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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

~~Woodward-Baird House~~
AND/OR COMMON

The Little Grey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1733 Canyon Blvd.

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Boulder

__ VICINITY OF

2

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Colorado

08

Boulder

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__ DISTRICT

__ PUBLIC

__ OCCUPIED

__ AGRICULTURE

__ MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

__ PARK

__ STRUCTURE

__ BOTH

__ WORK IN PROGRESS

__ EDUCATIONAL

__ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ ENTERTAINMENT

__ RELIGIOUS

__ OBJECT

__ IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

__ GOVERNMENT

__ SCIENTIFIC

__ BEING CONSIDERED

__ YES: UNRESTRICTED

__ INDUSTRIAL

__ TRANSPORTATION

__ NO

__ MILITARY

__ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Historic Boulder, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 1545

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Boulder

__ VICINITY OF

Colorado 80306

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Boulder County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 471

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Boulder

Colorado 80302

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

(07/04/0101)

DATE

Ongoing

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society; 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Denver

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated at 1733 Canyon Boulevard, now a major artery in Boulder, the Culver-Baird House is a single detached dwelling, rectangular in plan. The structure measures twenty-two by twenty-six feet, has one and one-half stories, and was erected on a stone foundation with balloon framing and filled with brick. The exterior siding is of vertical board and batten. The main or south facade has two bays, the east and west facades three bays, and the north facade one bay. The roof is pitched with a shed projecting from the rear.

The secondary features are not elaborate. The front of the house has a porch, six feet deep, with a roof supported by delicate wooden columns with carved corner brackets. The windows are primarily two-sashed and double hung with wooden surrounds. The interior has four rooms on the first floor and one on the second.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1871-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Culver-Baird House is significant because of its strong link to pioneer days in Boulder. The structure is one of the few examples of early vernacular architecture remaining in the city, and thus it exemplifies the local tradition of construction and style seen in an earlier day. Finally, this small board and batten house serves as a constant reminder of the life style of Boulder's pioneers.

The origin of the building is somewhat unclear. On March 15, 1871, Robert and Annie Culver sold Lot 9 of Chamberlain's Addition to one Robert Woodward for \$50. A few months later Culver, Woodward, and one W. S. Chamberlain platted the property on which the house stands today. Woodward held his lot for just over a year when he sold it and "one frame house" to a Wolf J. Hanenstein. It is not certain whether Culver or Woodward built the structure, although Culver was involved with house construction on Chamberlain's Addition. In any event, Hanenstein retained the property for eight years, but then on December 28, 1880, he sold it to one Augusta H. Bixby for \$400. The building then went through a succession of owners until 1919 when it was bought by Newton H. Baird, an automobile mechanic. The structure remained in the possession of a member of the Baird family until sold in 1978 to Historic Boulder, an organization desirous of preserving the city's heritage.

In comparison with the turn-of-the-century brick houses found throughout Boulder's core area, the Culver-Baird House is one of the few representatives left of the frame houses built in the first era of the city's growth--when it served as a supply point to the mining towns in the mountains farther west. As such, the structure is a 19th century version of the "poor man's" shelter analogous to the non-urban dwelling or "soddy" whose importance to settlement has long been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally. In this context the "Little Grey House" is an important vestige that reflects the lifestyles of ordinary people of modest means in an early era of Boulder's development. Although of minimal size, the Culver-Baird House has survived intact and unaltered, in contrast to many similar structures that have been demolished in the recent boom.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jane Barker, 76 Historic Homes of Boulder, Colorado (Boulder: Pruett Press, 1976).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Boulder

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south half of lot 9, Chamberlain's Addition.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

Historic Boulder, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 1545

CITY OR TOWN

Boulder

DATE

September 7, 1978

TELEPHONE

(303) 444-5192

STATE

Colorado 80306

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

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

December 18, 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William H. Brashers

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

2-15-79

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