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National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Asbury White House

and/or common Asbury White House

2. Location

street & number 417 W. 11th Street n/a not for publication

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Pueblo code 101

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Mazie A. Lee

street & number 417 W. 11th Street

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pueblo County Courthouse

street & number 10th & Main Streets

city, town Pueblo state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pueblo Architectural & Historical Survey
Colorado Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980-1981--Ongoing federal state county local

depository for survey records Pueblo Regional Library--Western Research Room
Colorado Historical Society

city, town Denver state Colorado

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Asa White House is a two-story multi-gabled building constructed in the Queen Anne style. The first level is of brick, with the second floor of frame. Wood shingles are applied to the entire upper story, including the gables and dormers. The foundation is of rhyolite, with the window sills on the first level all red sandstone. Other noticeable trim on the front (south) facade include the stick detailing in the southwest gable and fish-scale shingles in the southeast gable.

Originally the second floor projecting unit over the first floor porch was open, composing a second floor balcony. The enclosed southeast section of the front part of the house (immediately east of the present front porch) was also open in the original design. (See drawing appearing in the Pueblo Chieftain, March 22, 1891, p. 16.) The porches were enclosed probably around the turn of the century.

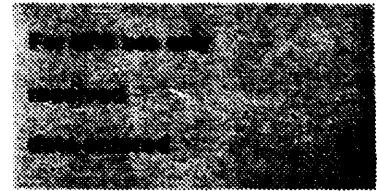
The first floor porch in its present configuration shelters the recessed entryway on the southwest front wall. The porch has a triangular pediment supported by square wood posts. The enclosed railing is covered with fish-scale shingles, as is the lower wall of the enclosed porch on the southeast end. There is also a door off the porch into the east front room.

Other architectural features include a polygonal bay on the first floor of the east side of the house, with a projecting or overhanging gabled section atop the bay at the second level supported by a heavy scroll bracket. The lintels over the individual windows in the bay have decorative corbelled brick. A stained leaded glass window is found in the wall of the west facade.

Another historic addition was built on the northeast corner of the structure. It includes a dining room on the first floor and a bedroom on the second.

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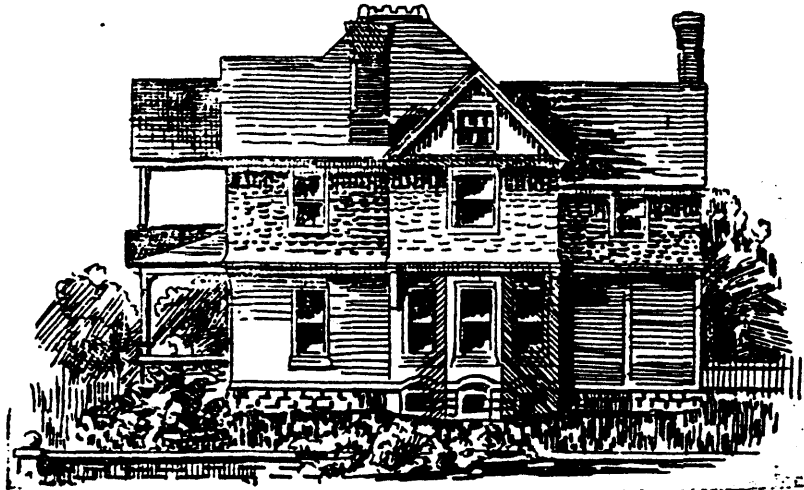
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Asa White's Residence, Being Built on West Eleventh Street.

Source: Pueblo Chieftain, March 22, 1891, p. 16.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| ___ prehistoric | ___ archeology-prehistoric | ___ community planning | ___ landscape architecture | ___ religion |
| ___ 1400-1499 | ___ archeology-historic | ___ conservation | ___ law | ___ science |
| ___ 1500-1599 | ___ agriculture | ___ economics | ___ literature | ___ sculpture |
| ___ 1600-1699 | ___ architecture | ___ education | ___ military | ___ social/ |
| ___ 1700-1799 | ___ art | ___ engineering | ___ music | ___ humanitarian |
| XX 1800-1899 | XX commerce | ___ exploration/settlement | ___ philosophy | ___ theater |
| ___ 1900- | ___ communications | ___ industry | ___ politics/government | ___ transportation |
| | | ___ invention | | ___ other (specify) |

Specific dates 1891 **Builder/Architect** F.W. Cooper: Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Asbury White residence is significant for its association with Asbury White, prominent Pueblo pioneer business and civic leader; and as one of the last remnants of a very prestigious (ca.1880) residential neighborhood, just west of the Pueblo County Courthouse.

Mr. Asbury White was born on September 25, 1860, in Claysville, Pennsylvania. In 1880, he came to Pueblo from Creston, Iowa, where he learned the drygoods business in a general merchandise store. While working for the Nusbaum General Merchandise Store in Pueblo, White became friends with Samuel E. Davis. In 1889, White & Davis became partners and opened the White & Davis clothing store.¹

In 1963, when the White & Davis Company was dissolved and merged with Kaufmans, it was the oldest clothing store running under its original name "White & Davis--Always Reliable." For almost three quarters of a century, not only had it been one of Pueblo's major department stores, but through the enterprising efforts of a long partnership of White & Davis, the store became well known throughout the state of Colorado.

In the early days, the store was a major mail order firm, mailing more than 125,000 catalogues across the country twice yearly. Through their mail order business, the company became nationally known as a distributor of western apparel. Merchandise, including hats and saddles, was shipped from the store in Pueblo to stockmen and cowboys all over the world. The store carried the largest stock of J.B. Stetson hats in the nation, and at one time boasted nationally the largest volume for that line.

When Mr. White died on July 15, 1942, in a unanimous gesture of respect on the day of his funeral, all Pueblo stores suspended business from 2:00 until 2:05 p.m.

The White & Davis Store occupied three locations during its seventy-five years of retail sales. These locations were 225 N. Santa Fe, Third and Main streets, and Fifth and Main streets. All of the structures which housed the store in these various locations have been demolished.

Mr. F. W. Cooper, architect for the residence, grew up in New York and graduated from Cornell University in 1874 with the highest honors in his class. In 1881, after working in Ohio and Cheyenne, Wyoming, Cooper came to Pueblo and, in partnership with a New Jersey architect, Serena E. Todds, designed the M.D. Thatcher residence. During his career, Mr. Cooper also designed a number of prominent residential and commercial structures, both in Pueblo and state-wide. He was also the architect for the Pope Block which housed the White & Davis store when it was located at Third and Main streets.

¹White lived in the residence at 417 W. 11th Street from 1891 to 1925. The house, therefore, is the one most associated with White during his partnership with Davis. Upon retirement White moved to 1819 Elizabeth, where he lived until his death in 1942.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- 1) Pueblo Chieftain, March 22, 1891, pp. 16 & 17; (6) Pueblo Colorado Chieftain, February 27, 1967, p. 2A; and
2) Pueblo Chieftain, June 5, 1927;
3) Pueblo Chieftain, July 17, 1942; (7) Pueblo Colorado Its Resources & Developments, Chieftain Pub. Co., ca 1890, p. 42.
4) Pueblo Chieftain, February 11, 1967;
5) Pueblo (Colo) Star Journal & Sunday Chieftain, February 19, 1967, Section E, p. 7.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .10 acre

Quadrangle name Northeast Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 12, Block 27, County Addition

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | n/a | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mazie A. Lee (Assisted by James Munch, Pueblo Regional Planning Commission)

organization Homeowner P.O. Box 1427
Pueblo, Co 81003 date May 11, 1984

street & number 417 W. 11th Street telephone (303) 543-0882

city or town Pueblo state Colorado

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature J Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 9/5/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Added to the
National Register

date 10-11-84

Keeper of the National Register

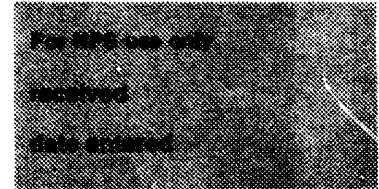
Attest:

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Chief of Registration

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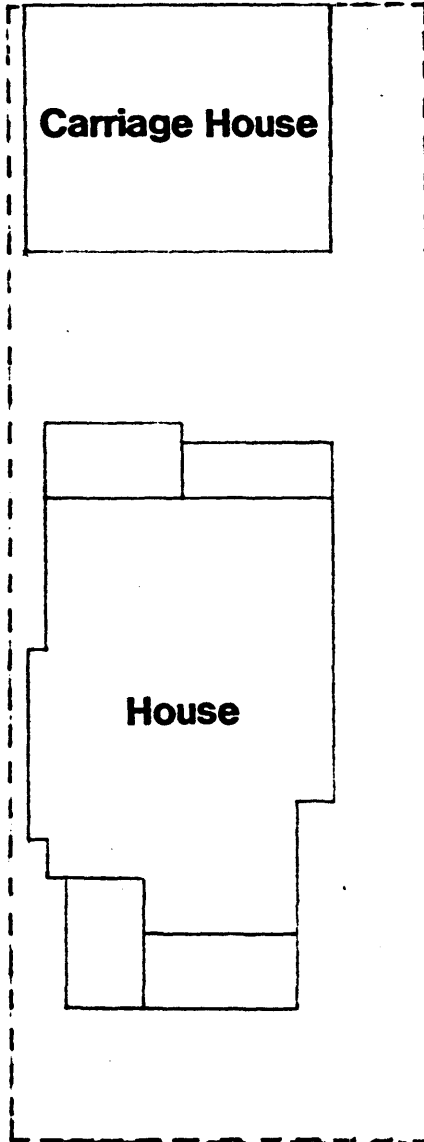
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The structure is also significant because it is one of the last of a number of residences of prominent Pueblo businessmen who resided in a very prestigious (ca. 1880) neighborhood just west of the Pueblo County Courthouse.

Photo Log

Asbury White Home
417 W. 11th Street

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO
BY: PUEBLO CITY PLANNING OFFICE
DATE: JULY 1984
NO SCALE



Map not drawn to scale