

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 Russell-Graves House ~~5JE283~~

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 5605 Yukon St, n/a not for publication

city, town Arvada n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Jefferson code 001 & 059

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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ivan and Sally Gunderman

street & number 8212 Dudley Way

city, town Arvada n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jefferson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Golden state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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 Russell-Graves House is located in the old section of Arvada (1980 population: 84,576), a community on the northwest fringe of the city limits of Denver. The one and one-half story brick residence was constructed in 1899 in a style typical of turn-of-the-century.

The house is yellow brick, constructed on a cast stone, or rusticated concrete block foundation. A particularly interesting characteristic of the exterior is the hipped roof with flared eaves, with a shingled dormer with diamond-patterned windows placed on the east (front) and south sides of each roof. A prominent feature of the front facade is the wrap-around porch, which extends across the front and half-way around the south side.¹ The front projecting portion contains a large single-hung window with a small fixed beveled glass portion and the formal entryway.

The only known alteration to the exterior is the enclosure of the back porch for use as a kitchen. Evidently, this alteration was made soon after the house was built, in that the same unusual type and color of brick was used as is present in the main block.

The interior remains virtually intact since its construction. Remaining are the original birch doors and casings, fireplace mantel and copper grate in the front parlor. Three stained glass windows, three beveled glass windows, and an original pantry cupboard in the office.

1. From 1899 to 1945 there appears to have been no railing between the posts. (This information was obtained from Ellen Mauser of Denver, daughter of William Graves; and George Wendt, of California, who purchased the house from Graves.) City codes require all porches 30" from the ground on either residential or commercial buildings have a railing. The railing on the Russell-Graves House is simple in styling and it is not felt that it compromises the physical integrity of the building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<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 checked="" 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-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1899 **Builder/Architect** n/a

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Russell-Graves House in Arvada is significant in representing a transitional style architecture, combining elements of the late Victorian period with those that culminated in the bungalow style. The residence remains in an excellent state of preservation, its exterior and interior features little changed since its construction in 1899. It also has importance because of its association with Dr. Richard Russell, a locally prominent political figure in the community of Arvada.

The styling of the house is typical of many residences in the Denver area constructed during the turn-of-the-century. The exterior and interior features have experienced little alteration and the house, therefore, remains one of the best examples in Arvada of this common style. On the interior, the house retains all the original wood trim, including hardware on the doors. Interesting features of the exterior include the double bellcast roof, dormers with shingled sides and diamond-pattern windows, and leaded and stained glass windows.

The most notable resident of the house was Dr. Richard Russell, who assisted in securing the incorporation of the community of Arvada in 1903. Russell was elected the town's first mayor, an office he held on three separate occasions: 1904-05; 1908-09; and 1917-23.¹ He also served as the first mayor of Westminster (another small community bordering Denver) from 1911-1913.

The house on Yukon was purchased by Estelle Russell, wife of Dr. Russell, in 1911. It remained the residence of the Russells until 1923 at which time they sold it to William Graves, a prominent and successful thresher from Arvada.² The Graves lived in the house until 1943.

1. The house in which Dr. Russell lived from 1903-1911 still stands; however it has experienced severe alteration from its original appearance.
2. The Russells moved from their house on Yukon to a residence on Grandview; later moving from there to a house on Old Wadsworth. These houses still stand but have been altered.

9. Major Bibliographical References

More Than Gold, A History of Arvada, Colorado During the Period 1870-1904.

Information provided by Ellen Mauser, daughter of William Graves: George Wendt, a previous owner of the Russell-Graves House.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .14

Quadrangle name Arvada

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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1	3	4	9	2	9	5	0	4	4	0	5	3	2	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

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G

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The building stands on 2 lots Reno Park BLK 2 lot 10-11; no other buildings stand on the lot.

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

state	code	county	code
n/a			

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11. Form Prepared By

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date July 1982

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city or town Arvada

state Colorado 80002

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

Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer (Acting)

date March 23, 1983

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

5/9/83

for *Allores Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

