

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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- 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.5754** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525216002**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Tortessi, Gabriel, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Ackworth, Cassandra A., House**
- 7. Building address: **714 W 17th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Cassandra A. Ackworth**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **714 W 14th St**
Pueblo, CO 81003

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**
SE 1/4 of **NE 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533534** Northing: **4237017**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lot 3 and the east 16.8 feet of Lot 4; Block 18**
Addition: **Craig's Addition** Year of addition: **1871**
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): **Rectangular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **896 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Side Gabled Roof**
Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Car Port**
Chimney
Porch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the south, this house rests on a concrete foundation. A mustard-color stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows are 2 (horizontal)-over-2 (horizontal)-light, double-hung sash, with blue-painted wood frames and aluminum-frame storm windows. A window opening in the center of a former attached garage is 1-over-1-light. The brick sills are painted brown. A shed-roof porch spans the eastern two-thirds of the house and creates a carport to the east. This structure has white-painted, decorative wrought-iron supports and railings, and a tan, translucent fiberglass roof. The principal doorway opens in the center of the symmetrical (sans the porch) front (north) façade. It hosts a wooden, 6-panel door, opening behind a white, vinyl-frame storm door. Another doorway opens in the east end of the rear (south) elevation. It hosts a white, 6-panel door, opening behind a white, vinyl frame storm door. Opening in the west elevation of the former, attached garage, which protrudes southward from the rest of the rear elevation, is a 2-panel wood door, painted a mustard-color. Brown, interlocking asphalt shingles cover the side-gabled roof, and the building lacks overhanging eaves. The former attached garage has brown, rolled asphalt roofing on its shed roof, with a surrounding parapet. A red-brick chimney protrudes from the south-facing slope.
22. Architectural style: **No Style**
Other architectural styles:

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Building type: **Ranch Type**

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on terrain sloping downward from northeast to southwest, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features one- and two-story houses. Setbacks from West 17th Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the south side of West 17th Street, between 700 West 17th Street to the east and 720 West 17th Street to the west. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a gravel strip with wood-bucket planters. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Surrounding the backyard is a wood privacy fence, while decorative concrete-block walls line the east and west sides of the front yard.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **No associated buildings identified.****IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1947**Source of Information: **Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].**26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information:

27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Gabriel Tortessi**Source of information: **Pueblo City Directory. Pueblo, Co.; Salt Lake City; Kansas City, Mo.; and others: R.L. Polk & Co, consulted 1886 through 2003.**

29. Construction history:

According to Pueblo County Tax Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1947. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. Modifications include the installation of stucco over the original brick veneer and the enclosure of the attached garage, both of which appear to have been done after 1970.

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): **Single Dwelling**34. Site type(s): **Residence**

35. Historical background:

The first owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1947, was Gabriel "Brownie" Tortessi. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was a machinist in the CF&I Steel Corporation's wire mill. With his wife, Teresa A. DeLuca Tortessi, Gabriel had two sons: Philip G. Tortessi and Thomas R. Tortessi. Gabriel Tortessi died on December 8, 1970. Teresa Tortessi remained here until her own death on April 30, 1990.

Following Teresa Tortessi's death, the property transferred to her son, Thomas Tortessi. American General Finance, Inc., acquired the house and lot in 2002, selling them to Darien and Shelia Wilson in 2004. Cassandra A. Ackworth, the current owner and resident, purchased the property in 2005.

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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.

"Tortessi (Gabriel 'Brownie')" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 9 December 1970, p. 11B.

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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:

This property is historically significant under Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1A for its association with the post-World War II development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood. However, 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. Nonetheless, it is a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1947, this building exhibits a moderate 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. The installation of stucco over the original exterior wall cladding and the enclosure of the attached garage have obscured some character-defining features. Nonetheless, the basic form and other features remain intact. This property retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

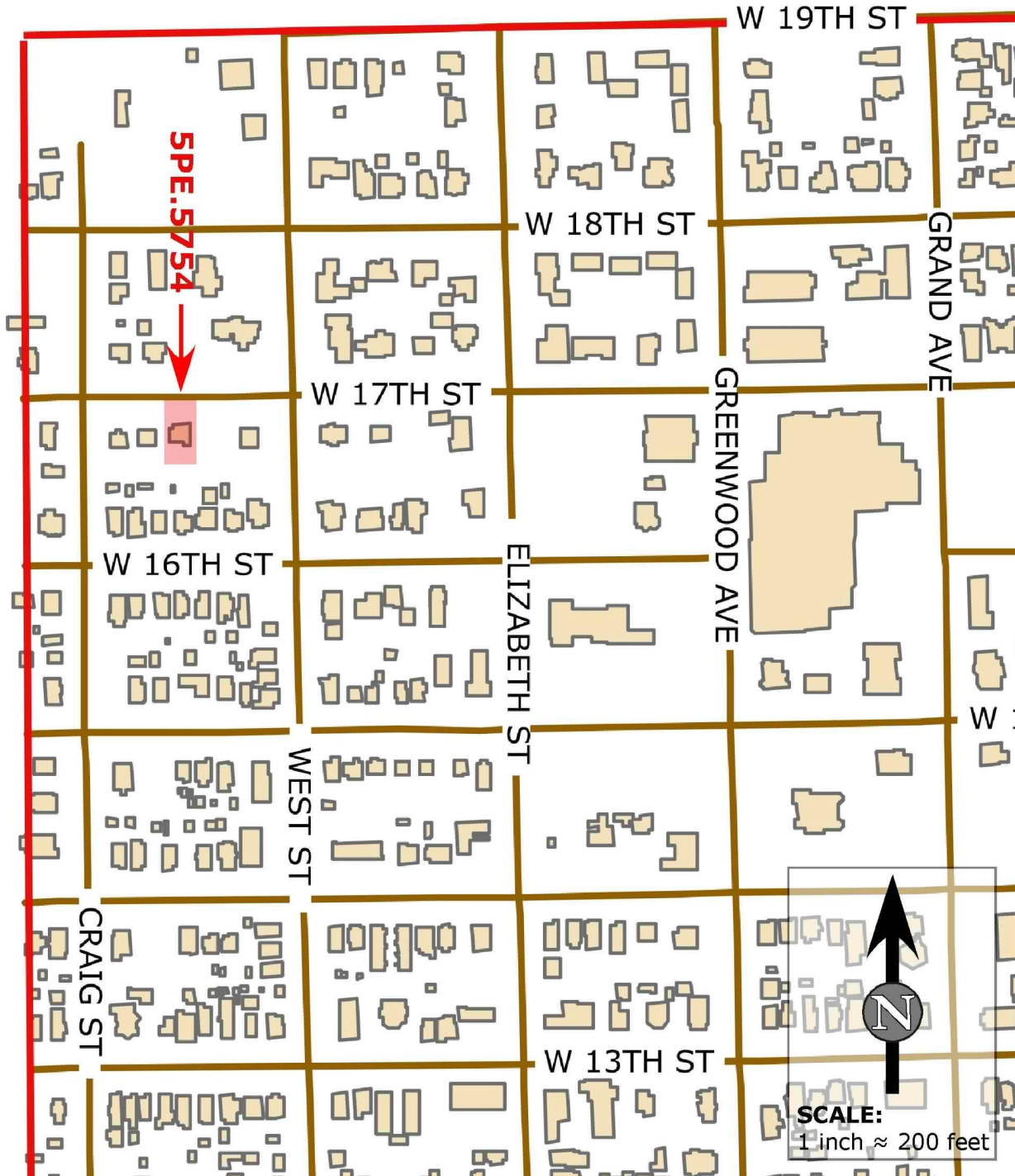
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): 17thstw714
- 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): **07/26/05**
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**

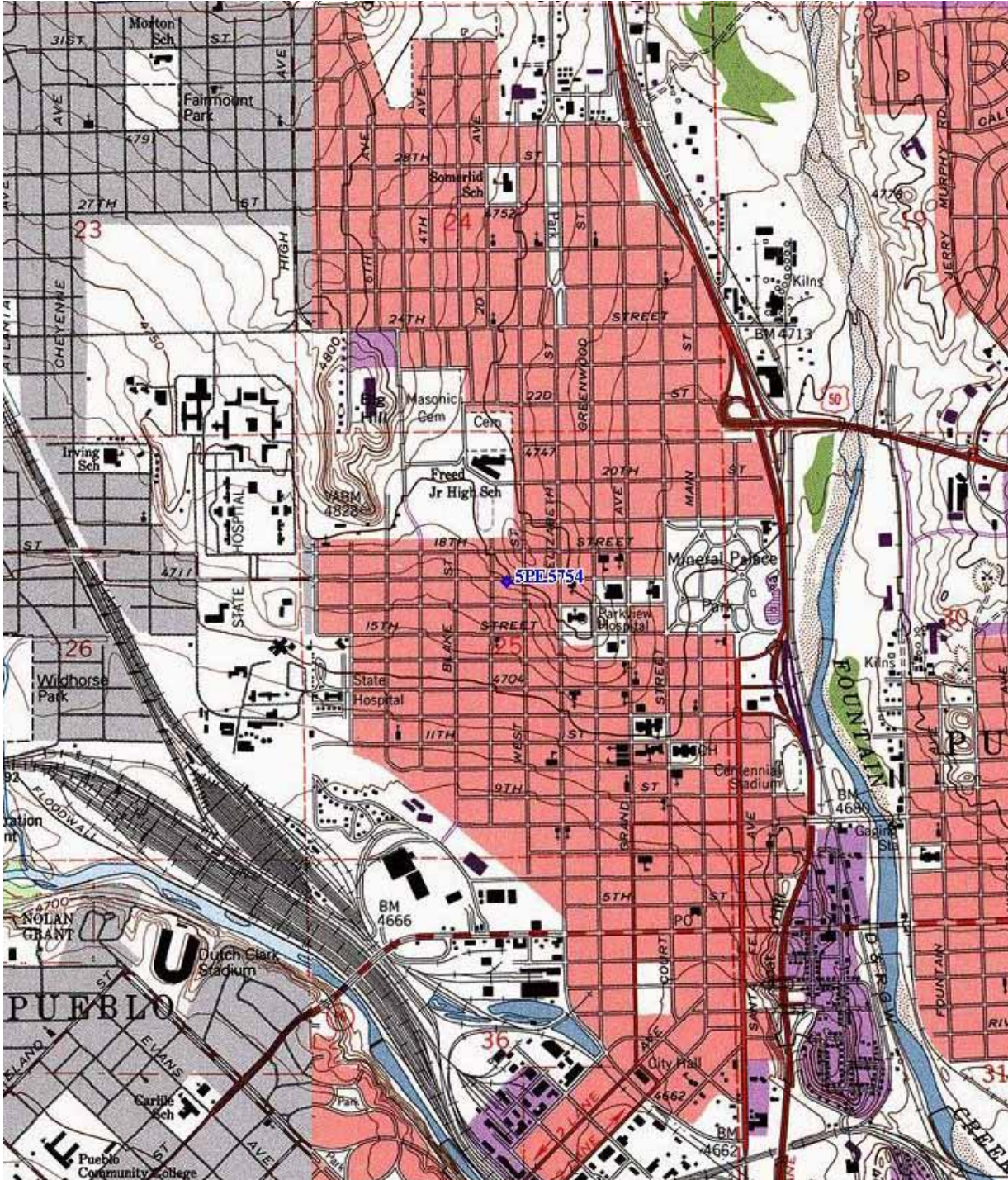
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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