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Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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Historic Building Inventory Record

NOT FOR FIELD USE

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— NOMINATED
— CERTIFIED REHAB
DATE _____

project name Louisville Survey		county Boulder	city Louisville	state ID no. temporary no. LSV44	
current building name Thomas Residence			owner Nicholas and Quentin Thomas (same address)		
address 700 Lincoln			tnsp 1S range 69W sec 8, NW 1/4, SE 1/4		
historic name Thomas House			USGS quad name 65(79) yr. X 7.5' 15' Louisville		
district name N/A			blk. 8	lot(s) 12,13,14	addition yr. of addition Pleasant Hill 1894
film roll by S. Mehls no. LSV3		negative nos. 34,35,36	loc. of neg. CHS	date of construction estimate 9/1906 actual source Present Owner	
paste photograph here. use archival glue.				use Private Residence present Private Residence historic	
				condition excellent XX good fair deteriorating	
				extent of alterations XX minor moderate major describe: 2 dormers (1940)	
				XX original moved date(s) of move:	
style Vernacular Wood Frame		stories 1 1/2	field assessment XX eligible not eligible		
materials Wood/Wood Frame		sq. footage 1,362	district potential yes XX no contributing non-contributing		
architectural description Vernacular 1 1/2-story frame house with multi-gabled roof. Gabled front wall with entrance and one window covered by a hipped-roof porch (added in 1926) with shingled railing. Front projecting bay with double windows inset. Dormers projecting from side of roof added in 1940. Yard is heavily landscaped. One outbuilding on lot, frame garage, probable c.1910 construction.				local landmark designation No name date	
				associated buildings? XX yes type Frame Shed/Garage, probably historic (contributing) if inventoried, list ID nos.	
				Not Inventoried	
additional pages yes		XX no			

plan shape .	architect Nicholas Thomas	original owner Nicholas & Elizabeth Thomas
	source Present Owner	source Present Owner
	builder/contractor Nicholas Thomas	
	source Present Owner	theme(s) Mountains-Coal Mining Urban-Rail Era, Mining

construction history (descriptions, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

House was constructed by hand by Nicholas Thomas in evenings and on weekends while he worked in the mines. Completed in September 1906. Front and back porches added and covered in 1926. Two dormers added in 1940 by one of younger sons who suffered from claustrophobia in upstairs bedroom.

continued yes no

historical background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

Nicholas Thomas, born 1873, came to U.S. from Wales in 1883 and later to Louisville. He worked as coal miner and built this home on weekends and evenings for growing (8 children) family. Originally the entire yard was used for vegetable crops and the Thomas sons began a small vegetable store that later became a major grocery market in Louisville.

continued yes no

significance (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

architectural significance: <input type="checkbox"/> represents the work of a master <input type="checkbox"/> possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> represents a type, period or method of construction Level of Significance: Local	historical significance: <input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant persons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> associated with sig. events <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> patterns <input type="checkbox"/> contributes to an historic district Are of Significance: Architecture -Dates: 1900-
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statement of significance

The house is an excellent, well preserved example of frame vernacular housing as built by Louisville coal miners. Adding to its significance is the survival of the vegetable garden which supplemented the miner-owner's income. This use of garden produce was the classic method of surviving for miners during summer layoffs.

The building also addresses the following RP3 concerns: provides information on role of ethnic groups (Welsh) in coal mining communities; provides information on correlation between coal mining activity and other pursuits (vegetable garden, supplementary income); and provides information on physical form of coal and rail towns.

continued yes no

references (be specific)

Personal communication with present owners, 8/3/85.
Conarroe, Carolyn, The Louisville Story, Louisville: Louisville Times, 1978.

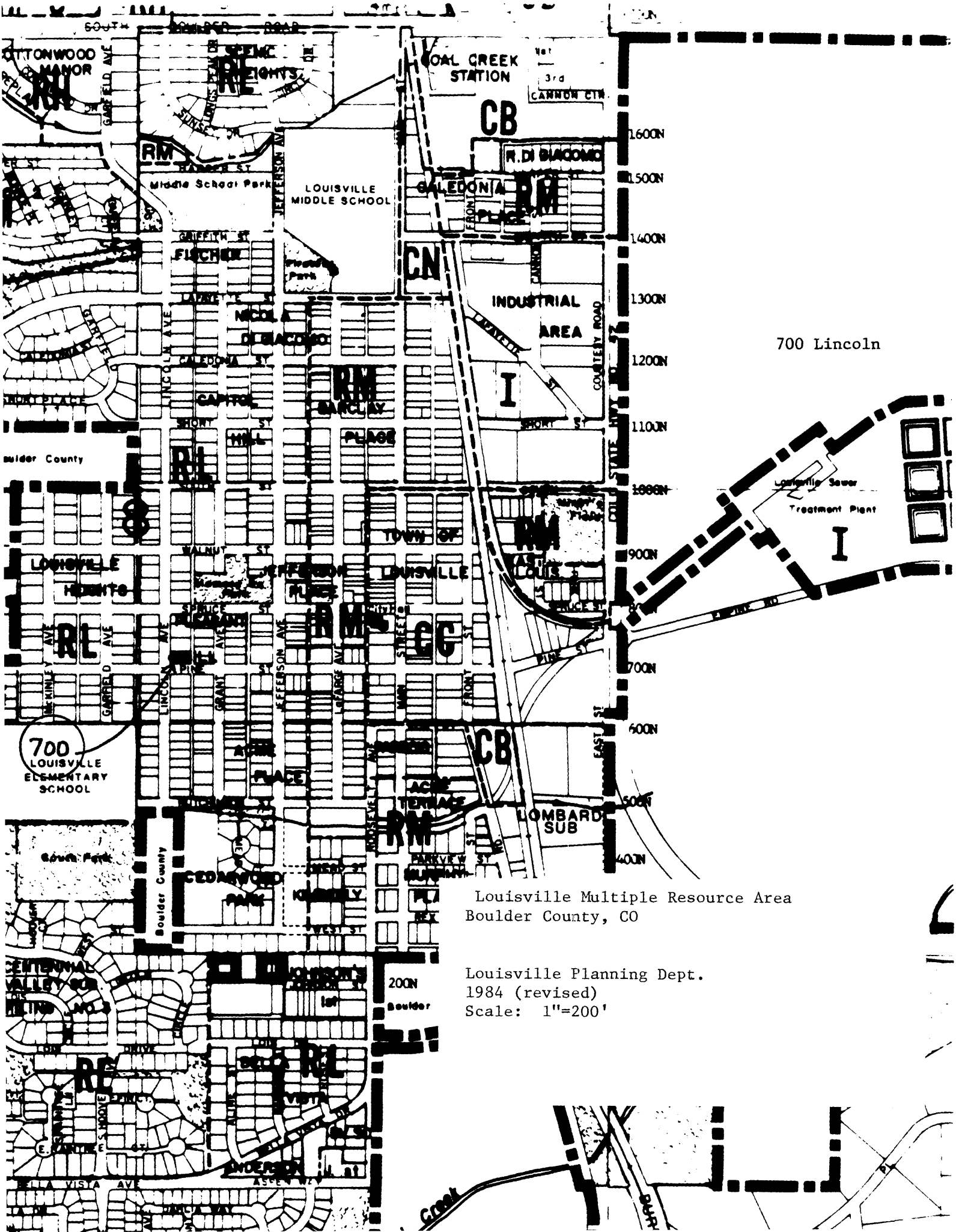
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surveyed by S. Mehls, C. Mehls,	Affiliation Western Historical Studies	date 8/3/85
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Thomas House, Louisville, CO

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:



Louisville Multiple Resource Area
Boulder County, CO

Louisville Planning Dept.
1984 (revised)
Scale: 1"=200'