

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

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| 1. Resource number: | 5BL.11040 | Parcel number: 158136109007 |
| 2. Temporary resource number: | Not Applicable | |
| 3. County: | Boulder | |
| 4. City: | Wondervu | |
| 5. Historic building name: | Bierwirth Cabin; Mike and Madelyn Phillips Cabin | |
| 6. Current building name: | Joseph J. and Mary E. Lischka Cabin (North) | |
| 7. Building address: | 193 Outlook Drive | |
| 8. Owner name: | Joseph J. and Mary E. Lischka | |
| Owner organization: | | |
| Owner address: | 5140 Main Street | |
| No. 303-119 | | |
| | Williamsville, NY 14221 | |

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| 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 |

Wondervu Historical and Architectural Survey

HISTORITECTURE

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **1S** Range: **72W**
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **36** Grid aligned on **northwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **466007** Northing: **4419662**
11. USGS quad name: **Tungsten** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1972**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 18 and 19; Block 6 4419667**
 Addition: **Wondervu Project** Year of addition: **1936**
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): **L-Shaped Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **576 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Shingle**
Wood/Plywood/Particle Board
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Porch**
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the north, this cabin lacks a formal foundation, resting instead on log piers. Unpainted, square-cut wood shingles clad the exterior walls of the original, side-gabled core and shed-roofed south addition. Covering the north addition are tan-painted sheets of vertically scored plywood, with unpainted cornerboards and horizontal seam battens. Windows are generally 8-light casement, with green-painted wood frames and surrounds. The south addition has 2-light hopper or awning windows, with green-painted wood frames and surrounds. The building lacks a principal doorway. Such a doorway probably exists, but the north porch conceals it. A secondary doorway opens low in the north porch's east elevation. It hosts an unpainted, wood slab door. Another doorway opens in the south addition's west elevation. It hosts a red-painted, 4-panel wood door, opening behind a red-painted, wood-frame screen door. The doorway provides access to an unsheltered wood stoop. Another doorway opens in the south elevation of the west-facing, shed-roofed porch. Approaching it are wood steps. A shed-roofed porch spans the entire front (north) façade. Enclosing it are wire-mesh screens. Brown sheets of asphalt cover the side-gabled main roof and all other roof surfaces. The rafter ends are exposed but capped by a green-painted fascia board.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Rustic**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on an east-west-oriented ridge top, at an elevation of over 8,600 feet above mean sea level. Cabins are irregularly spaced along Outlook Drive, an unpaved, generally east-west-oriented road. This cabin has a moderate setback. The terrain slopes steeply downward from south to north. Covering the property are thick stands of mature pines, spruces, and aspens.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Privy

A privy is located off the southwest corner of the house. Oriented to the east, the building lacks a formal foundation. Unpainted, square-cut wood shingles clad the exterior walls. A shingle-covered door opens in the front (east) façade. It opens on metal strap shingles. Green sheets of asphalt cover the shed roof.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1930** Actual Estimate

Source of Information: **Boulder County Assessor Records.
Deed 90444891. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Edward D. and Gladys M. Bierwirth**

Source of Information: **Deed 90444891. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.**

29. Construction history:

According to Boulder County assessor records, this cabin was constructed in 1930. An analysis of the style, materials, and other historical records corroborates a 1930 date of construction. The building originally consisted of just the side-gabled core. The earliest modifications were the construction of the shed-roofed addition across the south elevation and a small porch to the west elevation. These changes appear to date to before 1960. The large, shed-roofed, north porch dates to after 1970.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s): **Not Applicable**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

32. Intermediate uses(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

33. Current uses(s): **Domestic/Cabin**

34. Site type(s): Cabin

35. Historical background:

The original owners of this cabin, constructed in 1930, appear to have been Edward D. and Gladys M. Bierwirth, although the date and means of their purchase remain unclear. Edward David Bierwirth was born on April 29, 1895, in Grey, Ontario, Canada. He immigrated to the United States in 1914. Gladys Mae Bierwirth was born on March 23, 1896, in Nebraska. They married circa 1915 and had no children. By 1930, Bierwirth was branch manager of the Delco Light Company in Denver. Edward Bierwirth died on May 21, 1942, in Riverside, California.

Gladys subsequently remarried, becoming Gladys Mae Check. In 1947 she sold this cabin to Ethelyn Schmidt who immediately transferred it to Mike and Madelyn Phillips. Mike Phillips was born on November 18, 1906, in Colorado, to parents who had immigrated from Italy. His grandparents, Carl and Josephine Phillips, raised Mike in Denver, where he worked as a tailor. Madelyn T. Phillips was born on May 18, 1912. She died in March 1981 in Denver. Mike also died in Denver, on November 20, 1997.

Janice M. Cagle, personal representative of the Mike Phillips estate, transferred the property to herself in 1999, selling it a few months later to Mary E. and Joseph J. Lischka, the current owners.

36. Sources of information:

Boulder County Assessor Records.

Deeds 01980202, 01944936, 90444892, and 90444891. Boulder County Clerk and Recorder.

U.S. Census of 1930. Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Roll 237; Page: 22A; Enumeration District: 100; Image: 83.0.

U.S. Census of 1930. Denver, Denver County, Colorado. Roll 239; Page: 18B; Enumeration District: 194; Image: 1197.0.

California Death Index Record for Edward David Bierwirth.

Social Security Death Index Record for Madelyn Phillips (522-42-7432).

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 Boulder County landmark criteria:

- 1. the character, interest, or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county;
- 2. the proposed landmark as a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event;
- 3. the identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state, or national history;
- 4. the proposed landmark as an embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials;
- 5. the proposed landmark as identification of the work of an architect, landscape architect, or master builder whose work has influenced development in the county, state, or nation;
- 6. the proposed landmark's archaeological significance;
- 7. the proposed landmark as an example of either architectural or structural innovation; and
- 8. the relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites which would also be determined to be of historic significance.
- Does not meet any of the above Boulder County landmark criteria.

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

40. Period(s) of Significance: **Architecture, 1930; Social History 1930-1960**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with the development of Wondervu, a collection of mountaintop summer cabins marketed to and owned by members of the working and middle classes. Early owners of this cabin included an electric company manager and a tailor. The cabin is also architecturally significant as an example of the Rustic style. Character-defining features include wood shingle siding, divided-light windows, and exposed rafter ends. It is also one of the oldest cabins in Wondervu. However, because of its lack of notable historical or architectural significance, this property may not be eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, or as a Boulder County Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1930, this cabin 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 construction of the north porch altered the façade and concealed many character-defining features. Other features, including the original exterior wall cladding and windows, remain intact. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its historical and architectural significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data Previously listed
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45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No

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): **outlookdr0193 - 1.tif to outlookdr0193 - 5.tif**

Digital photographs filed at: **Boulder County Parks and Open Space
5201 St. Vrain Road
Longmont, CO 80502**

48. Report title: **Wondervu Historical and Architectural Survey, 2009-10**

49. Date(s): **10/13/2009**

50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

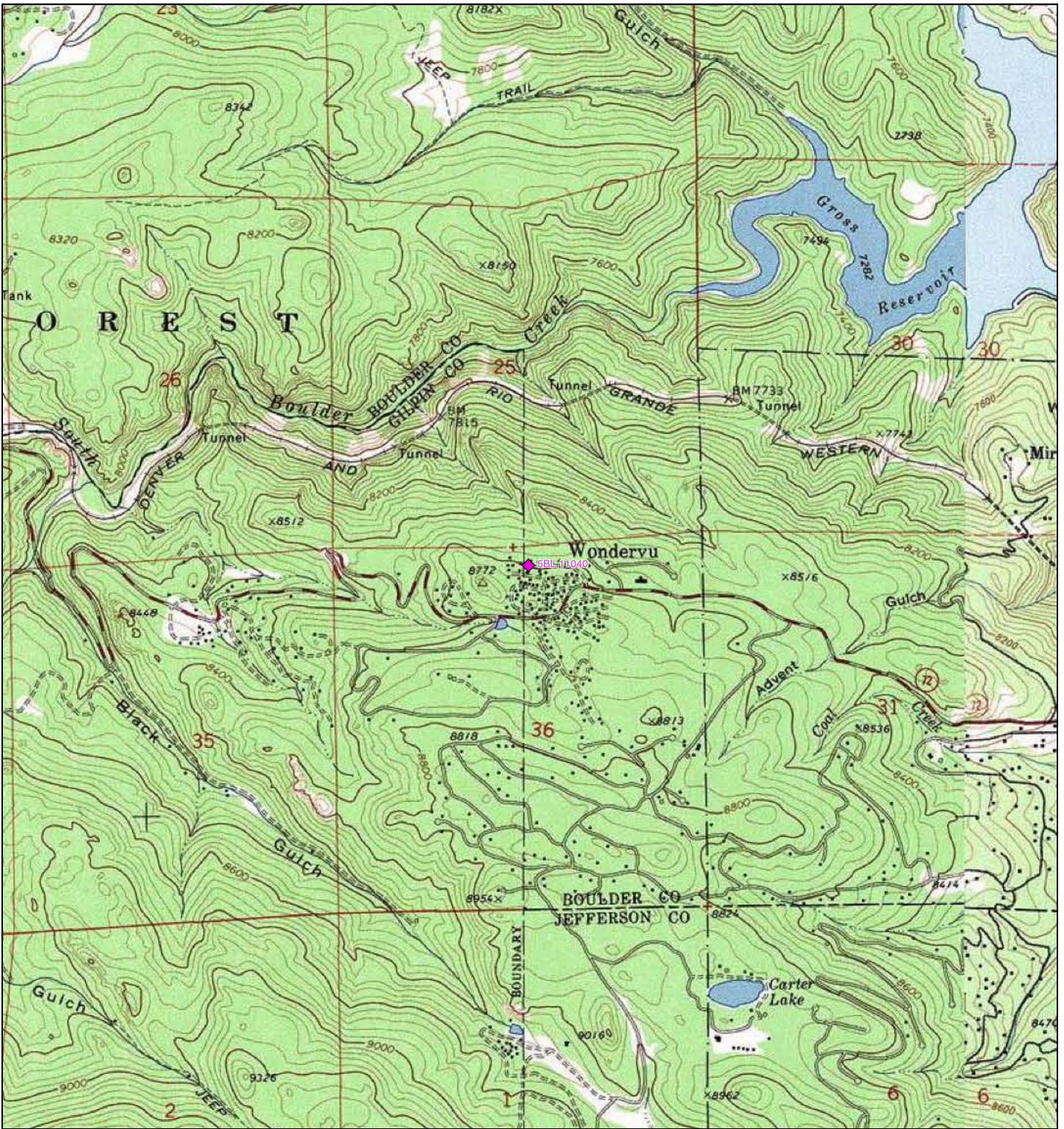
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

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

SKETCH MAP



LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Tungsten - 1972

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