

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.5749** Parcel number(s):
- 2. Temporary resource number: **525135002**
- 3. County: **Pueblo**
- 4. City: **Pueblo**
- 5. Historic building name: **Chamberlain, Allen G. and Lenore Thatcher, House**
- 6. Current building name: **Clark, B. Barclay and Rose Origer, House**
- 7. Building address: **1703 West Street**
- 8. Owner name: **B. Barclay and Rose Origer Clark**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **1703 West St**
Pueblo, Colorado 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 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**
SW 1/4 of **NW** 1/4 of **SW** 1/4 of **NE** 1/4 of Section **25**
10. UTM reference zone: **13**
Easting: **533583** Northing: **4237070**
11. USGS quad name: **Northeast Pueblo** Scale: **7.5**
Year: **1961 (Photorevised 1970 and 1974)**
12. Lot(s) : **Lots 3 and 4; Block 12 of the Bartlett & Miller Addition. Also Lot 12; Block of Craig's Addition**
Addition: **Bartlett & Miller 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): **Irregular Plan**
Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet (length x width): **2,565 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: **Terra Cotta Roof**
Other roof materials:
20. Special features:
Fence
Garage/Attached Garage
Chimney
Porch
21. General architectural description:
Oriented to the east, this house rests on a concrete foundation. Cream stucco clads the exterior walls. Windows are generally 4-over-4-light, double-hung sash, with white-painted wood frames and brick sills. They generally appear in pairs or threes, and some of them are protected behind wrought-iron grilles. A pair of round-arch casements open in the asymmetrical front (east) façade, south of the principal doorway. Either face of the northeast corner of a bay protruding from the north elevation hosts 4-light casements flanking a large, single-light picture window. The principal doorway opens just south of a front-gabled bay protruding from the north side of the façade. The round-arch doorway hosts an oak plank door. Another doorway opens in the north elevation of the bay protruding from the north elevation. Just west of it is a milk delivery receptacle. Dominating the western end of the north elevation is a 2-car, 20-panel, 5-light, wood, overhead-retractable garage door, painted white. Above the garage door is a tile-covered pent roof. Spanning the west elevation of the garage is a shed-roofed, sheltered patio, with stucco-covered piers. Red, terra-cotta tiles cover the cross-gabled roof, and the building lacks overhanging eaves. Piercing the front (east-facing) gable is a round-arch, louvered attic vent. A large, stucco-covered chimney protrudes above the southern end of the façade. Another chimney is located at the junction of the west elevation and the protruding bay.

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NOTE: Due to dense foliage and the severe slope of the lot, the south and rear (west) elevations could not be fully surveyed.

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 steeply downward from northeast to southwest, with an elevation of around 4,700 feet above mean sea level. The neighborhood features modest 1- and 2-story houses and apartment buildings. This property is situated on the northwest corner of West and West 17th streets. The huge lot has a planted-grass yard and lush, mature landscaping. The west and south yards are terraced and delimited by retaining walls. A combination of brick walls, wrought-iron fences, and chain-link fence's enclose the property.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: Actual: **1926**

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: **Allen G. Chamberlain**

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 1926. An analysis of the style, form, materials, and historical records corroborates this date. While the house appears to have had several additions, Sanborn maps show that most of them had been constructed prior to 1951. The south addition and western porch appear to be newer (most like constructed after 1970), but foliage obscures these portions of the house.

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 owners and residents of this house, constructed in 1926, were Allen G. Chamberlain and Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain, a prominent Pueblo philanthropist. Allen Chamberlain was born around 1899 to a prominent Denver businessman, Allen Gunnison Chamberlain. He married Lenore Thatcher in 1926 and appears to have been in corporate management. Many of the details of his life, however, remain shrouded.

Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain was born around 1903 to prominent Pueblo financier John H. Thatcher and his wife, Ethel Thatcher. Her grandfather was John A. Thatcher, founder of First National Bank and builder of the Rosemount Mansion, one of the largest homes in Colorado. She attended the Oaskmes Finishing School, in Mamaroneck, New York, and the Greer School,

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of New York City.

Mrs. Chamberlain spent most of her life organizing and supporting charitable organizations in Pueblo. She was one of the founders of the Pueblo Day Nursery, the Pueblo Service League, and the Colorado State Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Chamberlain was a member of the Friends of the Pueblo Regional Library, the Pueblo Symphony Association, and the Pueblo Symphony Guild. She was a patroness of the University of Southern Colorado (now Colorado State University-Pueblo) Foundation and the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center.

A lifetime member and major benefactor of the Pueblo Metropolitan Museum, Mrs. Chamberlain was instrumental in donating the Rosemount Mansion to the museum in 1968.

With her husband, Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain had two sons, John T. Chamberlain and Allen G. Chamberlain Jr. The elder Allen Chamberlain appears to have died between 1950 and 1955. Lenore remained at this address the rest of her life, spending the summers in Beulah. She died on February 22, 1980.

Mona Lee Smith purchased this property in 1982, sharing ownership with H.J. Smith in 1984. They sold the property to E.W. Freeman in 1987. The Otero Savings & Loan Association obtained the house and lots in 1988, selling them several months later to Elizabeth Matkovich. Keith W. and Linda K. Roorda purchased the property from Matkovich in 1990, selling it to B. Barclay and Rose Griger Clark in 1992. They remain the current owners and residents.

36. Sources of information:

U.S. Census of 1930. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: 249; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 40; Image: 969.0.

"Mrs. Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain, member of pioneer banking family, dies." Pueblo Chieftain Star-Journal, 23 February 1980.

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.

"Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain" [obituary]. Pueblo Chieftain, 22 February 1980, p. 8B.

U.S. Census of 1930. Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado. Roll: 249; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 40; Image: 969.0.

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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, 1926-1955; Architecture, 1926**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 and modest homes, like this one, in the latest contemporary suburban styles. The property is significant under Local Landmark Criterion 1C (important individuals) for its association with Lenore Thatcher Chamberlain, a descendant of one of Pueblo's wealthiest families and a leading philanthropist in the city. As well, the house is significant under Local Landmark Criteria 2A and 2B (architecture) as an example of the Mediterranean Revival. It is among the earliest examples of the style as interpreted by Pueblo architect Walter DeMordaunt. 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 or the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. It could, however, be individually eligible as a City of Pueblo Landmark, depending on the extent of the unsurveyed additions. It is, in any case, a contributing resource within any potential historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1926, this house 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. While this house appears to have had several additions, most date to within the period of significance and maintain the original feeling of the building. However, if an individual nomination is sought for this property, a further survey should be conducted to determine the full extent of additions. Based on this limited survey, 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): westst1703**
 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): **08/23/05**

50. Recorder(s): **Adam Thomas**

51. Organization: **Historitecture, L.L.C.**

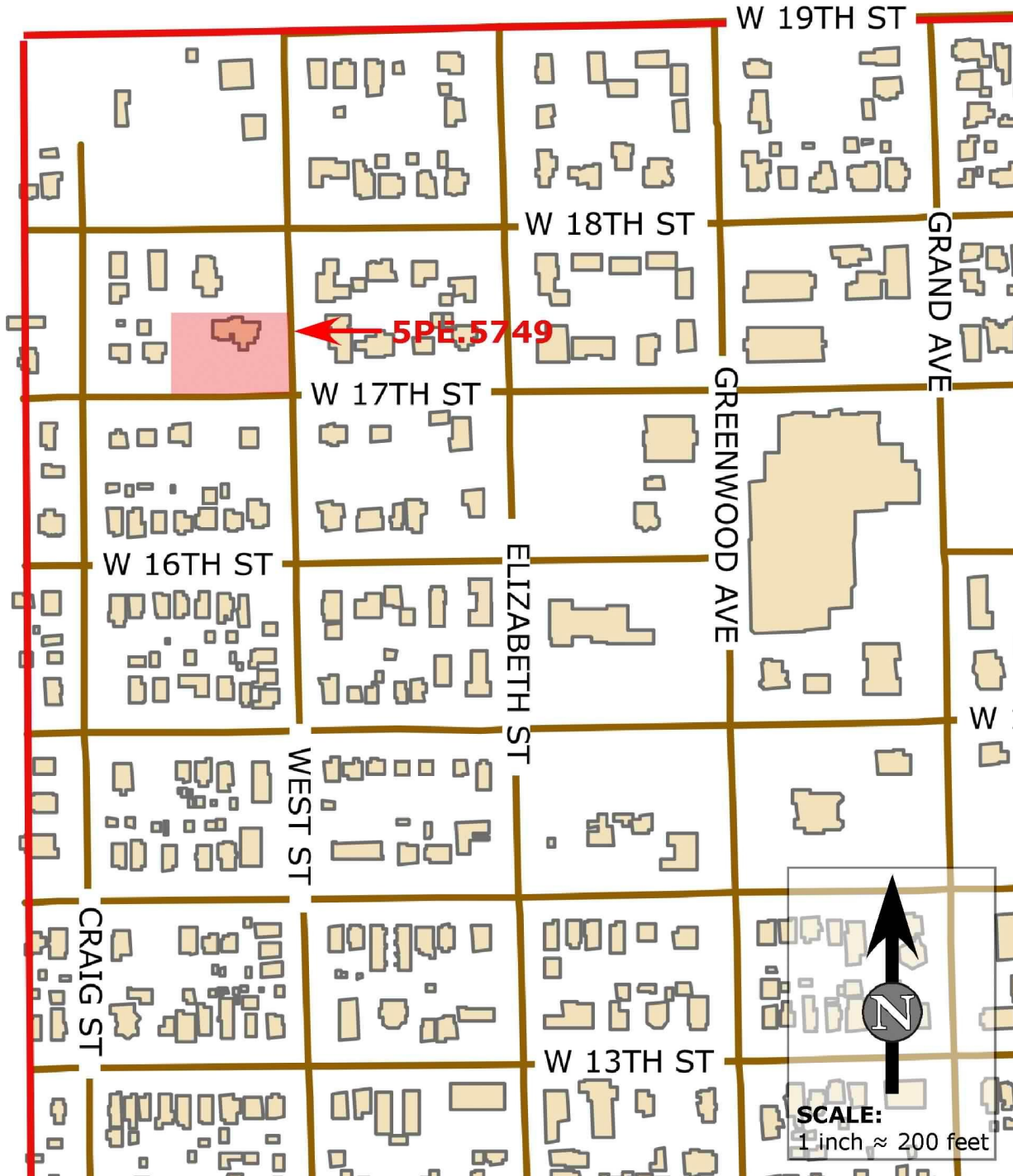
52. Address: **PO Box 419
Estes Park, CO 80517-0419**

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 586-1165**

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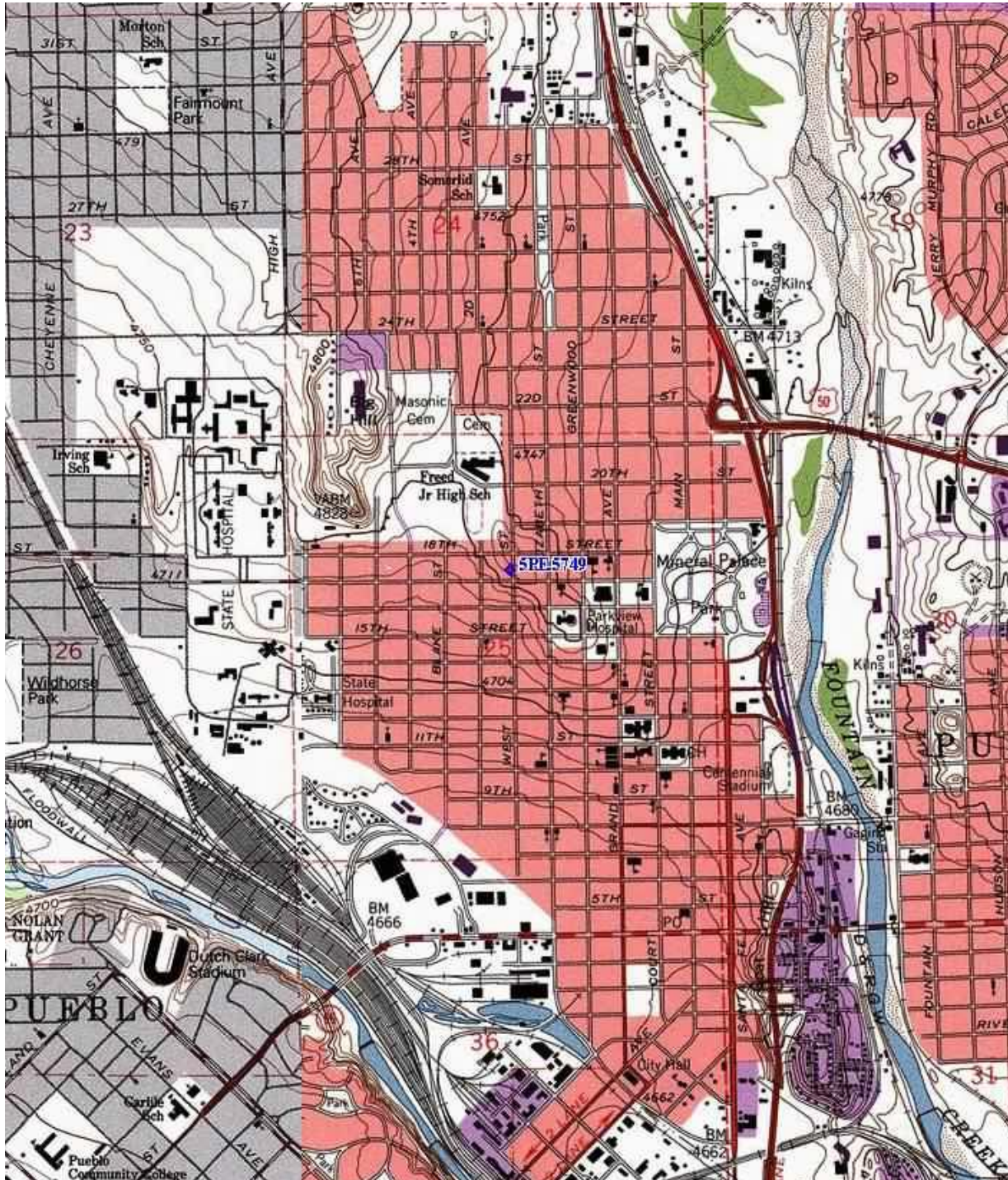
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LOCATION MAP



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