

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

R. G. Maxwell House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2340 W. Mulberry St.

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fort Collins

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

Colorado

— VICINITY OF

CODE

08

COUNTY

Larimer

CODE

069

**CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Anthony and Sharon Ferguson

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2340 W. Mulberry

CITY, TOWN

Fort Collins

STATE

Colorado

— VICINITY OF

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Larimer County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

200 W. Oak Street

CITY, TOWN

Fort Collins

STATE

Colorado

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

(35/07/0085)

DATE

Ongoing

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 2340 West Mulberry Street in Fort Collins, the R. G. Maxwell House is a single detached structure irregular in shape, one and one-half stories in height, and set over a foundation of coursed, cut stone. The primary building material is brick set in courses of stretcher bond. The main or south facade has two bays. The roof is a compound gable that has one triangular dormer set on the east slope. The roof eaves project with no rafters exposed. On the raking trim the verges project with a decorated bargeboard treatment. Two single stack chimneys rise above the roof. One is located offset right and straddles a ridge; the other is centrally located at the rear of the structure and also straddles a ridge.

The structural openings are irregularly spaced and receive different treatments. The main window on the south facade lies below a segmental arch with arcuated radiating voussoirs. The side surrounds are plain as is the architrave with entablature. The single leaf door has four beveled, recessed panels, and above the door is a flush light transom. Across the front is a one-story porch supported by columns.

Near the Maxwell House is a small water tower one-story in height and built of coursed cut stone. This structure echoes the style of the house foundation, and was erected in 1910 to support a wooden water tank.

Across the front of the property is a rough stone and masonry wall three feet high and sixty feet long. Another wall lies along the east side of the house. Both were constructed about 1915.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC             | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC                | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <i>PSL</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE <i>PSL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                                | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899                   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                           | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- <i>PSL</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS                     | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Maxwell House is significant for its association with Robert Garibaldi Maxwell, an early farmer in the region, and for its architectural features as the structure is one of the few remaining farm homes from this period of Larimer County's development.

In 1898 Philip and Amelia Hann purchased a large tract of land from a railroad company and began development of the site for farming. They did little, however, because the next year Philip Hann died, and the land passed into the hands of his daughter and son-in-law, Robert Garibaldi Maxwell, the actual developers of the property. About 1900 Maxwell began work on the house with the aid of his family and John Lunn, a local mason who built most of the walls with Maxwell's help. The structure received several additions over the next ten to fifteen years, particularly as Maxwell had to find space for his growing family. At the same time Maxwell prospered in farming and became locally prominent. He raised prize-winning cattle and hogs and was an organizer of the Empire Grange, an organization in which he was active for the next fifty years. He also donated the land for a grange building and helped in the financing.

From an architectural perspective the Maxwell House is representative of the vernacular design of farmhouses on the high plains. The modest size, the additions made from time to time, and the related outbuildings still convey the feelings of an early farm dwelling. And this structure is one of the few left in the area, particularly within the present city limits.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3312

QUADRANGLE NAME Fort Collins

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 4,8,8,11,5,10 4,4,9,3,6,7,5  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beg at Pt on S Ln SE $\frac{1}{4}$  WH Bears S 89°35'30" E 870 Ft From S $\frac{1}{4}$  COR of SD Sec 9, TH N 00°24'30" E 147.50 Ft; S 89°35'30" E 97.80 Ft; S 00°24'30" W 147.50 ft; N 89°35'30" W 97.80 Ft to POB.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sharon Ferguson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

October 11, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

2340 W. Mulberry

(303) 482-3228

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Fort Collins,

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

*Arthur C. Townsend*

June 23, 1980

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*John W. Ray*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/29/80

ATTEST:

*Paula Stricker Reed*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

9/18/80

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