

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ___ Determined Eligible-National Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
 - ___ Determined Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
 - ___ Need Data
 - ___ Contributing to eligible National Register District
 - ___ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District



I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5PE.5721** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525141018**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Johnson-Smith House**
- 6. Current building name: **Ortegon, Anthony, M.D., Internal Medicine Office**
- 7. Building address: **314 W 16th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Ortegon Family, LLC**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **2 Rockbridge Ln**
Pueblo, CO 81001

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need data

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **20S** Range: **65W**
NW 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **534015** Northing: **4236918**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14; Block 22**
Addition: **Henry C. Brown's Addition** Year of addition: **1889**
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 (length x width): **4,040 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Chimney**
21. General architectural description:
This building is oriented to the north, and is an L-shaped plan, with the inside corner facing northeast. Sand-colored stucco clads the exterior walls. The stucco features a dark-green painted band corresponding to an area near the tops of the windows. Windows are tall, single-light, fixed-frame, with polarized glass. They open in slightly protruding surrounds. A pair of these windows opens in a shed-roofed, rectangular bay protruding beneath the west-facing gable. The principal doorway opens in the center of the front (north) façade's front-gabled portion. It hosts a plate-glass door, in an aluminum frame. Concrete steps approach the porch from the north, and a ramp approaches from the west, wrapping around the northwest corner of the building. Another doorway opens in the east end of the east-west oriented wing. It hosts a 6-panel, dark-green-painted door. A 7-step concrete stoop approaches the doorway from the north and south. It has a steel railing. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the cross-gabled roof. The shaped rafter and perlin ends are exposed beneath the eaves of the north-south portion of this building. Dark-green-painted wood fascia and soffit box the eaves of the east-west wing. An engaged hearth and chimney protrudes from the north end of the west elevation. It is clad in stucco beneath the roofline; above it the original brown-red brick is exposed.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
Other architectural styles:
Building type:
23. Landscape or special setting features:

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This property is located on terrain sloping steeply downward from east to west, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest, one- and two-story houses and massive, high-rise medical buildings. This property is situated on the southeast corner of West 16th Street and North Grand Avenue, immediately southeast of the main entrance of Parkview Medical Center. Lava rocks cover the strip separating the sidewalk from the street. A lava-rock-covered yard, with mature landscaping, surrounds the building. Filling the inside (northeast-facing) corner of the L-shaped building is a macadam parking lot.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **No associated buildings identified.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: **1920** Actual:

Source of Information:

26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **unknown**

Source of information:

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1969. However city directory listings for this address date to around 1920. Architectural evidence indicating that this building was originally a Craftsman-style bungalow also suggests a circa 1920 date of construction. This former house has been radically altered. Two large additions have been constructed to the rear (south) elevation, extending to the east. Stucco now covers all of the original brown-brick exterior wall cladding. All of the windows and doors have been replaced, and all of the porches have been removed or enclosed.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Medical Business/Medical Office**
34. Site type(s): **Medical Office**
35. Historical background:

This first resident of this house, constructed around 1920, appears to have been J.C. Johnson. Around 1930, Dr. Merritt Ray "M.R." Smith purchased this house and resided here until 1973. He was born in Plattsburg, Missouri, on March 29, 1888, and moved to Pueblo around 1930. The optometrist practiced in Pueblo for more than 50 years, moving to Phoenix in 1973. He died there on December 6, 1986.

Dr. Anthony L. and Vera Ortegon purchased the property in 1985, transferring it to their Ortegon Family, LLC, in 1997. Dr. Ortegon currently operates his internal medicine practice out of this former home.

36. Sources of information:

Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].

Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co, consulted 1886 through 2003.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (for Pueblo, Colorado). New York: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1883, 1886, 1889, 1893, 1904-05, 1904-51, and 1904-52.

"Dr. Merritt Ray Smith [obituary]." Pueblo Chieftain, 9 December 1986, p. 10B.

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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 pattern 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 represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Pueblo Standards for Designation:

1a. History Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state, or nation; or1b. History Be the site of a significant historic event; or1c. History Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society.2a. Architecture Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type; or2b. Architecture Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder, or2c. Architecture Contain elements of architectural design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship, or artistic merit which represent a significant or influential innovation;2d. Architecture Portray the environment of a group of people or physical development of an area of the city in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.3a. Geography Have a prominent location or be an established, familiar, and orienting visual feature of the contemporary city, or3b. Geography Promote understanding and appreciation of Pueblo's environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity; or3c. Geography Make a special contribution to Pueblo's distinctive character.Not Applicable Does not meet any of the above Pueblo landmark criteria.39. Area(s) of Significance: **Not Applicable**40. Period of Significance: **n/a**41. Level of significance: National: State Local

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42. Statement of significance:

The levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are not to the extent that this property would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, or as a City of Pueblo Landmark. Because of the lack of physical integrity, it should not be considered a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed around 1920, this former dwelling, now a medical office, exhibits a low 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. Large additions have altered the original form. Stucco exterior wall cladding, replaced windows and doors, and removed porches, have concealed or removed almost all character-defining features. This property does not retain sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

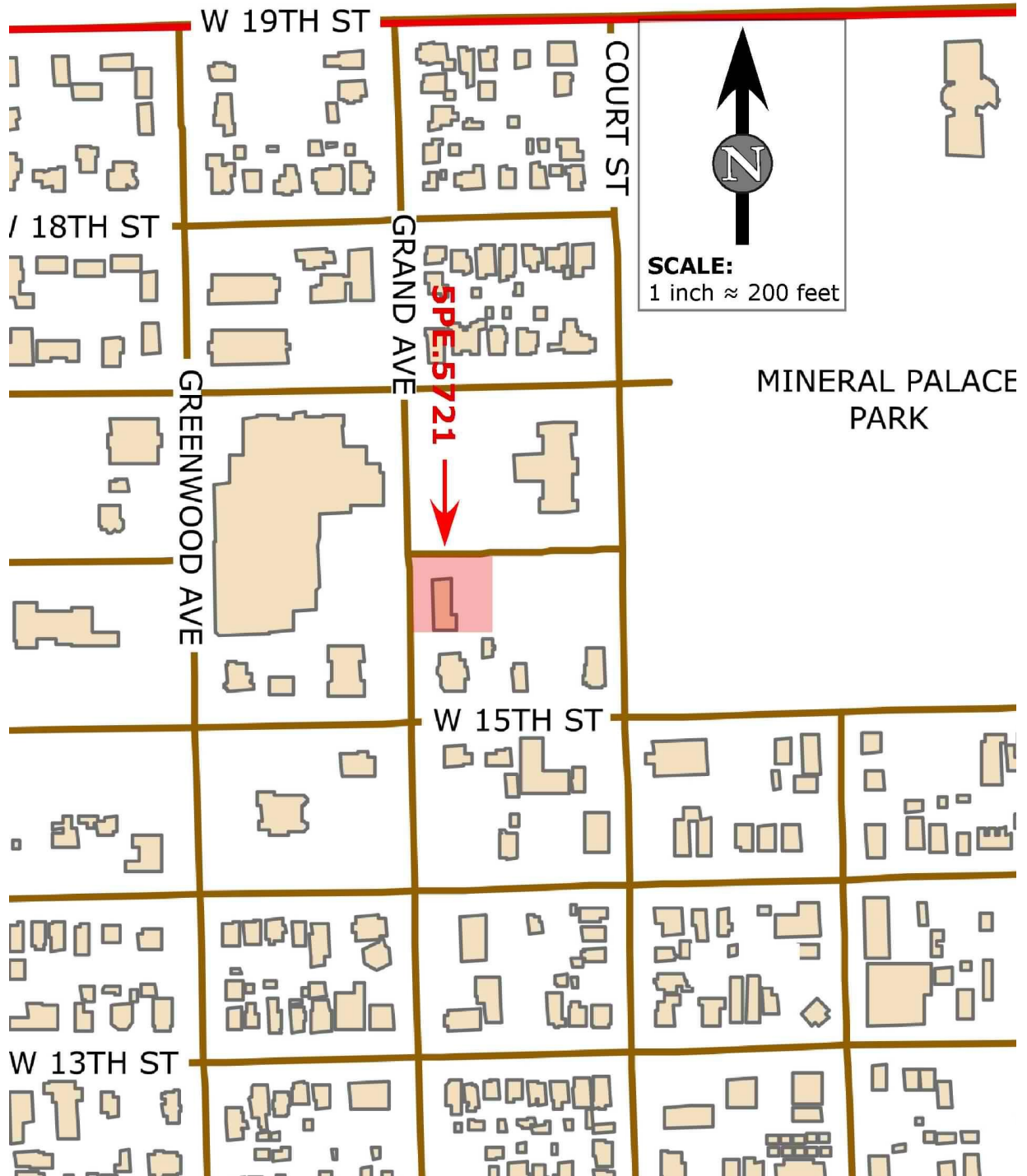
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents the evolution of the city's professional middle and upper classes. Its diversity of architectural styles and forms directly represents the city's changing economic and cultural climates. As well, the neighborhood is distinctive because it appears to have evolved independently of the area's dominant industry, steel manufacturing.**
- 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. Photograph numbers): **CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos**
File Name(s): 16thstw314
- Negatives filed at: **Special Collections**
Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library
100 East Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004-4290
48. Report title: **Pueblo North Side Neighborhood Survey**
49. Date(s): **07/20/05**
50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, L.L.C.**
52. Address: **PO Box 419**
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419
53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

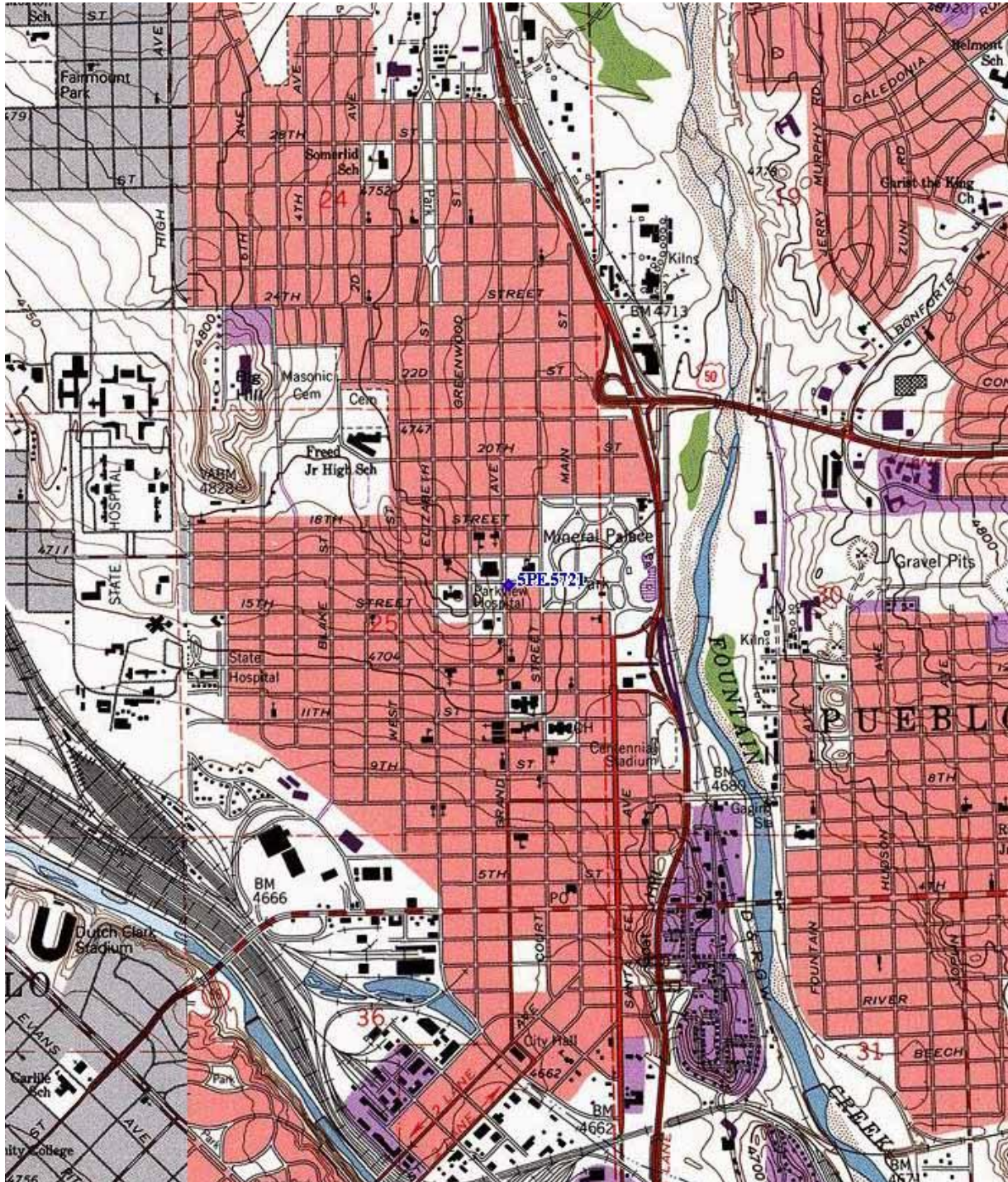
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Northeast Pueblo topographic quadrangle - 1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)