

## 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.3664**
2. Temporary resource number: **SHF-60**
3. County: **Larimer**
4. City: **Fort Collins**
5. Historic building name: **Donald and Aileen Farnham Residence**
6. Current building name: **Taylor Osgood House**
7. Building address: **1538 Whedbee Street**
8. Owner name: **Taylor Osgood**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1538 Whedbee Street**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80524**

Parcel number: **97133-35-008**

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible            | <input checked="" 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 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 13
10. UTM Reference Zone: 13  
Easting: **494091** Northing: **4490720**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**  
Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **South six feet of west 150 feet of Lot 9 and west 150 feet of Lot 10, Block 8**  
Addition: **L.C. Moore's, 3rd filing** Year of addition: **1924**
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): **Irregular Plan**  
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **1548 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**  
  
Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**  
Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Window/Glass Block**

21. General architectural description:

Oriented to the south, this building rests on a concrete foundation. The irregularly shaped Ranch home has a light brick exterior with reddish-brown mortar. The house has a complex hipped roof covered in dark-brown asphalt shingles. The west side of the home features a large fixed-pane window and newer, wooden, painted side entry door with a large windowed center; both are located within a small section of wall clad in horizontal siding painted dark brown. There is also a small opening filled with four glass blocks arranged vertically.

The long, horizontal façade features a recessed primary entry. The front door is painted white and features a large fixed pane of leaded glass. This entry faces east. There is a basic slab stoop with a single step which appears to be of concrete either painted or tinted terra cotta red. To the west of this entry there is a curved wall with a four by six arrangement of glass blocks. To the other side of the door, there is a large picture window; its trim is painted dark maroon and there are flanking casements.

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There are numerous openings filled with glass block. In addition to the glass block fenestration, the home also features casement windows, perhaps of steel, painted dark maroon.

According to Larimer County assessor records, the home has four bedroom and 1.75 bathrooms.

## 22. Architectural style:

Other architectural style:

Building type: **Ranch Type**

## 23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on a corner lot, with an elevation of nearly 5000 feet above mean sea level. The home features a generous setback with a large grass front lawn. On the west side of the house there is a mailbox constructed of brick, mortar, and glass block matching those used for the house. A wooden fence obscures the view of the backyard, however assessor records indicate there is both a built-in barbecue and a hot tub.

## 24. Associated building, features or objects:

**Detached Two-Car Garage**

This rectangular building, located east of the house and adjacent to the alley, has exterior walls of wide horizontal siding painted dark brown. The side gabled roof is covered in asphalt shingles. There is a fixed pane window on the south side.

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction: **1948**☒ Actual ☐ Estimate

Source of Information: **Fort Collins building permit - Local History Archives (online)**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Donald W. and Aileen Farnham**

Source of Information: **1950 Fort Collins City Directory; Fort Collins building permit - Local History Archives (online)**

## 29. Construction history:

A building permit to erect this residence was granted on August 4, 1948. There have been changes to the fenestration and entry on the west side of the home. The facade entry door is also newer. Date of changes estimated ca. 1980s-present.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**32. Intermediate uses(s): **Domestic/Multiple Dwelling**  
**Commerce and Trade/Professional**

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

34. Site type(s): Suburban home

35. Historical background:

This house was built in 1948 and the original owners were Donald W. and Aileen Farnham. In 1950 Donald served as the Secretary and Manager at the Water Supply and Storage Company. By 1954 he was listed as the owner of the Don Farnham Agency, a business devoted to real estate, loans, and insurance, with an office at 147 West Oak Street. In 1957 both the Farnhams and Major Donald R. and Lois L. Thomas were living at 1538 Whedbee Street. Maj. Thomas worked with the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Colorado State University. Both the Farnhams and the Thomases lived in this house until 1959.

The next occupants of the house were Rodney C. and Betty D. Walker. They lived at the property for approximately ten years. Rodney, a graduate of Colorado State University in 1949, worked for the City of Colorado Springs and Betty was the Vice President of The Campus Shop Corporation in 1960 and listed as a partner at The Campus Shop in 1966. In 1970 retired couple Art and Doris Dodson lived at 1538 Whedbee Street.

By 1976 it seems likely the home had been subdivided. At that time Doris M. Jakobi, a cook at the Columbine Care Center, and E.E. and Mary A. Ragan both resided at the property. There is also a listing at this address for the Ragan Electric Shaver Service. Another residence-business occupied the house in the early 1990s when Mike Huffer both lived at the home and operated Huffer Design Group from the same address.

The current owner of the home is Taylor Osgood.

36. Sources of information:

Larimer County tax assessor records (online).

Fort Collins City Directory. Fort Collins: Maurer & Maurer; Omaha: R.L. Polk & Co.; Colorado Springs and Loveland: Rocky Mountain Directory Co.; Loveland: Johnson Publishing Co.; and others, consulted 1948 through 1995.

Google search for Rodney C. Walker: [http://www.e-yearbook.com/yearbooks/Colorado\\_State\\_University\\_Silver\\_Spruce\\_Yearbook/1949/Page\\_323.html](http://www.e-yearbook.com/yearbooks/Colorado_State_University_Silver_Spruce_Yearbook/1949/Page_323.html) [Accessed 23 September 2010].

## 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: **1948**41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

The home is architecturally important as an early Ranch type residence. Character-defining features include the horizontal orientation and both the prominent picture window on the facade and steel casement windows throughout. The house also features liberal use of glass block filling many openings. However, this level of architectural significance is not sufficient for the property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. However, it does qualify for listing as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1948, this home exhibits good 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. There have been changes to fenestration on the west side and entry doors on both the west side and facade. 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.**

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): **whedbeest1538 - 1.tif through whedbeest1538 - 5.tif**

Digital photographs filed at: **Historic Preservation Program, City of Fort Collins  
218 N. College Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80522**

48. Report title: **Fort Collins Post-War Survey**

49. Date(s): **08/30/2010**

50. Recorder(s): **Mary Therese Anstey**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**

52. Address: **PO Box 181095  
Denver, CO 80218-8822**

53. Phone number(s): **(303) 690-1638**

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SKETCH MAP



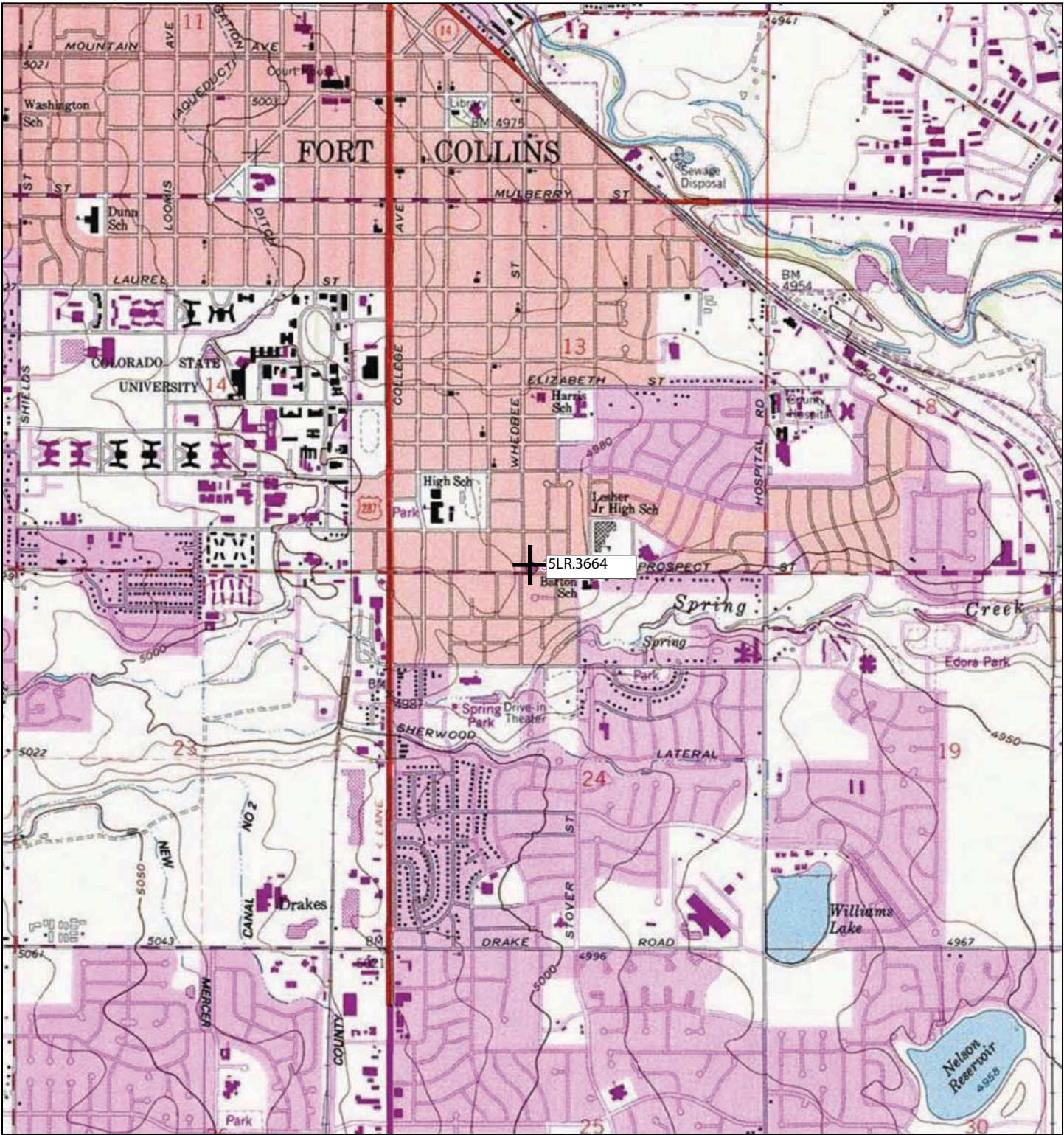
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LOCATION MAP



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

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