

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.526.11** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525152008**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Crews, Floyd Hooper, House; Ellis, Robert D., House**
- 6. Current building name: **Richter-Ball House**
- 7. Building address: **1810 N Elizabeth Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Jay A. Richter and Elissa M. Ball**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1810 N Elizabeth 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**
SE 1/4 of **SW 1/4** of **NW 1/4** of **NE 1/4** of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
 Easting: **533746** Northing: **4237196**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **West 37 feet of Lot 6, and all of Lots 7 and 8; Block 15 of Bartlett & Miller Addition. Also a portion of Lots 5 and 6; Block 27 of Dundee Place addition**
 Addition: **Barndollar & Company Second Addition** Year of addition: **1871**
13. Boundary description and justification:
The boundary, as described below, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.

Metes and bounds exist: **BEG AT THE SW COR OF LOT 8 BLK 15 BARTLETT + MILLER'S TH N ALG THE E LINE OF ELIZABETH ST 84 FT TO A POINT; TH E ON A LINE PARALLEL TO 19TH ST, 125 FT TO A POINT; TH S ON A LINE PARALLEL TO ELIZABETH ST TO THE ALLEY IN SAID BLK 15, TH W ALG THE N LINE OF SAID ALLEY TO POINT OF BEGINNING.**

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **T-Shaped Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **1,026 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stucco** Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof/Cross Hipped Roof**
 Other roof configurations:
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Garage/Attached Garage**
Chimney
Ornamentation/Decorative Terra Cotta
21. General architectural description:

Oriented to the west, this house rests on a concrete foundation. Cream stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows vary from 4- to 8-light casement, with dark brown-painted wood frames and red-brick sills. They usually appear in pairs or sets of 3. Most of the windows in the first story open within round-arch recesses. Set between the top of the window and the bottom of each arch is a single, green-painted, glazed, terra-cotta tile, set in a diamond shape. The window in the center of the symmetrical front (west) façade's second story also opens within an arched recess. Below it is a wrought-iron balconete. The principal doorway opens in the center of the façade, within a corbelled recess covered in brown, glazed, terra-cotta tiles. It hosts an oak, vertical-plank door. Approaching the doorway are concrete steps. Another doorway opens within a shed-roofed structure south of center in the rear (west) elevation. A 2-car garage is attached to the south elevation of the foundation. Its south elevation hosts a 32-panel, steel, overhead-retractable garage door, painted white. Wood shingles cover the cross-hipped roof, and brown-painted wood fascia and beadboard soffit box the broadly overhanging eaves. Rolled asphalt covers the shed-roof of the

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attached garage. A stucco-covered hearth and chimney are engaged to the south elevation and culminate in a pair of terra cotta chimney pots.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And 20th Century Revivals/Mediterranean 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 large, two-story houses. Setbacks from North Elizabeth Street are generally the same on this block. This property is situated on the east side of North Elizabeth Street, between an east-west-oriented alley to the south and 1830 North Elizabeth Street to the north. Separating the street from the sidewalk is a grass strip. A planted-grass yard, with lush, mature landscaping, covers the lot. Encircling the back yard is a chain-link fence.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1939**
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: **Floyd H. Crews**
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 house was constructed in 1939. An analysis of the style, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. The only alteration has been improvements to the attached garage, completed in 2002.

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 1939, was Floyd Hooper Crews, president and general manager of the Crews-Beggs Dry Goods Company, Pueblo's most successful department store. He was born in Denver on November 8, 1894, to George Beggs and Katherine Van Tyl Crews. Floyd Crews graduated from Denver High School in 1913 and attended the University of Denver from 1912 through 1914. On July 1, 1914, he began working at Pueblo's Crews-Beggs department store, which Floyd's uncle, Charles Webster Crews, established in 1888. Floyd Crews worked his way up through the company, beginning with menial clerical tasks. He eventually began learning corporate accounting and business law, particularly through the American Institute of Banking and the National Tax Association. Crews became adept at tax law, and guided the corporation through the federal government's implementation of new corporate income taxes. The board of directors elected Floyd Crews treasurer in 1929, and he became the assistant manager in 1937. He eventually rose to become president and general manager of the corporation.

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Floyd Crews was president of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of directors of First National Bank. He was a director of the YMCA and the American Blue Cross and Community Welfare Council.

On November 19, 1916, Floyd Crews married Jessie Ashmore. They had four children: Floyd Charles Crews, Madge C. Crews Middlekamp, Majorie Crews Hausman, and Mary Louise Crews Boggs. Floyd Crews died on March 3, 1956, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Following Floyd Crews's death, Jessie Crews sold the property to prominent Pueblo businessman Robert D. Ellis. He was born in Denver and earned his law degree from the University of Colorado. Ellis served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. He practiced law in Denver before coming to Pueblo to serve as general manager of KGHF Radio and KKTU Television. Ellis retired as senior vice president of Colorado National Bank. He served as a director of the Pueblo Rotary Club, the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, the Latino Chamber of Commerce, and Parkview Episcopal Hospital. Ellis was also treasurer and vice president of the Pueblo Development Foundation and was an active member of the Water Development Association of Southeastern Colorado.

With his wife, Barbara H. Ellis, Robert Ellis had three daughters: Elizabeth Newhouse, Christina Galles, and Marianne Hanson. The family resided here through at least 1960, later moving to 1202 West 31st Street. Robert Ellis died on November 20, 1986.

Jay Richter and Elissa M. Ball, the current owners and residents, purchased this property from Mrs. Dagmar Haney in 1989.

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.

"Crews (Floyd H.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 5 March 1956, p. 2.

"Ellis (Robert D.)" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 21 November 1986, p. 7D.

"Crews-Beggs Dry Goods Company." In *Colorado and Its People: A Narrative and Topical History of the Centennial State*, vol. III, L.R. Hafen, 726. New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1948.

U.S. Census of 1920. Precinct 3, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: T625_170; Page: 13A; Enumeration District: 205; Image: 252.

U.S. Census of 1930. Precinct 37, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: 249; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 2; Image: 38.0.

Richter, Jay. Completed "Property History Questionnaire" for 1810 North Elizabeth Street, 2006.

"Floyd Hooper Crews." In *Colorado and Its People: A Narrative and Topical History of the Centennial State*, vol. III, L.R. Hafen, 726. New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1948.

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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: **Social History**
Architecture40. Period of Significance: **Social History, 1939-1955; Architecture, 1939**41. Level of significance: National: State Local

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant under National Register criterion A (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 1A) for its association with the 20th-century development of Pueblo's North Side Neighborhood, when the city's professional and entrepreneurial class moved northward to construct large homes in the latest contemporary suburban styles. The house was home to Floyd Hooper Crews, president and general manager of Pueblo's most successful department store. The property is also significant under Local Landmark criterion 1C (important people) for its direct association with Crews. As well, the house is architecturally significant under National Register criterion C (Pueblo Local Landmark criterion 2A) as a simplified example of the Mediterranean Revival, with elements of the Jacobean/Elizabethan style. Character-defining features include the low hipped roof, wrought-iron grille work, arched entrance, casement windows, and a stucco finish. 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 1939, this 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, feeling, and association. It has not been notably altered since its construction. 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

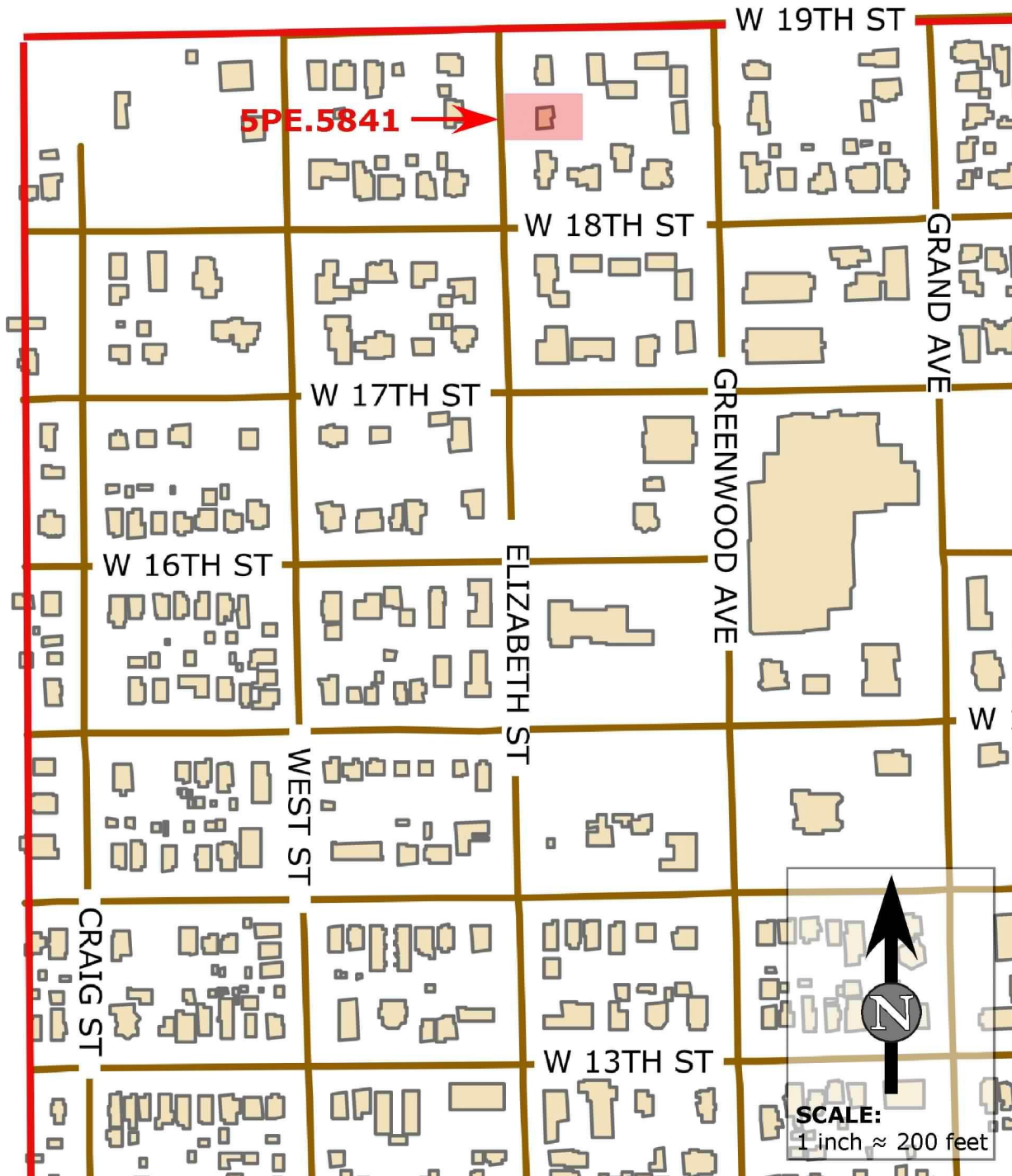
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers): CD-ROM Photo Disc: North Side Photos
File Name(s): elizabethstn1810
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): 08/16/05
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

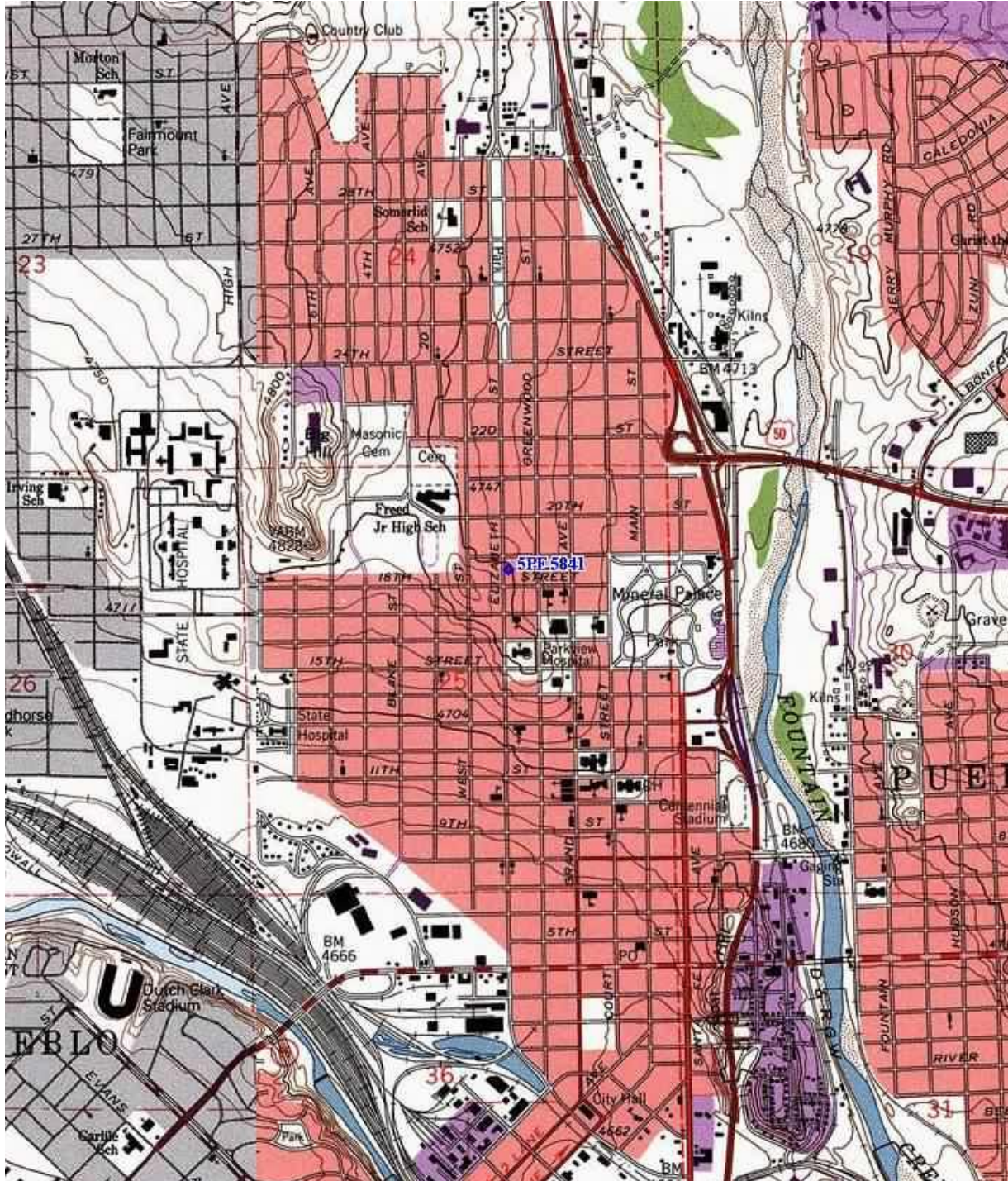
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SITE SKETCH MAP



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LOCATION MAP



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