SW** 1/4 **SW** 1/4 **SE** 1/4 **SW** 1/4 of section **16**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**  
Easting: **508321** Northing: **4480843**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 3; Block 5**  
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): **Rectangular Plan**  
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **1,176 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**  
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Shed Roof**  
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof/Rubber Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **None Applicable**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the south, this building rests on a concrete foundation. White stucco clads the structural clay tile walls. Windows in the façade are single-light fixed frame, round arch. The principal doorway opens in the center of the façade. It hosts a plate-glass, aluminum-frame door, opening beneath a single-light transom. A secondary doorway opens west of center in the rear (north) elevation. It hosts a white-painted metal slab door, with a single-light. A rubber membrane covers the shed roof.**
22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style**  
Other architectural style:  
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:  
**This commercial building is located on Main Street, the principal east-west thoroughfare through downtown Windsor. It is situated on the north side of the street, between 400 Main Street to the east and 406 Main Street to the west. Separating the building's front (south) facade from the street is a concrete sidewalk. Gravel covers a parking area behind (north of) the building.**
24. Associated building, features or objects:  
**There are no other buildings associated with this property.**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1919**  Actual  Estimate  
Source of information: **Weld County Assessor Property Profile.**  
**Ray, Roy. Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, p. 88.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**  
Source of information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**  
Source of information:
28. Original Owner: **James T. Wilson**  
Source of information: **Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, p. 88.**
29. Construction history:  
**According to Weld County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1919. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates a 1919 date of construction. As originally constructed, this building was a simple box of structural clay tiles. The façade hosted plate-glass windows flanking a doorway within a canted recess. The current façade treatment, which includes stucco wall cladding, paired, round arch-windows, and a doorway flush with the façade, dates to after 1990.**
30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

## V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Business**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Business**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Restaurant**
34. Site type(s): **Cafe**
35. Historical background:  
**This building was constructed in 1919 as a blacksmith shop for Windsor veterinarian James T. Wilson. The original occupant was George Manweiler, who arrived in Windsor in 1918. He was born to a German family in the Samara province of western Russia on July 28, 1890. His wife, Lena, was also born to a German family in Russia around 1889. They arrived in the United States around 1911, and, prior to settling in Windsor, George Manweiler worked as a trackman for the Missouri Pacific Railway in Barton County, Kansas. As his Windsor blacksmith business evolved into a farm equipment dealership, Manweiler purchased the lots immediately east of this building, replacing the wood-frame storefronts there with the current masonry building, completed in 1934. Manweiler sold Oliver Farm Implements and light hardware. George Manweiler moved his business to a larger storefront, at 418 Main Street (5WL.5613), in 1942, where it evolved into a hardware and appliance store. Still owned by the family, Manweiler Hardware and Appliance remains one of the major retail businesses in downtown Windsor.**

Property and historical records suggest that this building at 404 Main Street had been unoccupied for a considerable period of time, when Reinhold and Elsie Ehrlich purchased the property in 1959 as offices for their water hauling service. That year, Reinhold had purchased the water hauling businesses owned by his brothers Albert and Ted, who in turn had purchased their businesses from Dan Weitzel and Harry Caldwell respectively. The Ehrlichs completely remodeled the building, which also housed their Ehrlich Dairy Supply Store.

Through the 1970s and '80s, the building was home to Ed Eichorn's home improvement business followed by Sorenson's Jewelers. Doris and Allen Sorenson had purchased Leon Harrison Jeweler in 1957 and had operated the store at 519 and later 520 Main Street (5WL.5635 and 5WL.5636) before moving to this location. At the time of this survey, the tenant was The Border Restaurant, specializing in Mexican cuisine. The Ehrlich family continues to own the property.

36. Sources of information:  
**Weld County Assessor Property Profile.**
- 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, p. 88.**
- Lindblad, Mary Alice. *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980, p. 134, 136, 141.**
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900, January 1906, May 1911, and November 1921.**
- U.S. Census of 1920. Windsor, Weld County, Colorado. Roll: T625\_172; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 231; Image: 346.**

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: **Commerce**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1919-1942**

41. Level of Significance:  National  State  Local  Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is significant for its association with the development of retail businesses in downtown Windsor. It was the original location of pioneer entrepreneur George Manweiler's blacksmith shop, which evolved into a farm implement and hardware company. The firm became one of the foremost retail businesses in the downtown, where it still exists. However, 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, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, or as a Windsor Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**Constructed in 1919, this former blacksmith shop exhibits a moderately low 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. While it retains its overall form, a 1990's-era façade treatment obscured the original wall materials and altered the fenestration. This building does not retain sufficient physical integrity to convey its historical and architectural significance.**

**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**

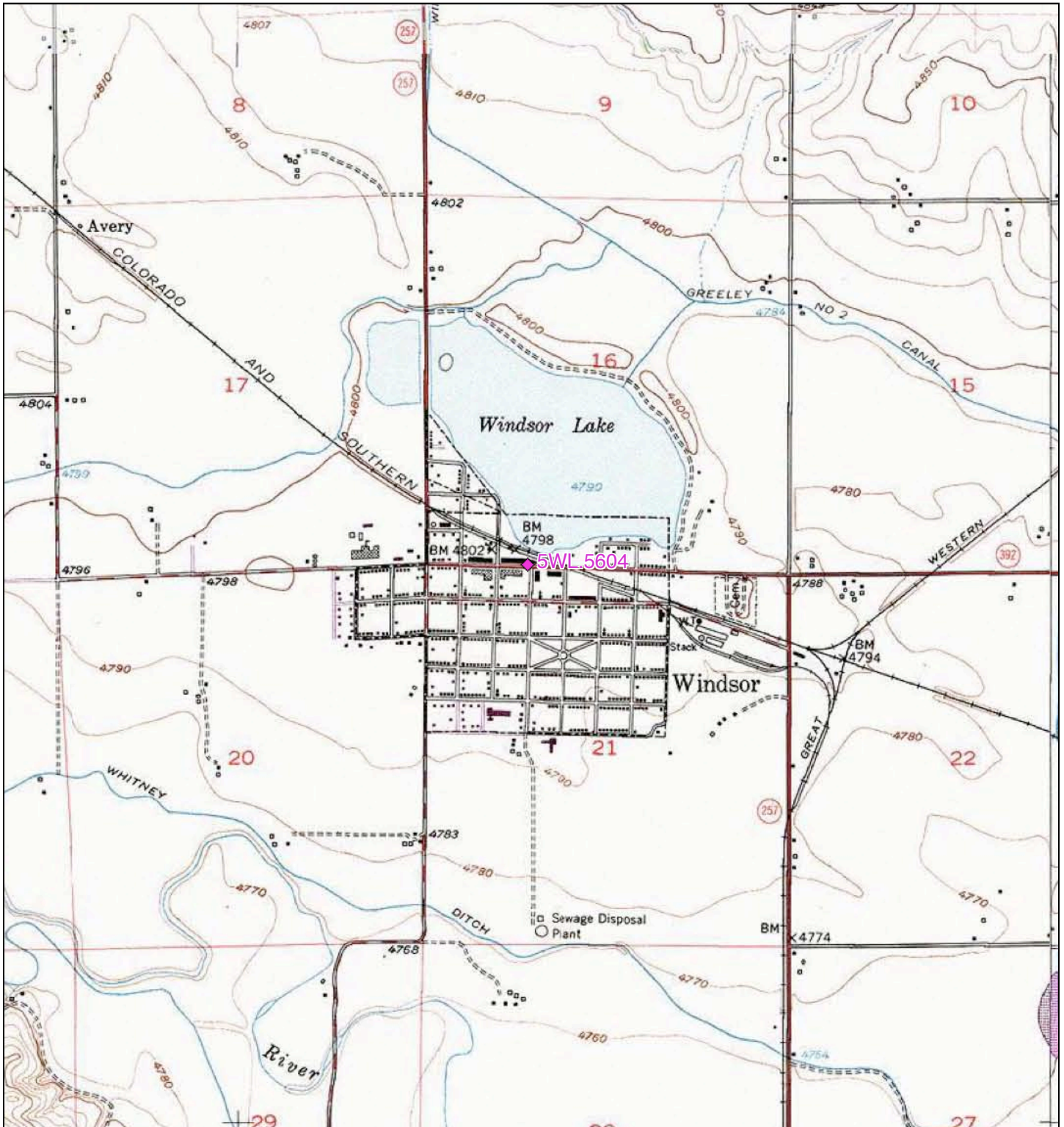
- 47. Digital photograph file name(s): **mainst404 - 1 to mainst404 - 2**
- Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor  
301 Walnut St  
Windsor, CO 80550**
- 48. Report title: **Downtown Windsor Survey Report**
- 49. Date(s): **09/04/2007**
- 50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and Rachel Kline**
- 51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
- 52. Address: **PO Box 419  
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**
- 53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**



**SKETCH MAP**



LOCATION MAP



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

Downtown Windsor Survey

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