

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.12776
2. Temporary resource number: City-10
3. County: Larimer
4. City: Fort Collins
5. Historic building name: Larimer County Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance
6. Current building name: Larimer County Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance
7. Building address: 335 East Mountain Avenue
8. Owner name: Larimer County Farm Bureau
Owner organization:
Owner address: 335 E. Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Parcel number: 97123-16-006

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**
NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section **12** Grid aligned on **southwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
Easting: **493815** Northing: **4492865**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 6 and 7, Block 141**
Addition: **Fort Collins Original Town** Year of addition: **1873**
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: **2026 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
Stone
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof/Steel Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **None Applicable**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this rectangular-shaped Modern Movements rough-faced brick building rests on a concrete foundation. The building has a front gabled roof with overhanging eaves; the gable face is covered in vertical siding painted maroon. There is a small illuminated sign, visible from both the east and west, affixed to the underside of the gable peak. There are two entries on the façade, both glass doors, within a slightly recessed area underneath the overhanging eaves. One door faces north and the other faces west. A vertical band of white stone siding covers the space between these two entries and also features signage in a modern, sans serif font. There are two rectangular slider windows on the façade. One is located in the slightly projecting northeast half of the façade and the other is near the recessed northwest corner. There are at least three steel-framed, nine-lite windows on the east elevation. There is also a solid metal door painted maroon on this side of the building. The front security fence and the shadow from the adjacent building obscured the view of the west elevation. The south (rear) elevation was not visible from the public right of way. Character-defining features of this Modern Movements building include: the streamlined façade with stone trim, picture windows, and overhanging eaves.

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22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This building is located on a rectangular lot with a parking lot behind. There is a black iron security fence around the property. The elevation of the site is 4997 feet above mean sea level.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

None visible.**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction: **1964** ☒ Actual ☐ EstimateSource of Information: **Larimer County Assessor Records (online).**26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Larimer County Farm Bureau**Source of Information: **1964 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1964. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate the date of construction. An historic image from ca 1969 shows there have been very few changes to this building over time; the illuminated sign may be a replacement for the original sign, although the placement of this sign on the facade and size of the sign appear to be the same.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Professional
Commerce and Trade/Organizational**32. Intermediate uses(s): **Commerce and Trade/Professional
Commerce and Trade/Organizational**33. Current uses(s): **Commerce and Trade/Professional
Commerce and Trade/Organizational**34. Site type(s): **Modern Movements building**

35. Historical background:

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Research on this building yielded very little information. The site has been associated with the Farm Bureau for its entire forty seven year history. The original and current owners are the Larimer County Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance. Statewide county farm bureaus are dedicated to insuring the success of farming and ranching. The Colorado Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation were originally formed in 1919 to make the business of farming more profitable. Farm Bureau insurance was established in the 1940s. According to research conducted on the Nicol Building at 528-530 South College Avenue (SLR.2278), Partners of Larimer County, a nonprofit youth mentoring agency, was located in the Farm Bureau Insurance building before relocating to the Nicol Building in 2001.

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 1964 through 1976.

http://coloradofarmbureau.com/?page_id=2 [Accessed 20 April 2011].

VI. SIGNIFICANCE37. 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 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.

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39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**
Agriculture

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1964; 1964-1980**

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

42. Statement of Significance:

Historically, this building is important for its association with the Larimer County Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau Insurance company. The presence of these institutions in downtown Fort Collins illustrates the role agriculture and farming-related businesses have played in the city's economy.

Architecturally, this commercial building is a good example of mid-1960s Modern Movements architecture. Character-defining features include: the streamlined façade with stone trim, picture windows, and overhanging eaves. This level of historical and architectural significance is not sufficient for this property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation this building is eligible to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties (Criterion A: Agriculture and Criterion C: Architecture). The building also qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1964, this 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. Possible minor changes to the signage have virtually no impact on the overall integrity of this resource. The 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

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.**

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): **mountainavee0335 - 1.tif through mountainavee0335 - 3. tif**
Digital photographs filed at: **Historic Preservation Program, City of Fort Collins**
281 N. College Avenue

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Fort Collins, CO 8052248. Report title: **Fort Collins Post-War Survey**49. Date(s): **11/19/2010**50. Recorder(s): **Mary Therese Anstey**51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**52. Address: **PO Box 181095
Denver, CO 80218-8822**53. Phone number(s): **(303) 390-1638**

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SKETCH MAP



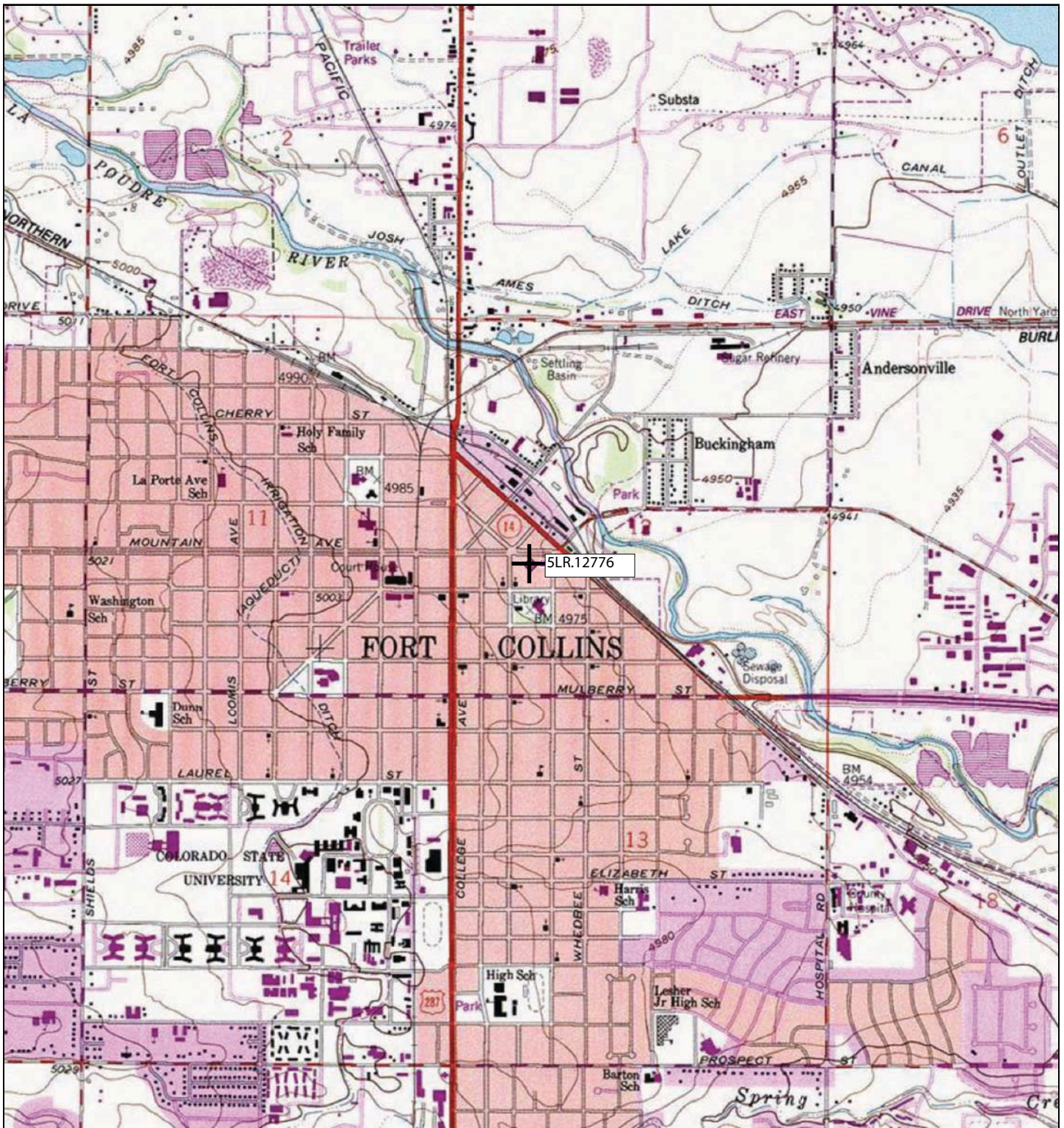
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LOCATION MAP



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

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