

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.5803** Parcel number(s):
 - 2. Temporary resource number: **525151014**
 - 3. County: **Pueblo**
 - 4. City: **Pueblo**
 - 5. Historic building name: **Welte, Joseph C., House**
 - 6. Current building name: **Valliant House**
 - 7. Building address: **1801 Court Street**
 - 8. Owner name: **Alfred F. Valliant, Sr.; Hope C. Valliant; and Alfred F. Valliant, Jr.**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1801 Court St**
Pueblo, CO 81003

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

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **20S** Range: **65W**
NE 1/4 of **NW 1/4** of **SE 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **534111** Northing: **4237167**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **South 62 feet of the east half of Lot 25, and the south 62 feet of Lots 26 through 28; Block 25**
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): **Rectangular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **950 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick** Other wall materials:
Synthetics/Vinyl
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: **Fence**
Chimney
Roof Treatment/Dormer
21. General architectural description:

Oriented to the east, this house rests on a concrete foundation. The walls consist of red, raked brick, set in a 6-over-1 common bond. White, vinyl siding clads the dormers and the area above the first floor of the sunroom protruding from the south elevation. Windows are generally 6-over-6-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames. Those opening in brick portions of the house have brick sills. Opening in either end of the nearly symmetrical front (east) façade's first story are tripartite windows consisting of 8-light casements flanking 6-over-6-light windows. Black, louvered shutters flank most windows. A band of 10-light casements enclose the sunroom. A small, shed-roofed foyer, projecting from the center of the facade, houses the principal doorway. It hosts a white-painted, 4-panel, 4-light wood door, opening behind an aluminum-frame storm door. Framing the doorway is a Doric surround, with pediment. Inside the pediment is a leaded-glass fanlight. Approaching the doorway is a 3-step brick stoop, with wrought-iron railing. Another doorway opens in the center of the rear (west) elevation, providing access to a brick patio. North of the door is a milk/package delivery receptacle. Sheltering the doorway is a shed-roof hood, on heavy, scrolled brackets. Gray asphalt shingles cover the steeply pitched main roof and all other roof surfaces. Long, shed-roof dormers line the roof's east- and west-facing slopes. Large, brick hearths and chimneys are engaged to the center of either end of the main portion of the house. The chimneys feature corbelled caps and terra-cotta chimney pots. White-painted, wood fascia and soffit box the eaves. The gables host eave returns and fanlights.

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22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And 20th Century Revivals/Colonial Revival**

Other architectural styles:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on terrain sloping downward from west to east, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest and large, 1- and 2-story houses. Setbacks from Court Street are generally the same on this block; Mineral Palace Park is located directly across Court Street. This property is situated on the northeast corner of Court and West 18th streets. Separating the streets from the sidewalks are grass-covered strips. A planted-grass yard, with mature landscaping, covers the lot. Connecting West 18th Street to the garage is a concrete driveway. A brick wall surrounds the back yard.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

1: Type: **Garage**

Describe: **A 2-car garage is located northwest of the house. Oriented to the south, the building rests on a concrete foundation. The walls consist of red, raked brick, set in a 6-over-1 common bond. Dominating the front (south) elevation is a pair of 9-panel, 12-light, wood tri-fold doors, painted white. A pair of casement windows opens in the center of the east elevation. Gray-red asphalt shingles cover the front-gabled roof, and gables host eave returns.**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1929**Source of Information: **Pueblo County Office of Tax Assessor. Property information card [internet].**26. Architect: **Walter DeMordaunt**Source of information: **McLeod, Paul J. "Comprehensive List of the Projects of Walter DeMordaunt, Architect, with a Brief Biography." Ms (photocopy). Special Collections, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, Pueblo.**27. Builder: **unknown**

Source of information:

28. Original Owner: **Joseph C. Welte**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 1929. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. Prominent Pueblo architect Walter DeMordaunt designed this residence. The sun porch appears to have been an original feature of this house. The only notable alteration since the construction of this house has been the installation of vinyl siding on the south gable and on the dormers.

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 original owner and resident of this house, constructed in 1929, was prominent Pueblo businessman Joseph C. Welte,

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founder and president of the Summit Pressed Brick & Tile Company, which would become one of the largest brick manufacturers in the western United States. Many notable buildings in Pueblo were constructed with Summit brick.

Joseph Welte was born in 1866 in Richmond, Iowa. Struck with "gold fever," Welte traveled west in 1888, eventually working mining claims in Cripple Creek and along the Yukon River in Alaska. After realizing that he was unable to scrape out a living, let alone a fortune, from mining, Welte moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he managed a brick factory. Seeking a more hospitable climate, he settled in Pueblo in 1902. That year he formed a partnership with Nick Potter, Daniel Ritter, and John Galber to establish the Summit Pressed Brick & Tile Company.

The company initially operated a single dry press at its plant at East 13th and Water (now Erie) streets. It employed 10 men and limited distribution to Pueblo. In 1922, the company added a second press, subsequently increasing the number of employees and the area of distribution. The company only continued to grow under the leadership of Joseph's son, Ralph J. Welte. The third generation of the Welte family continues to own and manage the enterprise, now known as the Summit Brick & Tile Company.

Ralph J. Welte was the only child of Joseph Welte and his wife, Pauline. Joseph Welte died unexpectedly of a heart attack while sitting in a barber's chair, on February 15, 1943. Pauline continued to reside in this house for nearly another 3 decades, dying in 1971. Alfred F. Valliant and Hope C. Valliant purchased this property in 1974. They remain the current owners and residents.

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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.

"Joseph Welte Suffers Fatal Heart Attack." Pueblo Chieftain, 16 February 1943, p. 1.

"Ralph Welte" In Colorado and Its People: A Narrative and Topical History of the Centennial State, vol. III, L.R. Hafen, 124-5. New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1948.

Welte, John. "History of Summit Brick & Tile Company." Available from <http://www.summitbrick.com/history.php>. Internet. Accessed 5 July 2006.

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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; or

1b. History

- Be the site of a significant historic event; or

1c. 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; or

2b. Architecture

- Be a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder, or

2c. 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, or

3b. Geography

- Promote understanding and appreciation of Pueblo's environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity; or

3c. 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: **Social History**
Architecture40. Period of Significance: **Social History, 1929-1943; Architecture, 1929**41. Level of significance: National: State Local

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is significant under National Register Criterion A (Pueblo Local Landmark Criterion 1A--history) for its association with the development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when more architecturally sophisticated buildings like this one, the product of an emerging professional and entrepreneurial class, joined the smaller, plainer dwellings originally constructed here. This house was home to Joseph C. Welte, who founded and operated one of the most successful brick manufacturing companies in the western United States. The property is also significant under Local Landmark Criterion 1C (important individuals) for its direct association with Welte. As well, the house is significant under National Register Criterion C (Local Landmark Criteria 2A and 2B--architecture) as an excellent example of the Colonial Revival and perhaps the best residential example of the style as designed by prominent Pueblo architect Walter DeMordaunt. Character-defining features include a symmetrical façade, divided-light sash windows, a door surround with Doric columns, fanlights, and dormers. The levels of architectural and historical significance, combined with physical integrity, are to the extent that this property could 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. It is, in any case, a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1929, this house exhibits a moderately 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, feeling, and association. The only notable modification has been the installation of vinyl siding over the south gable and the dormers. This property retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural and historical significance.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

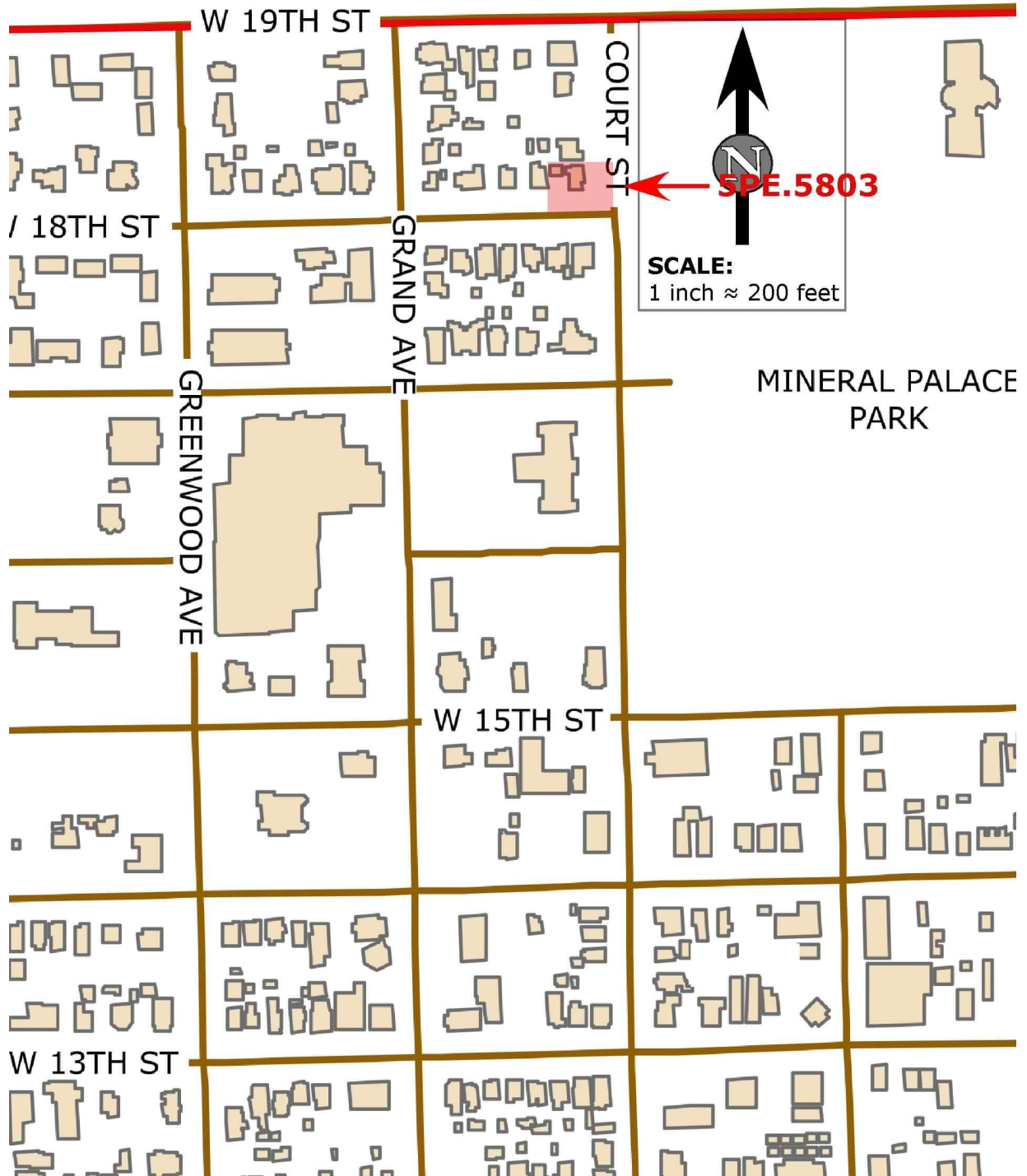
44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Need data
45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No
- Discuss: **Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood represents 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): courtst1801
- 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): **08/08/05**
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**

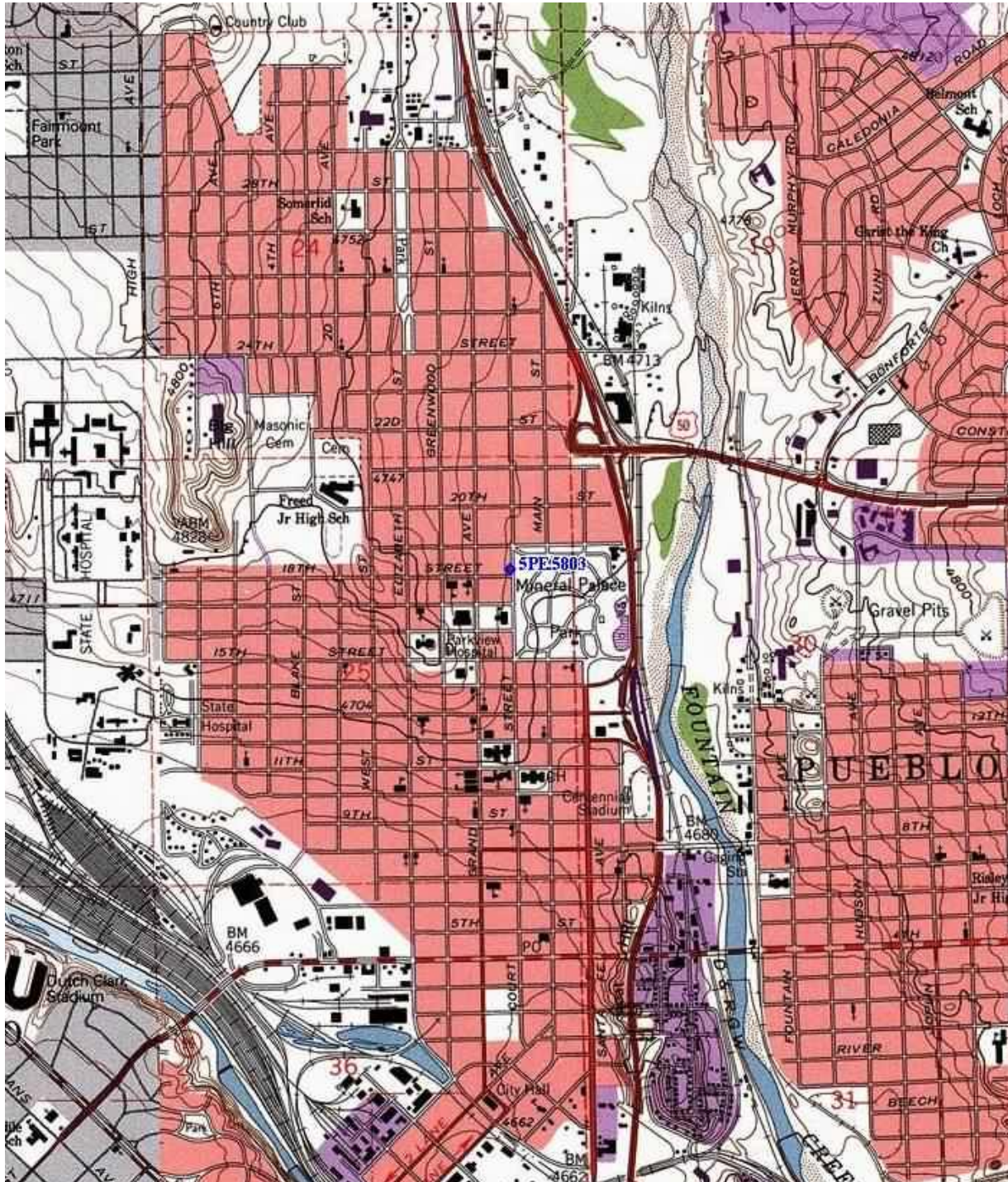
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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