

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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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.12795  
2. Temporary resource number: SHF-52  
3. County: Larimer  
4. City: Fort Collins  
5. Historic building name: Dr. Bruce B. and Caroline Frye Residence  
6. Current building name: Caroline Frye Home  
7. Building address: 1924 Sheely Drive  
8. Owner name: Caroline Frye  
Owner organization:  
Owner address: 1924 Sheely Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Parcel number: 97232-10-004

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 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4** of section **23** Grid aligned on **southeast** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**  
 Easting: **492564** Northing: **4490418**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**  
 Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 4, Block 3**  
 Addition: **Spring Creek** Year of addition: **1962**
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: **2624 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One-and-one-half**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**  
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Flat 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 south, this Neo-Mansard home rests on a concrete foundation. The rectangular-shaped house is constructed of pinkish-red brick. The flat portion of the faux mansard roof (actually a pent roof projecting below a flat roof) is covered in built-up rock while heavy wooden shingles clad the visible pent portion of the roof. The wooden cornice and other wooden trim on the house is painted dark brown. The façade is divided into three sections: the portion at the southwest corner including the primary entry, the elevated central bay, and the single-story at the southwest corner containing the garage. Partially obscured by a tall juniper bush, a large picture window dominates most of the portion of the home containing the primary entry. The front door, reached via six oversized concrete steps leading up from the sidewalk, is located within a recessed entry and is difficult to discern from the public right of way. It appears the door is solid wood painted dark orange. The storm door is dark brown with a glass and screen opening. Sidelights flank this door. There are three window units within the central portion of the façade. Two of these appear to be multi-lite, fixed pane, horizontally oriented windows which are recessed within cut outs in the pent portion of the faux**

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mansard roof. A third similar window is located lower on the façade. The third section of the façade, at the southeast corner, contains the two-car attached garage with a solid wood door painted dark brown. The west elevation, mostly obscured by a juniper bush, contains a large brick chimney which transects the faux mansard roof. The east side of the house features a window like those on the façade looking into the garage. The north (rear) elevation was not visible from the public right of way. According to Larimer County assessor records, this house has three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Character-defining features of this building type evident at 1924 Sheely Drive include: a faux mansard roof covered in heavy wooden shakes and recessed windows within the pent portion of this distinctive roof.

## 22. Architectural style:

Other architectural style:

Building type: **Neo-Mansard**

## 23. Landscape or special setting features:

This house is located on a compact square-shaped lot. It features a grass yard which slopes downward toward the sidewalk. There are both juniper bushes and mature deciduous trees on the lot. A concrete walk composed of six long and rather wide steps leads from the sidewalk to the front door. The property is sited on a lot with an elevation of 5005 feet above mean sea level.

## 24. Associated building, features or objects:

**None visible.**

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1967** ☒ Actual ☐ EstimateSource of Information: **Larimer County Assessor Records (online).**26. Architect: **Hud Frink**Source of Information: **Frye, Caroline. Owner questionnaire for Sheely landmark district.**27. Builder: **Ted Kellums**Source of Information: **Frye, Caroline. Owner questionnaire for Sheely landmark district.**28. Original Owner: **Bruce B. and Caroline Frye**Source of Information: **1968 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1967. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction.

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

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34. Site type(s): **Neo-Mansard suburban home**

35. Historical background:

The house at 1924 Sheely Drive has been associated with the same family for its entire forty-four year history. The original owners of the house were Dr. Bruce B. Frye and his wife Caroline. Dr. Frye was a professor at Colorado State University and Caroline was on the staff there. The couple had three children: Susan, Tom, and Bradford. In 1957 Dr. Frye was responsible, with Professor Willard O. Eddy, for developing the CSU Honors program. The pair led an interdisciplinary seminar on Leo Tolstoy for fifteen invited students. Both of the Fries were listed living at the home as recently as 2002; however, assessor records list only Caroline as the current owner.

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 1968 through 1988.

Google Search: Bruce Frye.

## 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 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**40. Period(s) of Significance: **1967**41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This home has been associated with only a single owner, the Fries, over its forty-four year history. Architecturally, it represents an example of the Neo-Mansard building type. Character-defining features include a faux mansard roof covered in heavy wooden shakes and recessed windows within the pent portion of this distinctive roof. 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. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, this house is eligible to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties (Criterion C: Architecture). It also qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1967, this Neo-Mansard 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. This building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing on the National Register and as a Fort Collins Landmark.

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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

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47. Digital photograph file name(s): **sheelydr1924 - 1.tif through sheelydr1924 - 3.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**  
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SKETCH MAP



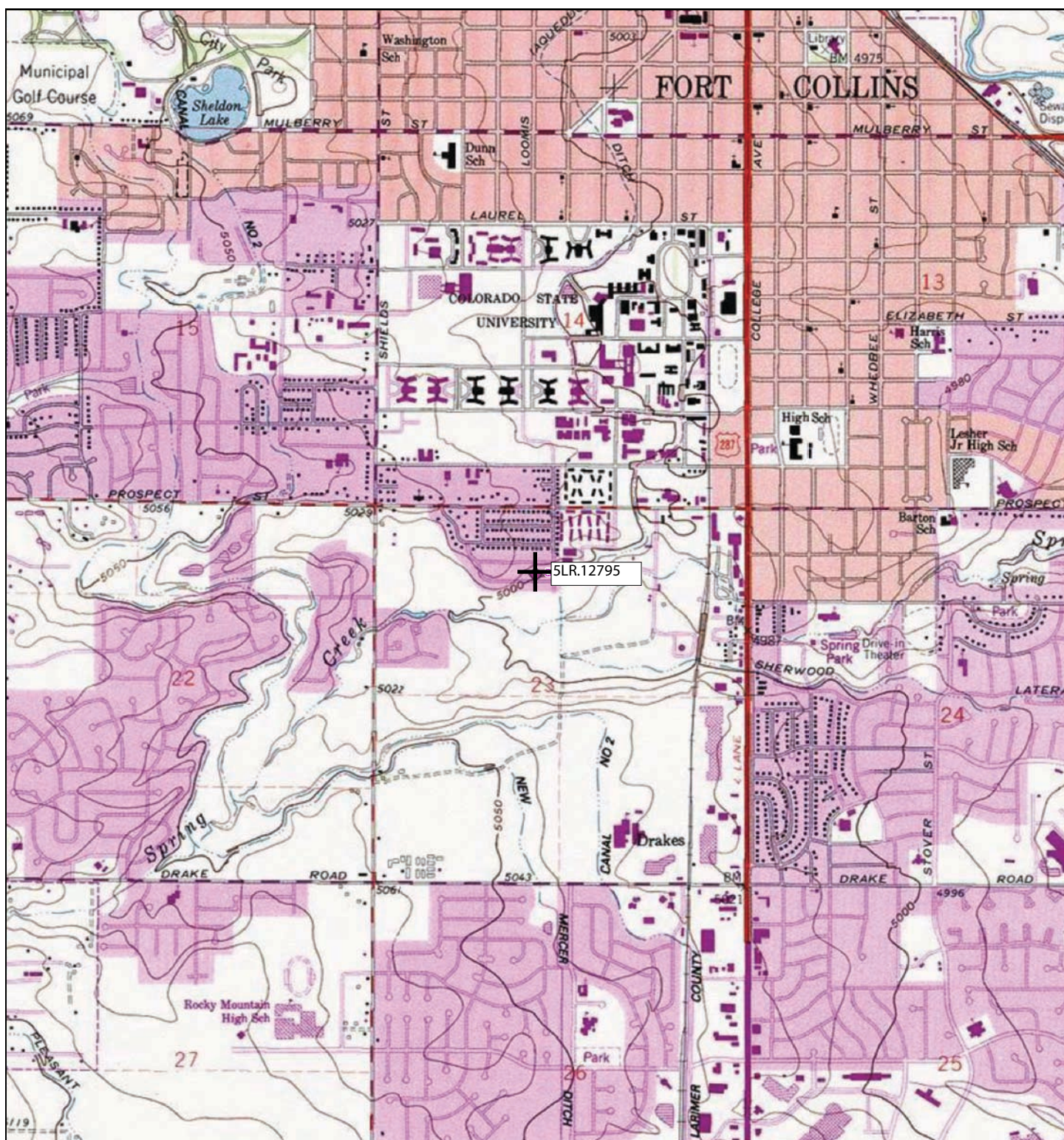
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## LOCATION MAP



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

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