

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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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: 5LR.12768
2. Temporary resource number: SHF-37
3. County: Larimer
4. City: Fort Collins
5. Historic building name: Raymond and Edna Kruse Residence
6. Current building name: Daniel Tappenden House
7. Building address: 2412 Mathews Street
8. Owner name: Daniel S. Tappenden
Owner organization:
Owner address: PO Box 309
Boulder, CO 82923

Parcel number: 97243-09-090

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment: ☐ Individually eligible ☒ Not eligible ☐ Needs data ☐ Previously listed
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **7N** Range: **69W**
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section **24** Grid aligned on **southwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **493776** Northing: **4489455**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **South 70 feet of Lot 90 and North 10 feet of Lot 91**
Addition: **South College Heights, 3rd filing** Year of addition: **1957**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with the property.**
- ☐ Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **2289 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
Brick
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Cross Hipped Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Garage/Attached Garage**
Chimney
Porch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this Split-Level type home rests on a concrete foundation. The rectangularly shaped house features both brick painted white and horizontal siding painted sage green. The home has a cross-hipped roof with overhanging eaves and is covered in asphalt shingles. The primary entry, what appears to be a replacement white wooden (or vinyl) door with a white wooden storm door with glass pane, is located near the intersection of the one and two-story portions of the home. A round metal support painted white defines the minimal front porch. South of the primary entry there is a large picture window flanked by white decorative shutters. There is a white brick integrated planter the same length as the picture window and along the brick portion of the façade. South of the picture window, at the southwest corner of the façade, there is a two-car attached garage. The door is painted white and features a row of square windows across the entire width of the door. The garage portion of the home has horizontal siding and features a gable-on-hip roof with unpainted wooden cross bracing in the gable face. The two-story,

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northwest portion of the façade also has horizontal and brick siding and features a similar gable-on-hip roof. There are two pair of (possibly aluminum) windows with white decorative shutters. A tripartite picture window, likely affording views from a basement "rec" room, also appears in the brick portion of the façade along the foundation. The south elevation features a single slider window in the garage wall. The north elevation contains at least one window which is partially obscured by the brick chimney located near the northwest corner of the home. The east (rear) elevation was not visible from the public right of way. According to Larimer County assessor records, the home has four bedrooms and three bathrooms. Character-defining features of this type evident at 2412 Mathews Street include: the two-story attached to single-story layout, low pitched roof, horizontal orientation, and two-car attached garage.

22. Architectural style:

Other architectural style:

Building type: **Split Level**

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This house is located mid-block along Mathews Street. The rectangular lot has an elevation of slightly over 5000 feet above mean sea level. There is a grass lawn surrounding the home and numerous mature and younger deciduous trees. A concrete walkway leads from the driveway to the primary entry.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

None visible.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1957**☒ Actual ☐ EstimateSource of Information: **City of Fort Collins building permit records: Building Permit #1049 dated 19 September 1957**26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Raymond J. and Edna M. Kruse**Source of Information: **1959 Fort Collins City Directory.**

29. Construction history:

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1958. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. There are no known changes to this home.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**32. Intermediate uses(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

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33. Current uses(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

34. Site type(s): Suburban Split-Level home

35. Historical background:

The original owners of the home at 2412 Mathews Street were Raymond J. and Edna M. Cruse. In 1959 Raymond worked as assistant principal at the local junior high and his wife was a clerk at Barton Elementary School. The couple was married on June 14, 1942, in Miami Beach, Florida. They moved from Wray to Fort Collins in 1944 and had one daughter, Karen. In 1975 Ray was inducted into the Colorado High School Coaches Hall of Fame. The couple retired and moved to Red Feather Lakes in 1977. From the late 1960s until the mid 1970s the owners of this house were Robert H. and Shirley A. De Witt (or DeWitt). The couple married on July 6, 1948, and moved to Fort Collins in 1961. Robert was assistant director of the Colorado State University Library and Shirley started teaching in the Poudre School district in 1969. The couple had four children: Stephen, Joel, Sally, and James. It appears the home may have become a rental in the 1980s, with brothers and CSU students Dave C. and Timothy M. Harder living in the house in 1980. The home was associated with the Hamilton family from ca. 1985 until 2004. Stanley D. Hamilton was a sales representative at Point Five Windows and is credited with perfecting custom-made, copper-clad windows and doors. Stanley and his wife Mary had three children: Danny, Susannah, and Vicky. In 2004 Stanley and Deborah Z. (perhaps a second wife) Hamilton sold this house to Brian Hoyt. In 2008 the current owner, Daniel S. Tappenden, purchased the home.

36. Sources of information:

Larimer County tax assessor property records (online).

Fort Collins City Directory. Fort Collins: Mauer & Mauer; Omaha: R.L. Polk & Co.; Colorado Springs and Loveland: Rocky Mountain Directory Co.; Loveland: Johnson Publishing Co.; and others, consulted 1959 through 1990.

Obituary: Shirley Ann De Witt. Larimer County Genealogical Society. <http://www.lcgsco.org/obits/dewish90.jpg> [Accessed 30 December 2010].

Obituary: Edna May Kruse. Larimer County Genealogical Society. <http://www.lcgsco.org/obits/krused95.jpg> [Accessed 30 December 2010].

Google Search: Stanley Hamilton.

Google Search: Raymond Kruse.

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.

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☐ Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable City of Fort Collins landmark criteria:

- ☐ 1. The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or
- ☐ 2. The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in history; or
- ☒ 3. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- ☐ 4. The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1957**

41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

Architecturally, this property represents a Split-Level type home. Character-defining features include the two-story attached to a single-story layout, low pitched roof, horizontal orientation, and two-car attached garage. Split-level homes were marketed to families with growing children, offering basement "rec" rooms separated from the quieter bedroom zone for noisier pursuits. Both the DeWitts and Hamiltons had numerous children and, therefore, appear to have fit this pattern. Split Levels with construction dates prior to the 1970s seem to be relatively rare in Fort Collins. However, this level of architectural significance is not sufficient for this property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. However, the property qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1957, this residential building exhibits a high 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, association, and feeling. There are no known changes to this home. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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45. Is there National Register district potential: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Needs Data

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Discuss: This inventory was conducted as an intensive-level selective survey and, therefore, lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district. However, based upon the findings in the historic context and the limited survey completed during this project, it appears at least a portion of the South College Heights subdivision may be a good candidate for listing as a National Register of Historic Places and/or Fort Collins historic district. If listed for Criterion C: Architecture, this resource would be a contributing resource.

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): **mathewsst2412 - 1.tif through mathewsst2412 - 4.tif**
Digital photographs filed at: **Historic Preservation Program, City of Fort Collins**
281 N. College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80522
48. Report title: **Fort Collins Post-War Survey**
49. Date(s): **08/30/2010**
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SKETCH MAP



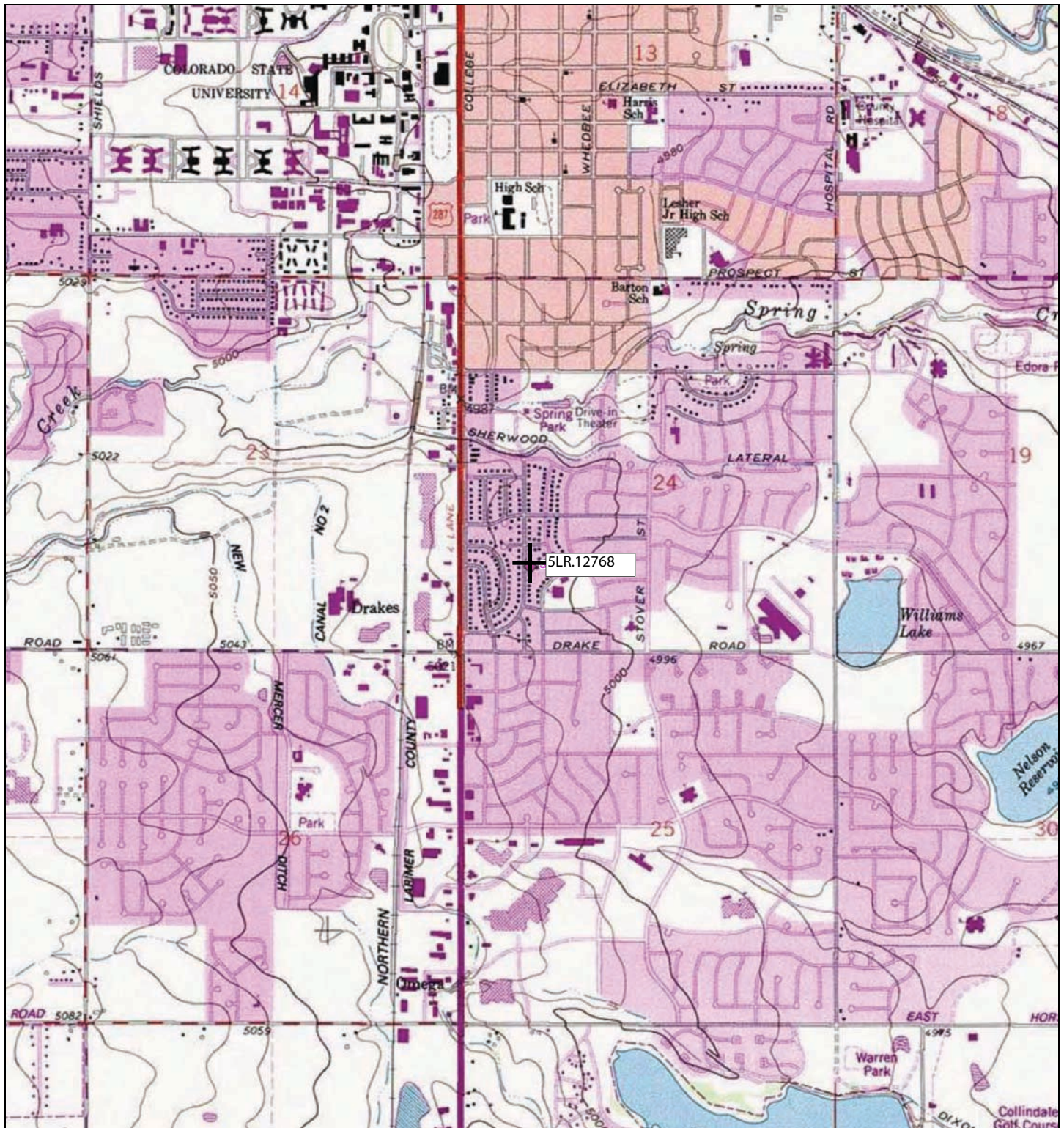
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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Fort Collins - 1984

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