

## 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.12793  
2. Temporary resource number: SHF-51  
3. County: Larimer  
4. City: Fort Collins  
5. Historic building name: Ormond K. and Margaret Sherwood Residence  
6. Current building name: Edith and James Bowman, Jr. House  
7. Building address: 1800 Sheely Drive  
8. Owner name: Edith G. and James P. Bowman, jr.  
Owner organization:  
Owner address: 1800 Sheely Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Parcel number: 97232-07-001

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 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4** of section **23** Grid aligned on **northwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**  
 Easting: **492320** Northing: **4490501**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**  
 Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **All of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2**  
 Addition: **Spring Valley** Year of addition: **1960**
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: **2059 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Concrete/Concrete Block**  
**Brick**  
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**  
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Other Roof Material**  
 Other roof materials: **Built-up rock**
20. Special features: **Chimney**  
**Garage/Attached Garage**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the southwest, this early-1960s Modern Movements home rests on a concrete foundation. The rectangular-shaped house features concrete block with brick details; both are painted white. The roof is cross-gabled and covered in built-up rock, with overhanging eaves and cornices painted dark brown. The primary entry is centered on the façade, with a breezeblock vertical wall designed to provide enhanced privacy. There is a curved walkway of decorative stone panels leading from the sidewalk to the front door; this same material forms decorative 'islands' near the façade foundation and within the front lawn. The front door appears to be stained wood and the trim on the glass storm door and the flanking sidelight is painted dark brown. East of the entry there is a large slider window. A brick half-wall obscures both this opening and at least half of the façade and forms a front patio. The other openings on the façade include another slider window and what appears to be a double door (or sliding patio door) entry onto the walled front patio. West of the front door there is a projecting gabled bay with three long, vertically oriented fixed pane windows which face the small entry courtyard. A half-height brick wall extends from the southeast corner of the projecting gable bay,**

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giving the façade a more expansive appearance. Over this wall a secondary entry, perhaps a sliding patio door, is visible at the front corner of the west elevation. A large chimney, a continuation of the brick privacy wall, and another door near the rear corner of the house also are visible on the west side of the home. The attached two-car garage comprises the east elevation. Another brick wall with an iron gate encloses the rear yard where a detached carport is visible. The northeast (rear) elevation was not visible from the public right of way. According to Larimer County assessor records, this house has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Character-defining features of this style evident at 1800 Sheely Drive include: the streamlined appearance achieved with the use of concrete painted white, the decorative breezeblock and brick walls to enhance privacy, and integration of the home within the landscape.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This house is located on an irregularly- shaped corner lot at the intersections of Sheely Drive and Birky Place. It features a grass yard with decorative 'islands' and a curved walkway of decorative stone panels. The landscaping combines large rocks, small stones, decorative grasses, and sculptural evergreens. The property is sited on a lot with an elevation of 5025 feet above mean sea level

24. Associated building, features or objects:

There is a detached, possibly temporary, carport which appears to be constructed of corrugated metal located in the rear yard.

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction: **1962** ☒ Actual ☐ Estimate

Source of Information: **Larimer County Assessor Records (online).**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Ben Olds**

Source of Information: **Ware, Ruth A. Correspondence with City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation Program. 9 January 1987.**

28. Original Owner: **Ormond K. and Margaret Sherwood**

Source of Information: **1962 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1962. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. These records also indicated a remodeling date of 1975; it is not clear what changes were made to the home at this time. There is a possibility the home originally had a carport which was replaced with the existing attached garage; this change may be the alteration executed in 1975.

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): Corner-lot suburban home.

35. Historical background:

The original owners of the home at 1800 Sheely Drive were Ormond K. and Margaret Sherwood. He was a partner in Valley Block Company, a local concrete block manufacturer with offices located at 405 North Mason Street. Sherwood bought several lots in the Sheely Drive neighborhood and sought to promote the use of Valley Block Company materials to create new homes. According to an account by Ruth Ware, neighbor of the Sherwoods, he envisioned architects designing and builders erecting "homes similar to new construction with concrete masonry being used in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area." Both the Sherwoods' and Wares' homes were constructed of Valley Block concrete. By 1972 this home belonged to Jack and Dorothy Dickson. He worked in maintenance for the Colorado State Highway Department and his wife was a stenographer. From 1978 to at least 1994, Verlyn H. and Dorothy M. Richardson owned this house. He moved to Colorado in 1938 and the couple married in 1964. He worked for the City of Greeley Water Treatment plant for twenty-three years, retiring in 1983. The Richardsons were longtime members of the nearby Plymouth Congregational Church on West Prospect Road. They sold the home to Ruth M. Gussman and Peter L. Poses, who owned the house for only a short time. In 1995 they sold the house to current owners Edith G. and James P. Bowman, jr. She is an ophthalmologist and her husband works in the Anatomy department at Colorado State University.

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 1962 through 1995.

Obituary: Verlyn Richardson. [http://plymouthucc.org/kingdomtools/site/plymouthucc.org/resources/500000000098/10\\_Feb.pdf](http://plymouthucc.org/kingdomtools/site/plymouthucc.org/resources/500000000098/10_Feb.pdf) [Accessed 17 February 2011].

Ware, Ruth A. Correspondence with City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation Program. 9 January 1987.

Google Search: Edith Bowman.

Google Search: James P. Bowman.

## 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.

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- ☒ 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.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1962**

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

42. Statement of Significance:

This building, architecturally, represents an early-1960s Modern Movements home. As Ormond K. Sherwood intended, the house has an appearance very similar to the homes built of concrete masonry in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas during the early 1960s. Character-defining features include a streamlined appearance achieved with the use of concrete painted white, the decorative breezeblock and brick walls to enhance privacy, and integration of the home within the landscape. The level of architectural significance for this resource 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, this resource qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1962, this Modern Movement home 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. It is unclear what exterior change, if any, was made in 1975 (as mentioned in Larimer County assessor records). There is a possibility this home may have originally had a carport and this feature was converted to an attached garage. If this change was made it had little effect on the aspects of design, materials, and workmanship. 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

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 the Sheely Drive area is a good candidate for listing as a National Register of Historic Places. If listed for Criterion C: Architecture, this resource would be a contributing resource. There is justification for a boundary expansion to the existing Sheely Drive Fort Collins 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): **sheelydr1800 - 1.tif through sheelydr1800 - 5.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): **11/19/2010**
50. Recorder(s): **Mary Therese Anstey**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
52. Address: **PO Box 181095**  
**Denver, CO 80212-8822**
53. Phone number(s): **(303)390-1638**

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SKETCH MAP



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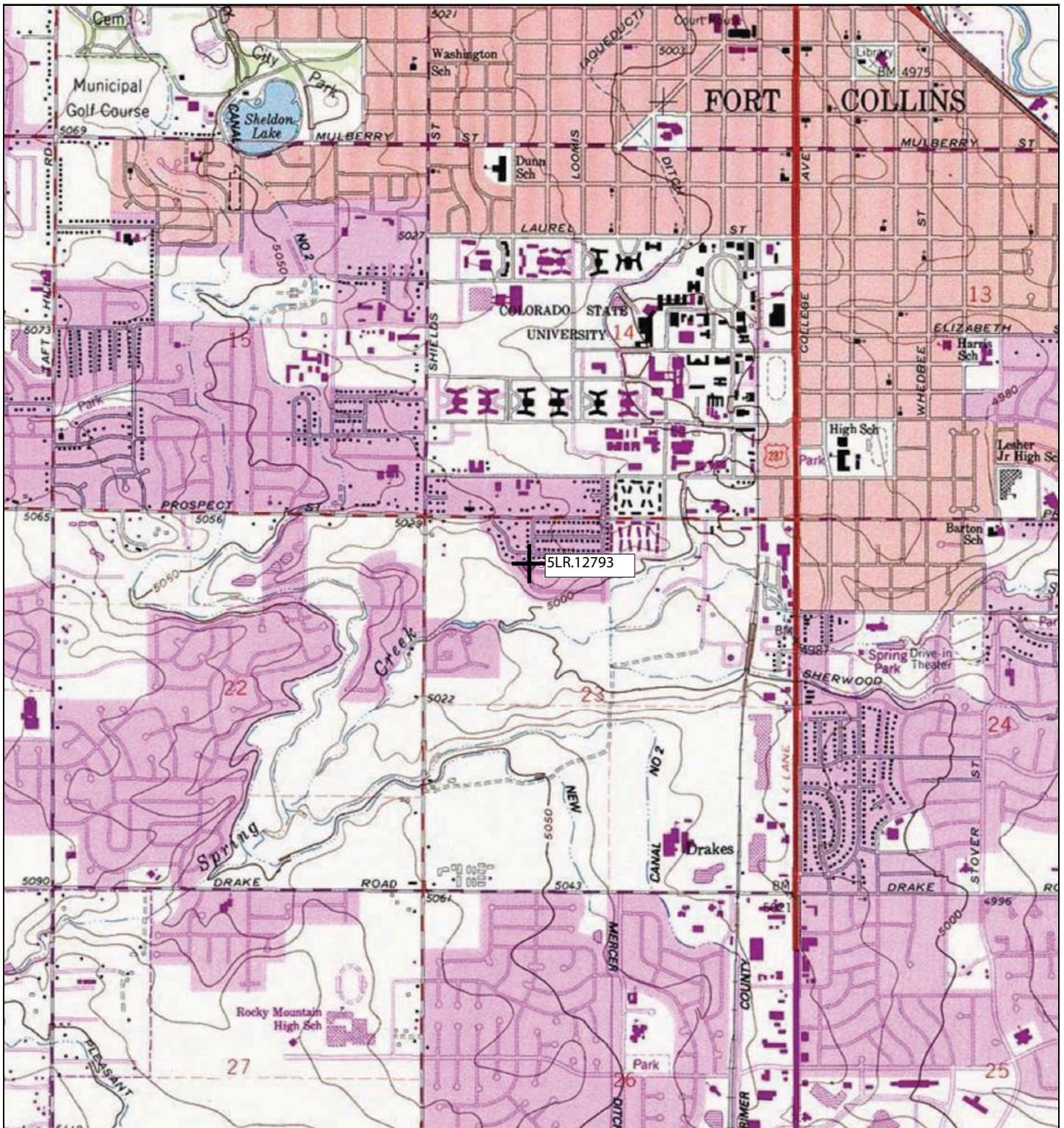
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## LOCATION MAP



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

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