

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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Date _____ Initials _____

- _____ Determined Eligible- NR
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 _____ Contributes to eligible NR District
 _____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5LR.11217**
2. Temporary resource number: **City-32**
3. County: **Larimer**
4. City: **Fort Collins**
5. Historic building name: **Elmer and Frances Widger Residence**
6. Current building name: **Jack Jewell Home**
7. Building address: **106 North Washington Avenue**
8. Owner name: **Jack Jewell**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **PO Box 2351
Fort Collins, CO 80522**

Parcel number: **97113-07-032**

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **7N** Range: **69W**
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section **11** Grid aligned on **southwest** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **492286** Northing: **4492988**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Portions of Lots 19, 20, and 21; Block 291**
 Addition: **Loomis Addition** Year of addition: **1887**
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: **1382 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Asbestos**
 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: **Fence**
Garage/Attached Garage
Window/Glass Block
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the west, this Modern Movements style home rests on a concrete foundation. The rectangular-shaped house features painted asbestos siding. The house has a flat roof with overhanging eaves which slopes upward slightly toward the front of the house; it is covered in built-up rock. The façade is divided into three bays. The northwest portion is painted pea green and features a single pair of what appear to be double hung windows. A metal awning, painted rusty red, caps this window. The central bay extends slightly from the other two portions of the façade and is painted gray. This part of the house contains a large picture window with a patchwork pattern of fixed pane lights. Another painted metal awning caps this window. The primary entry is located within the center bay and faces south. It is reached via three concrete steps up to a slightly recessed stoop with a decorative iron railing. The door appears to be lightly stained wood. The storm door is metal with decorative metalwork. The southwest portion of the façade is painted pea green and features a single-car attached garage; the garage door is painted rusty

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red. There is a shiny metal round support post at the corner of the roof near the garage door.

The southern elevation of the house was partially obscured by a tall privacy fence, however, two openings (one may be a secondary entry) are visible; the front portion of the elevation is painted pea green while the rear portion is gray. The northern elevation is painted gray. It has two rectangular, horizontally oriented slider windows and an opening filled in with glass block. The privacy fence blocks the view of much of the east (rear) elevation from the public right of way. The he southeast corner of the home is painted gray and features a pair of double-hung windows. There is also a rear covered patio.

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building contains two bedrooms and one bathroom. Character-defining features of the Modern Movements style home at 106 N. Washington Avenue include the horizontal orientation, flat roof, and large picture window.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This house is located on a compact rectangular lot with an alley running along the north side of the property. There is a grass lawn and several evergreen trees. A lamppost appears near the primary entry. The property is sited on a lot with an elevation of 5015 feet above mean sea level.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

None visible.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1954** ☒ Actual ☐ Estimate

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

26. Architect: **Unknown.**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown.**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Elmer E. and Frances O. Bridger**

Source of Information: **1954 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to Larimer County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1954. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. The paint colors and house number appear to be recent alterations. An historic image from 1968 shows the metal awnings in place above the front windows.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

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32. Intermediate uses(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

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

34. Site type(s): Modern Movements house.

35. Historical background:

The original owners of the house at 106 N. Washington Avenue were Elmer E. and Frances O. Widger. Elmer, better known as Pete, was born on February 24, 1914, in Fort Collins, where he lived his entire life. He served in the Army Air Force in the European theater during World War II. He and Frances Olsen were married on September 2, 1951. Elmer owned the Silver Grill Café, located at 218 Walnut Street, for over fifty years. His wife worked as a secretary at the Poudre Valley National Bank. He passed away, in Fort Collins, on April 16, 1996.

The home transferred from the estate of Frances O. Widger to Stanley Curtis Hanson in 1998. Hanson sold the property to James L. and Vernelle W. Homan in 2001. James is president of Cygnus Cybermetics Corporation, a consulting firm. Vernelle passed away in January 2008 and James sold the house later that same year to current owner Jack Jewell. He is a State Farm insurance agent.

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 1954 through 2008.

Obituary: Elmer E. Widger. Larimer County Genealogical Society. <http://www.lcgsc.org/obits/Widger96.jpg> [Accessed 26 Feb 2011].

Google: James L. Homan.

Google: Vernelle W. Homan.

Google: Jack Jewell.

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: **1954**

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

42. Statement of Significance:

Architecturally, this house represents a Modern Movements style building. Character-defining features of the home include the horizontal orientation, canted flat roof, and large picture window. The choice of paint colors and house number enhance the modern appearance of the house. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation this resource is eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties (Criterion C: Architecture). This resource also qualifies for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1954, this Modern Movements style house 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. Changes to the paint colors do not adversely impact the integrity of this resource. The building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing on the National Register, State Register, and 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**

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recommend the creation of an historic district.If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A46. 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): **washingtonaven0106 - 1.tif through washingtonaven0106 - 7.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 80212-882253. Phone number(s): **(303) 390-163**

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SKETCH MAP



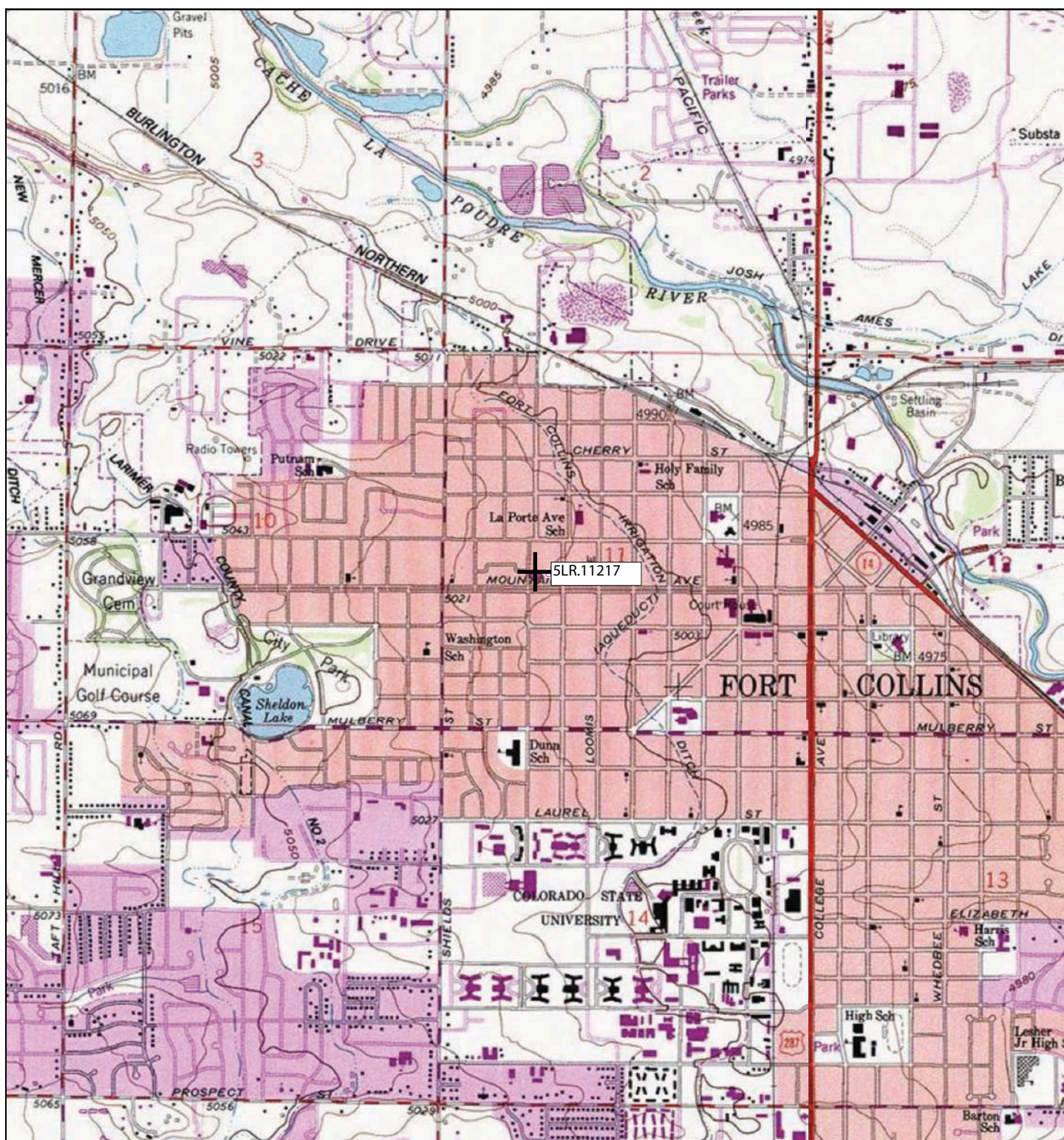
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LOCATION MAP



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

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