

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5WL.5614** Parcel number: **080721203016**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **Not Applicable**
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Felmlee-Schmidt Block; Huntington Bowling Alley & Pool Hall; Ben Franklin; Gambles**
- 6. Current building name: **A+ Interior Design**
- 7. Building address: **419 Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Winter Investments, LLC**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **33652 Weld County Rd 21
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**
NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **508259** Northing: **4480795**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 20; Block 10**
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: **4,250 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco**
Stone/Sandstone
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Synthetic Roof/Rubber Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
Window/Segmental Arch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this building rests on a sandstone foundation. Cream stucco, with protruding quoins, clads the exterior walls. A vertical shaft of random-coursed sandstone marks the center of the façade. The first story of the façade hosts plate-glass windows. The principal doorway opens within a canted recess in the west end of the façade. It hosts a 2-panel, 1-light wood door, opening beneath a transom. Windows in the second story of the façade are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash, with brown aluminum frames. They are grouped in pairs beneath round arches cut from the mansard roof descending from the parapet. Brown asphalt shingles cover this roof and the pent-roof awning spanning the first-story windows and the doorway. Another doorway at the east end of the façade provides access to a staircase rising to the second story. A secondary doorway opens in the west end of the rear elevation. It hosts a tan-painted metal slab door, with a single light. Windows opening in the rear (south) elevation are 1-over-1-light, double-hung sash and single-light casement, with white vinyl frames. They open beneath segmental arches. A doorway opens in the east end of the rear elevation's second story, providing access to an unsheltered deck over the single-story rear half of the building. The doorway hosts a brown-painted, paneled wood door, with 3 lights, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Wood steps descend to the south and west. A rubber membrane covers the nearly flat roof. A chimney protrudes from the south end of the wall shared with the building immediately east.
22. Architectural style: **Other Style**
Other architectural style: **Windsor German Old-World Motif**
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 south side of the street, between 417 Main Street to the east and 421 Main Street to the west. Separating the building's front (north) facade from the street is a concrete sidewalk. Macadam covers a parking area behind (south 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: **1905** Actual Estimate
Source of information: **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Windsor, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., December 1900.**
"Charles A. Yancey." In *History of Colorado*, vol. III, ed. Wilbur Fisk Stone. Chicago, S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1918, p. 165-68.
26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of information:
27. Builder: **Alice "Allie" M. Felmlee and W.B. Williams**
Source of information: **Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, p. 84.**
The Poudre Valley, 5 March 1904
28. Original Owner: **L.C. Schmidt**
Source of information: **Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, p. 84.**
29. Construction history:
According to Weld County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1894. However, according to newspaper articles, this was the eastern unit in a triple storefront constructed by A.M. Felmlee and W.B. Williams and completed in June 1904. The single-story portion of the rear elevation dates to before 1906, according to Sanborn maps, and may have been an original feature of the building. This building remained relatively unaltered between that time and the 1970s, when the façade received the German Old-World Motif that the Windsor Chamber of Commerce was then championing for the downtown.
30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
34. Site type(s): **Interior Design Store**
35. Historical background:
This lot originally contained the western portion of Charles A. Yancey's Windsor Livery & Feed Stable, which he established in 1888 or 1889. He sold the business and property to his close friend, William Kennedy, in June 1899, but immediately leased it back. In January 1900, Yancey again transferred the business to Kennedy, who in turn sold it to A.T. Crary, operating it as the Pioneer Livery Barn. Meanwhile Yancey built another livery barn and business elsewhere in Windsor. In June 1903, Crary sold the livery business and property back to Yancey. But Yancey already had newer facilities and, realizing the value of this Main Street real estate in light of the pending opening of Windsor's sugar factory, offered to demolish the buildings and sell the lots for development. Thus, later that month Yancey sold the lots to Harrison Teller, owner of the Windsor Mercantile Company, and demolished the old stable, selling the salvaged lumber to Windsor contractor Allie Felmlee. Teller in turn sold the three lots, from east to west, to Oscar Felmlee, L.C. Schmidt, and Foster & Huntington. They decided to build an identical, three-part, two-story, brick business block, that opened in June 1904.
- This building was the western third of the business block and was owned by Fred A. Foster and Ben Huntington. Foster previously operated a barbershop on this lot, located in a small, wood-frame building between the Yancey Livery and the former Cobb & Weller Mercantile Company (419 Main Street, 5WL.5614). Foster continued to operate a barbershop in the new building, situated in a small room at the northeastern corner of the building. He also offered hot baths, which may have been situated on the second floor. Occupying the rest of the building was Foster and Huntington's bowling alley and pool hall. The bowling alley featured modern Brunswick equipment and the billiards tables were all new. *The Poudre Valley* declared on June 11, 1904, that Foster and Huntington's new building would "become the amusement center of town." Foster later left the business solely to Huntington.**
- Prior to 1921, a dry goods and clothing store occupied this building. In the 1940s, this storefront housed D.L. Gripton's Ben Franklin Store, a national five-and-dime-store franchise. By 1950, Ed Krise's Gambles store was located here. Touting "everything for the family, home, car, and farm" Gambles was a national franchise of hardware and furniture**

stores. Krise moved his business across Main Street to the former Windsor Mercantile Building (414 Main Street, 5WL.5610) in 1960.

That same year, Tilman and Nadine Olson sold their clothing store, located immediately west at 421 Main Street (5PE.5615), to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ehrlich. The Ehrlichs expanded their business into the space Gambles had just vacated and operated their Ehrlich's Clothing until 1971, when the Sheridan Savings & Loan Association bought the 419 Main Street storefront for its Windsor office. By 1986, the financial institution had become the Key Savings & Loan Association and sold this building to Edward R. and Jo Ann Starck. They sold the property less than a year later to Robert J. and Janet A. Winter, who transferred it to Winter Investments, LLC, the current owner, in 2002. At the time of this survey, A+ Interior Design was the tenant.

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.

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

Ray, Roy. *Highlights in the History of Windsor, Colorado: Golden Jubilee Edition*. Windsor: Press of The Poudre Valley, 1940, p. 85.

Lindblad, Mary Alice. *A Walk Through Windsor: 1940-1980*. Windsor, Colo.: by the author, 1980, p. 141-2.

Deeds 2082100, 2104058, and 2935433. Weld County Clerk and Recorder.

"Charles A. Yancey." In *History of Colorado*, vol. III, ed. Wilbur Fisk Stone. Chicago, S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1918, p. 165-68.

"Charles Yancey's buildings endure in downtown." *Windsor Beacon*, 4 March 1970.

The Windsor Leader, 7 October 1898.

The Poudre Valley, 5 March 1904 and 11 June 1904.

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: **1905-1957**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is significant for its association with the commercial development of downtown Windsor. It served as the home to a number of businesses, including a bowling alley and pool hall, dry goods store, and a national five-and-dime franchise. 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 1905, this commercial building 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. The installation of a German Old-World Motif façade treatment in the 1970s significantly altered the original façade. At this time, the building does not exhibit sufficient physical integrity to convey its historical and architectural significance. However, the newer façade treatment may not have impacted the original fabric of the building. Thus, physical integrity should be reassessed if the 1970s-era façade treatment is removed.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
 State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
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): **mainst419 - 1 to mainst 419 - 2**

Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor**
301 Walnut St
Windsor, CO 80550

48. Report title: **Downtown Windsor Survey Report**

49. Date(s): **9/4/2007**

50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas, Jeffrey DeHerrera, and Rachel Kline**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

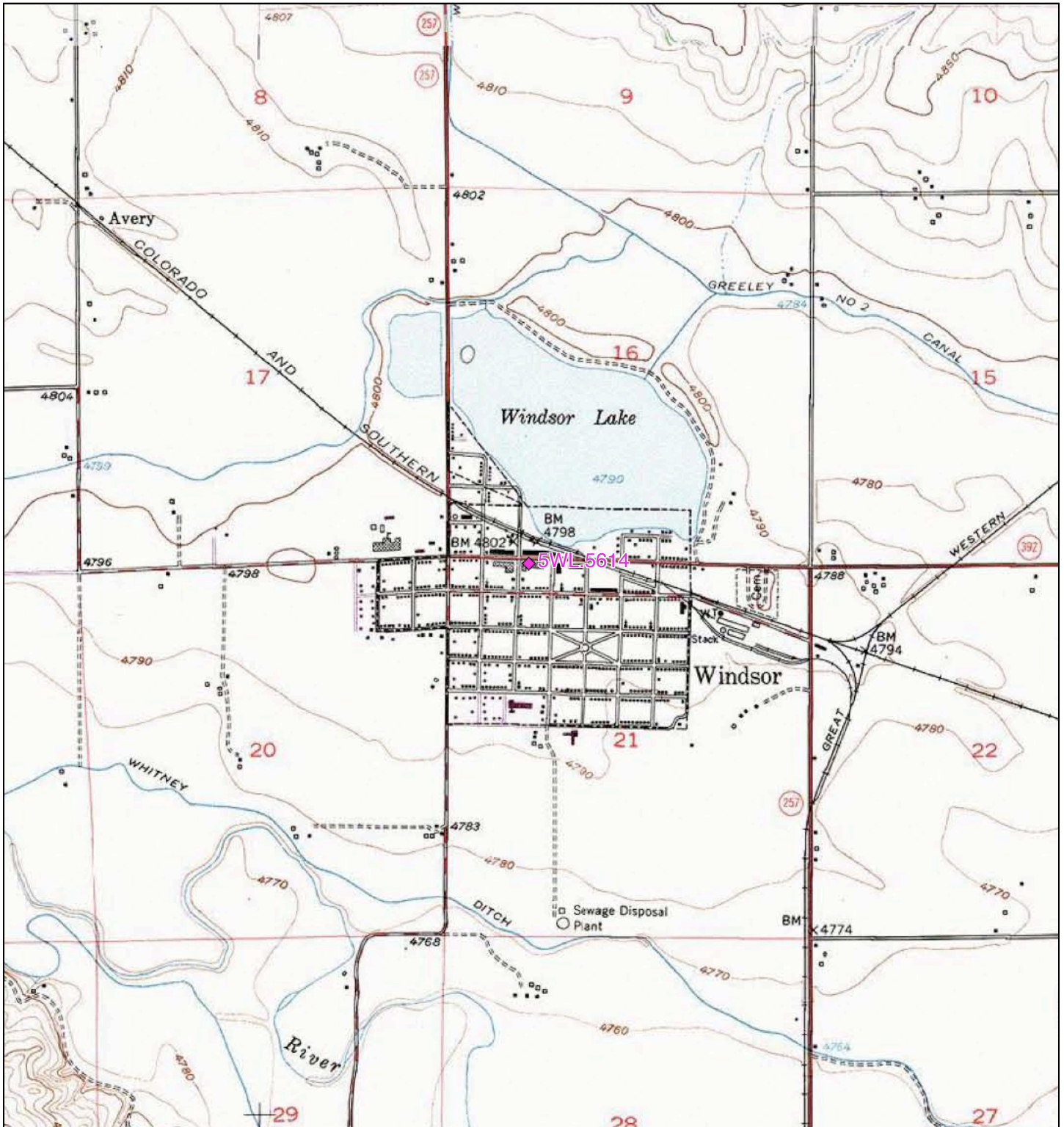
52. Address: **PO Box 419**
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



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