

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested.

1. Name of Property

historic name KNIGHT-WOOD HOUSE

other names/site number CENTENNIAL GAS LIQUIDS BUILDING; 5AH.1985

2. Location

street & number 1860 WEST LITTLETON BLVD. [N/A] not for publication

city or town LITTLETON [N/A] vicinity

state COLORADO code CO county ARAPAHOE code 005 zip code 80120-2021

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Signature of certifying official/Title: Mark Wolfe, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Date: 8/16/04
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Colorado Historical Society

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([ ] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- [X] entered in the National Register
[ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register
[ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[ ] removed from the National Register
[ ] other, explain
[ ] See continuation sheet.

Signature of the Keeper: Edson R. Beall
Date of Action: 10/6/04

KNIGHT-WOOD HOUSE  
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County/State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing.**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

SINGLE DWELLING

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/business

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> & EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS  
Bungalow/Craftsman

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE  
walls STUCCO  
roof ASPHALT  
other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**  
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**  
(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Periods of Significance**  
1925  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**  
1925  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person(s)**  
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**  
UNKNOWN  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:  
LITTLETON HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** less than one

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 13 499185 4384592 (NAD27)  
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name STEVE CREAMER

street & number 1860 W. LITTLETON BLVD. telephone 303.797.766

city or town LITTLETON state CO zip code 80120-2021

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## DESCRIPTION

The Knight-Wood House (Photo 1) is a one-and-a-half-story, side-gabled Craftsman-style residential building with two facade cross gables, built on a concrete foundation with stucco covered stud-frame walls and asphalt shingle roof. The Knight-Wood House has a low-pitched, side-gabled roof as part of its main structure. (Photo 2)



Photo 1



Photo 2

All gables have overhanging eaves, decoratively cutout and round-ended vergeboards, exposed rafters and oversized, decorative brackets.

### *North Elevation*

The front, north elevation, has two separate, gabled roofs on the east side of the front door (Photo 3) and one gabled dormer (Photo 4). The east side of the front elevation has one large twenty-one-over-one double-hung window and six smaller double-hung twelve-over-one ribbon windows that wrap around the northern-most, slightly projecting cross-gabled area (one on each side and four on the front). The second-floor dormer has two smaller nine-over-one double-hung sash windows. All ground and second floor windows on the north side are original, double-paned, operable double-hung windows. As part of a 2002-03 rehabilitation, all original windows and screens were repaired to match the original house. The basement windows were replaced as part of the rehabilitation.



Photo 3



Photo 4

The raised and covered front porch is on the west side of the building façade and has Craftsman-style porch roof supports. (Photo 5) Two large, 4-sided piers support the shed-roofed porch. These sloping (battered) piers break and rest on a solid balustrade well above the porch floor level, then continue down to ground level. The piers, like the rest of the house's siding are stucco, and the balustrade is covered with stone wall caps. The floor of the

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porch has a simple decorative tile pattern – two square diamonds outlined by a rectangle. (Photo 6) The porch covers a large, twenty-one-over-one window as well.



Photo 5



Photo 6

All four sides of the Knight-Wood House have decorative beams and bracing at the junction between the roof and wall of the building. The gabled projections on the north elevation, combined with the gabled dormer allow for this decoration to be repeated six times on this side. These junctions are characterized by open, rather than boxed or closed soffits. All rafters are tapered and exposed, as evidenced by the gabled dormer above the front porch. The rafters have an extra-long and decorative vergeboards. (Photo 7) Three triangular knee braces are prominent along the sides and apex of each gable. There are eight such braces on the north side. (Photo 8) There is also a curvilinear, decorative antefix on the apex of the three roof gables on the façade.



Photo 7



Photo 8

## *East & West Elevations*

Both the east and west sides of the residence show the roof's primary gables. These two elevations have all the same decorative elements present as the north and south sides – exposed rafters, decorative vergeboards and triangular braces. The side gables are larger than the front gables, so both the east and west sides have five triangular braces (versus three on the north side). Additional elements on both sides are bay windows with overhanging shed roofs, exposed rafters, and three double-hung windows. The center bay window is eighteen-over-one and the two sides are twelve-over-one windows. Both sides have smaller windows, too. On the east side, smaller casement windows flank the brick chimney at a clerestory level. There are two double-hung nine-over-one windows in the gable. (Photo 9) On the west side, the gabled windows mirror those on the east side (two double-hung nine-over-one windows). There are also two smaller, nine-over-one double-hung windows just to the south of the bay window on the west side. (Photo 10)

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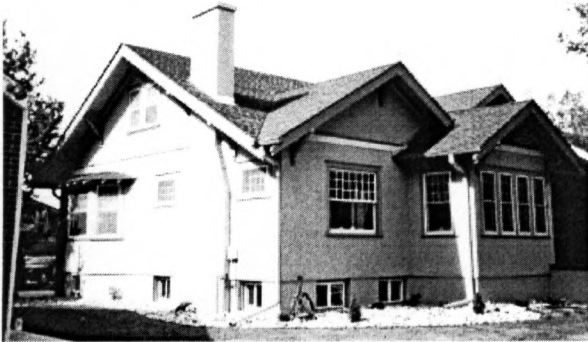
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Photo 9



Photo 10

### *South Elevation*

The rear, south side displays a larger gabled dormer than the front elevation and a variety of window sizes. The second-floor dormer has three triangular braces and exposed, elongated rafters. The decorative vergeboards are the same throughout the original exterior. The dormer has three double-hung windows – one larger, twelve-over-one window flanked by two, smaller nine-over-one windows. (Photo 11) On the western side of the south elevation is a cross-gabled addition to the house. To the east of the addition on the ground floor are original double hung, operable, windows. From west to east are double twelve-over-one windows, two smaller, staggered, nine-over-one windows, and an additional twelve-over-one window is on the southeastern corner. All the window headers are at the same level as the other first-story windows. A second chimney is visible from the rear, rising from the roof just to the west of the gabled dormer.

The addition to the rear echoes the cross-gabled form of the facade. (Photo 12) The addition adds 161 square feet to the existing building, and serves to make the current business compatible with disabled access codes. To differentiate the addition, the architect made the stucco a smoother texture, simplified the decorative braces and discontinued the water-table line that surrounds the rest of the house. There is a back door under the middle of the double gable which is flanked by two nine-over-one double hung windows. There is also a similar window on the east side of the addition as it wraps around to meet the original rear elevation. The Littleton Historic Preservation Board approved the addition design.



Photo 11



Photo 12

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Also on the south side of the Knight-Wood House is the original garage, including the original doors on the north side. (Photo 13) These doors have eight-light fixed windows and cross-braced panels. If there were similar doors on the south side of the garage, they no longer exist. The roof was repaired to match the shingles on the house. The elongated rafters and decorative vergeboards match the house as well. There are three triangular braces on the north and south eaves.



Photo 13

Surviving interior features of the residence include original wood staircase, original oak trim in the ceiling cove, door and window casings, baseboards and fireplace mantel. (Photo 14-15) There are original oak and leaded glass cabinets that flank the interior fireplace. (Photo 16)



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16

The house underwent a rehabilitation as part of a Federal investment tax credit project in 2002-2003.

ENVIRONMENT



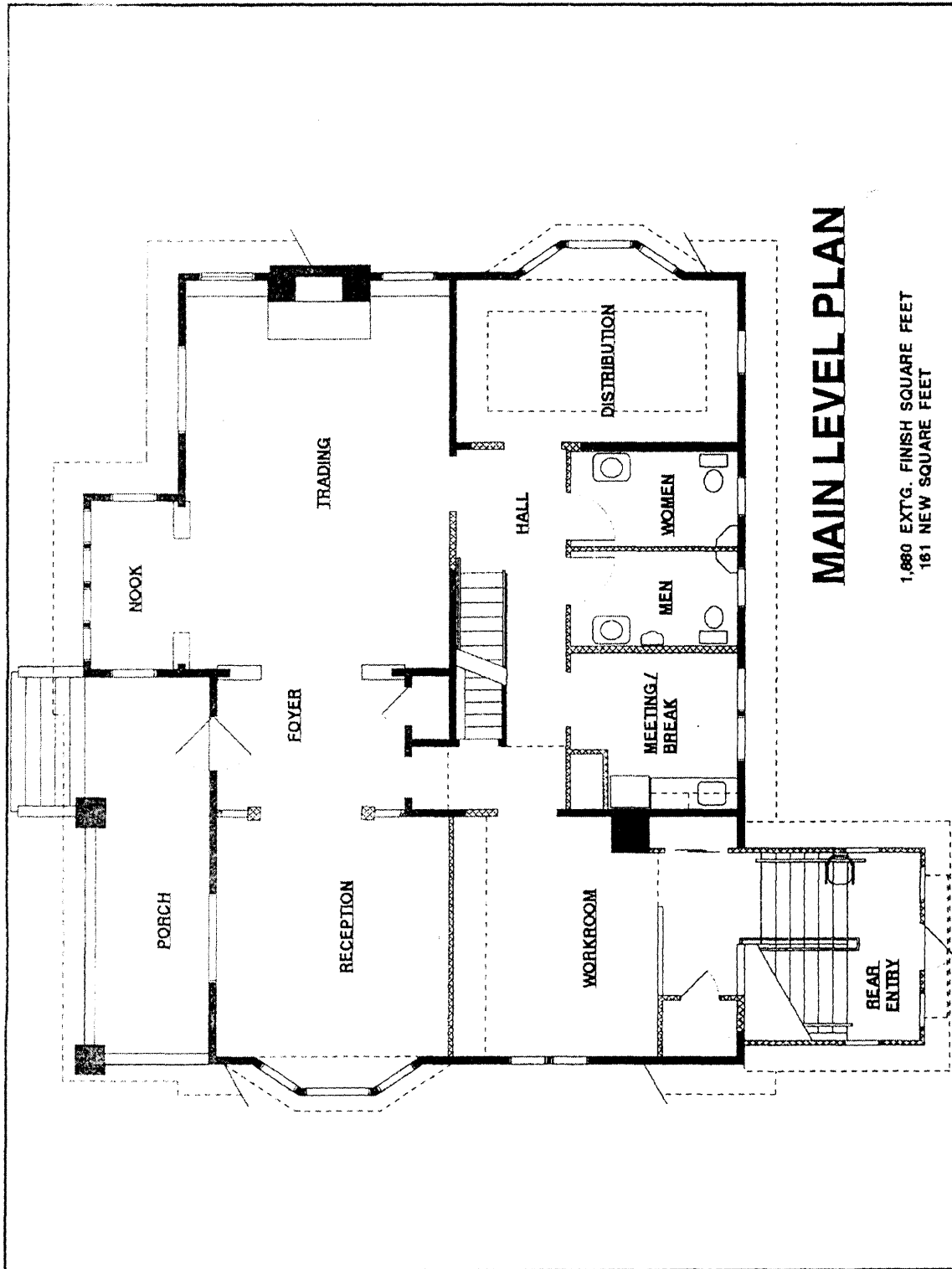
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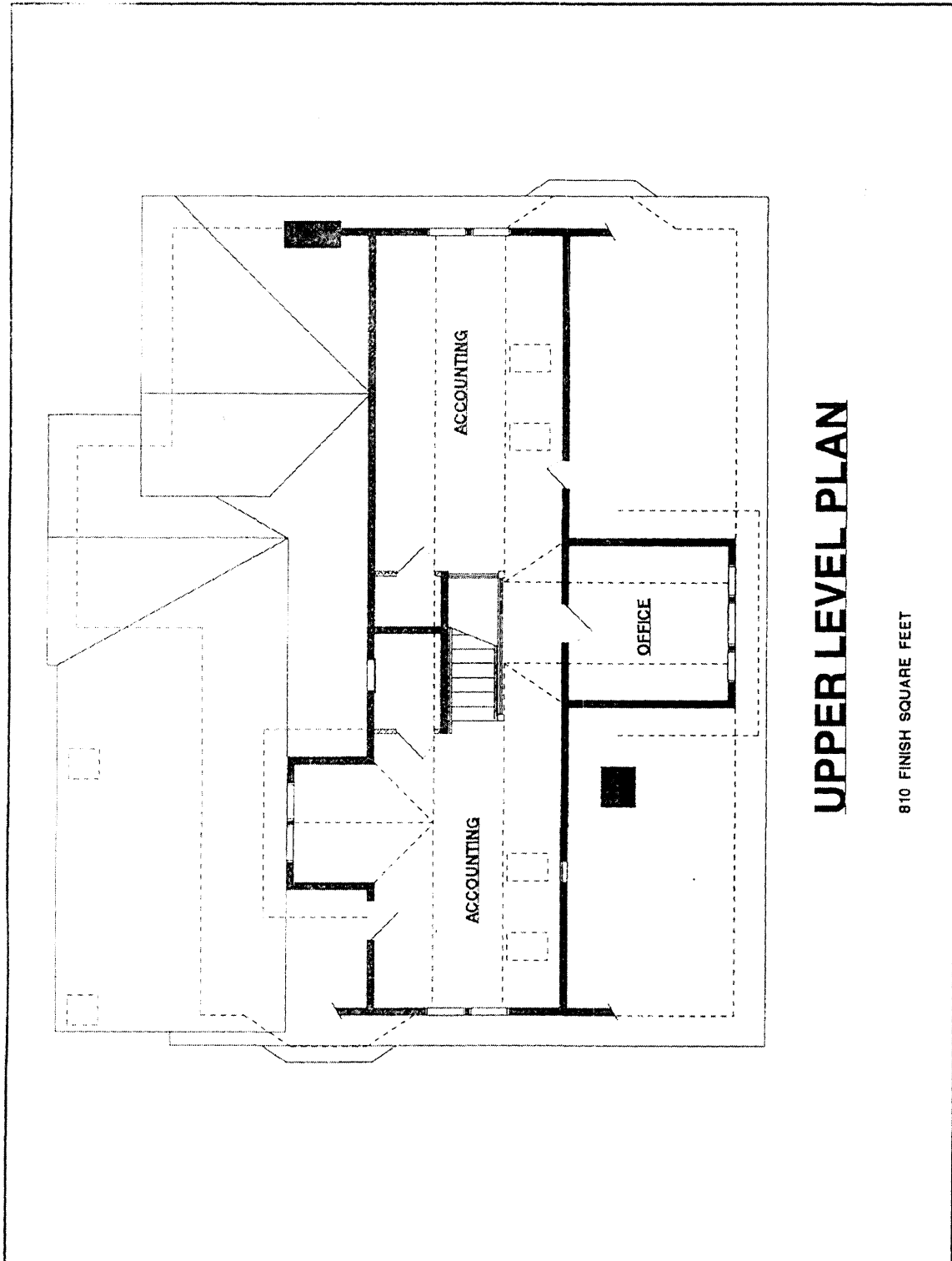
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The circa 1925 Knight-Wood House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance. The one-and-a-half-story, gabled residential building and its associated garage are excellent local examples of Craftsman-style architecture. According to *A Field Guide to American Houses*, by Virginia & Lee McAlester, there are five main identifying features of this typology: low-pitched, gabled roofs with wide, unenclosed eave overhangs; decorative beams or braces under the gables; full or partial porches with roofs supported by square tapered columns; and columns or pedestals that extend to the ground level without a break at the porch level.<sup>1</sup> The Knight-Wood House displays all five of these characteristics. Also, the house remains remarkably in its original form. Except for a small, disabled access addition to the rear elevation in 2002-03, the residence has not changed significantly since it was built. Intact Craftsman-style garages, particularly with original vehicular doors, are increasingly rare.

There are a number of other Craftsman style bungalows in Littleton that surround the Knight-Wood House, making it a part of an area that has a number of significant and varied examples of Craftsman architecture. The City of Littleton Historic Buildings Survey from 2000-2001 (photos below taken from survey) shows a side-gabled shingle style house with a broad porch and 4 pairs of battered columns on 5626 Crocker Street. (Photo 18) Another Craftsman style house noted in the survey is a Bungalow on 5623 South Prescott, whose smaller porch and cross gabled plan reflect a typical Bungalow form within the Craftsman typology. (Photo 19)

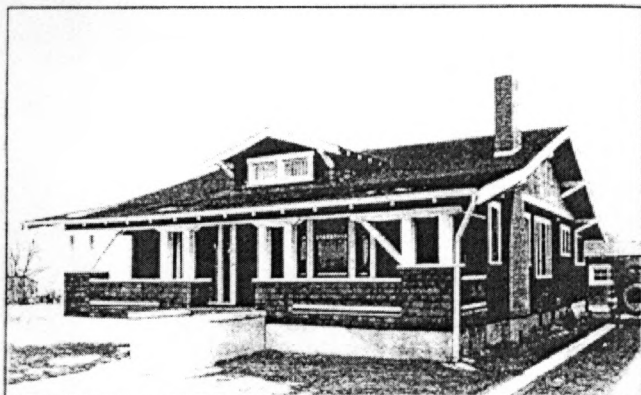


Figure 14. This Craftsman/Bungalow style residence at 5626 South Crocker Street was erected by Dan S. Reid Construction Company in 1921 and is notable for its shingled walls and broad porch. SOURCE: Littleton Historical Museum, photograph number 1990.

Photo 18 (p. 36, Littleton Historic Building Survey)



Figure 13. Local builder Dan S. Reid constructed this notable Craftsman/Bungalow style dwelling at 5623 South Prescott in 1921. SOURCE: Littleton Historical Museum, photograph number 1987.

Photo 19 (p. 34 Littleton Historic Building Survey)

The Knight-Wood House displays fine woodwork, both inside and outside, that characterizes the natural, warm materials and style of the Craftsman typology.<sup>2</sup> The decorative vergeboards, tapered rafters, and the built-in cupboards, staircase and woodwork on the interior all add to the integrity of this home's Craftsman style. Moreover, this one-and-a-half-story, gabled Craftsman-style residential building is an excellent local example of Craftsman-style architecture. This house is one of a number of remarkably well-maintained examples of Craftsman style architecture on this strip of Littleton Boulevard. (Photo 17) What makes this house even more significant is the way in which it is an excellent example of Craftsman style architecture with an atypical bungalow form. Unlike many bungalows, this house's porch does not extend fully across its front elevation. While it uses all the typical elements of the Craftsman style, it is differentiated from other bungalows because it

<sup>1</sup> Virginia & Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc, 2002, 453.

<sup>2</sup> Lester Walker, *American Homes: An Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Architecture*, New York: Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers, 1996, 180.

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is a variant on the typical bungalow form. Its use of cross-gabled elements and the shortened front porch make it an interesting example of the time period. Moreover, it has maintained its integrity of original design and purpose and adds visual and historical value to Littleton Boulevard and to the city of Littleton.



Photo 17

**Historical Background**

According to the Littleton Historical Society's Historic Building Inventory Record, this property was built in the 1920s, and its original address was 621 Littleton Blvd. Although Assessor's records show that it was constructed in 1940, the property appears on a 1932 Sanborn fire insurance map, thus indicating that its construction date preceded the 1930s. The first owners were E.J. and Alice Knight. Mr. Knight was superintendent of the Littleton school district. Subsequent owners included Jere Crook, and then Millard D. and Cornelia Peck. Mr. Peck worked for New York Life Insurance Company, and the Pecks lived in the house in the 1950s. By 1959, the house was occupied by Dr. Wilbur D. "Abe" and Helen Wood. Dr. Wood moved to Littleton in 1947 and set up a medical practice with Dr. Ralph MacKenzie, but later moved the practice to open the Littleton Clinic in 1951 at 1950 Littleton Blvd. Dr. Wood later helped form Swedish Hospital. The Woods lived in the house for over twenty years. Helen Wood was listed at this address in the city directory as late as 1980. Dr. Wood died in 1982, in Montrose, where he had retired to earlier that year.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> R.L. Simmons & T.H. Simmons, *Historic Building Inventory Record*, Littleton Historic Resources Survey, 2000-01.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA****VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The land included in this nomination consists of Lots 17-19, Block 1, Capitolia Addition, Littleton, Arapahoe County, Colorado.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The nomination includes all the land historically associated with the Knight-Wood House.

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## PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-17:

Photographer: Kimberly Porter  
Date of Photographs: May 2004  
Location of Negatives: Possession of the photographer

Photo No.	Photographic Information
1	Facade (north elevation); view to the south.
2	Facade and east side; view to the southwest.
3	Facade detail; view to the south.
4	Facade dormer; view to the south.
5	Oblique view of facade; view to the southeast.
6	Front porch floor; view to the west.
7	East side eave trim detail; view to the northwest.
8	Facade detail; view to the southeast.
9	Facade and east elevation; view to the southwest.
10	West side; view to the northeast.
11	South side dormer; view to the northwest.
12	South (rear) elevations; view to the north.
13	Garage; north side; view to the southwest.
14	Interior; stairs to second floor.
15	Interior; first floor; view to the northeast.
16	Interior; first floor; built-in cabinet and window.
17	Littleton Blvd. streetscape centered on Knight-Wood House; view to the southwest.

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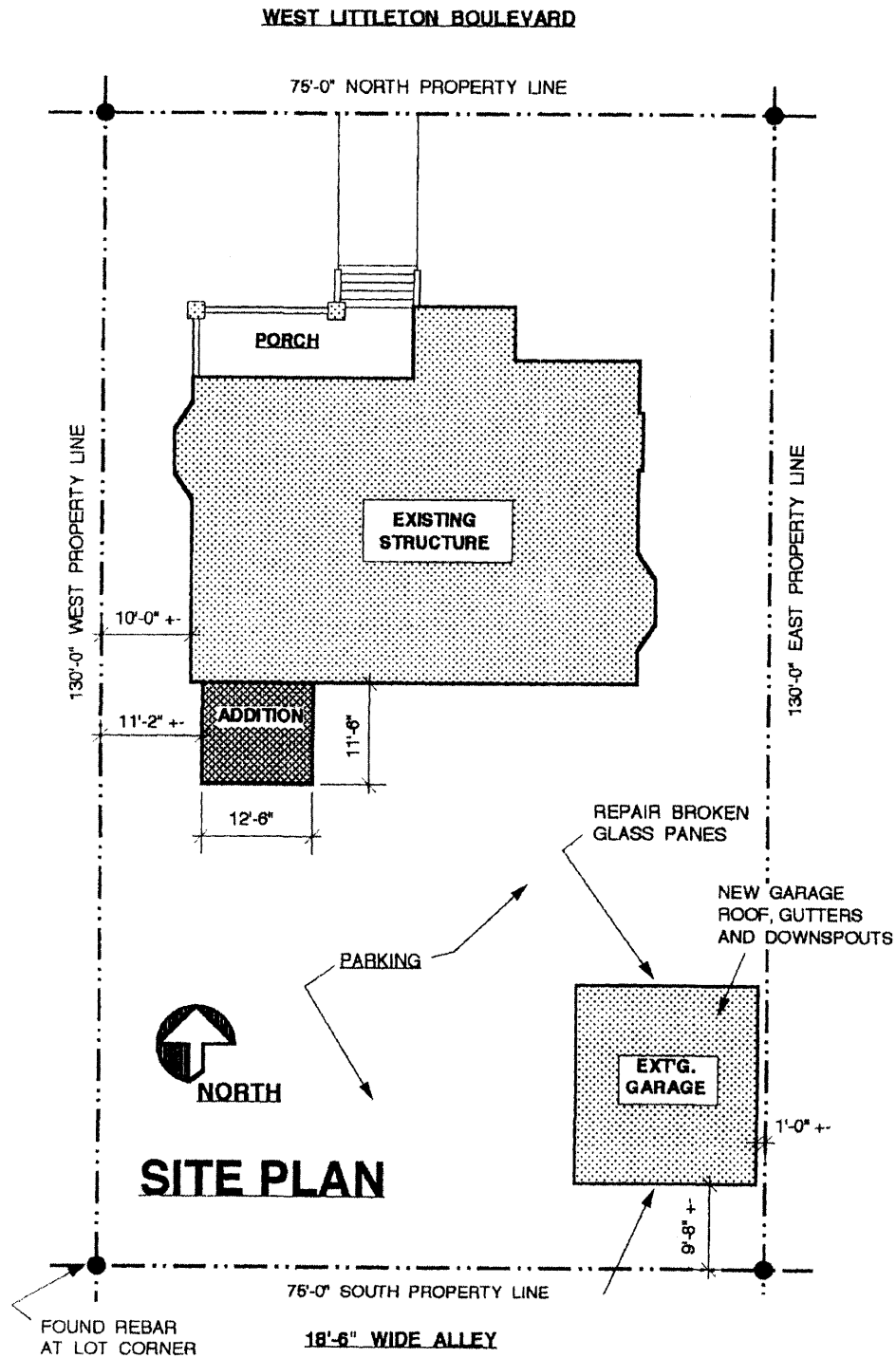
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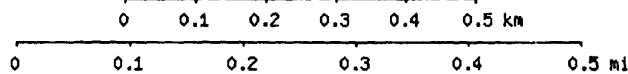
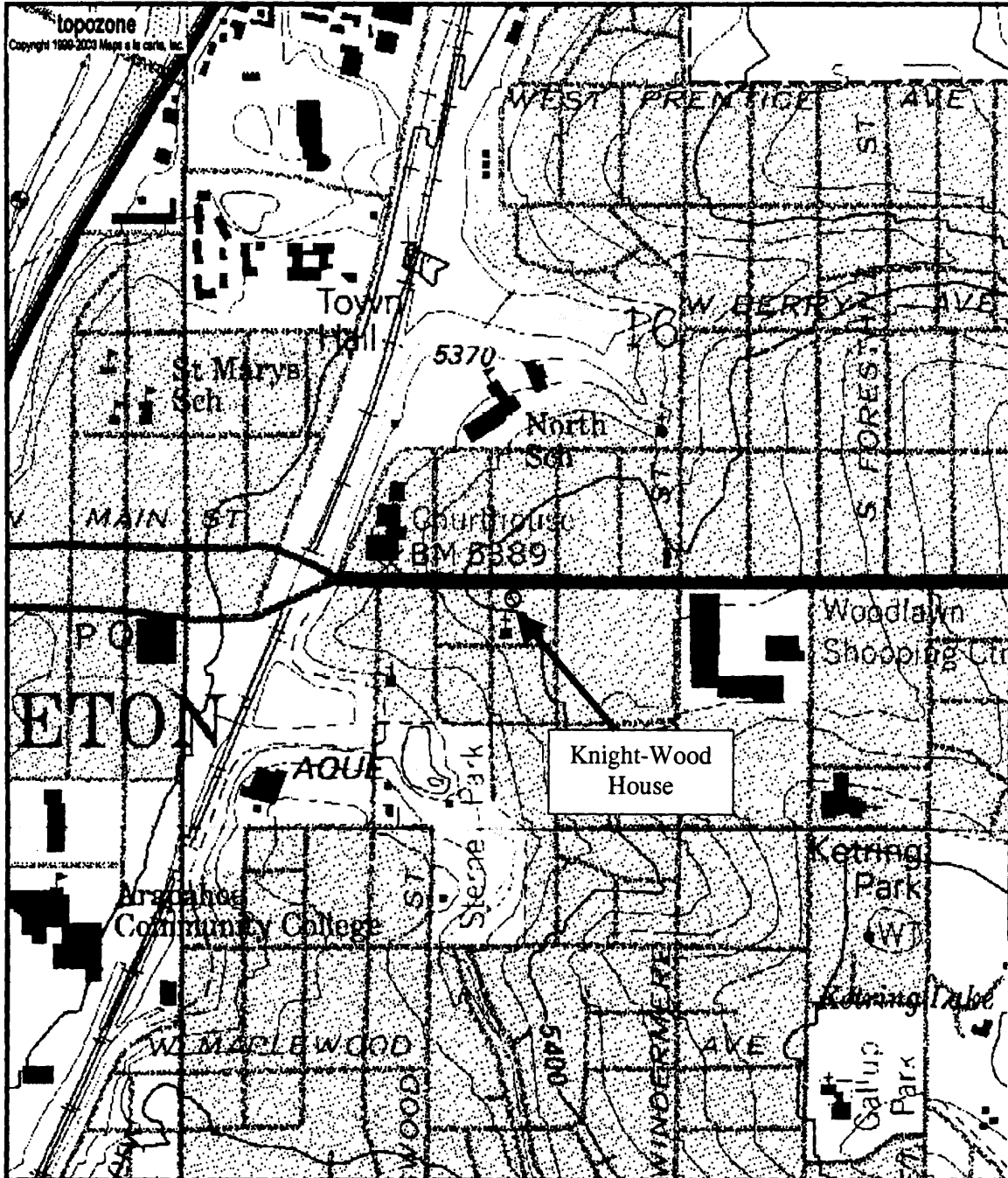
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
Littleton Quadrangle, Colorado  
7.5 Minute Series

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PLSS: 6<sup>th</sup> PM, T5S, R68W, Sec. 16 NE¼ NW¼ SE¼ SW¼  
Elevation: 5,402 feet Site Number: 5AH.1985



Map center is UTM 13 499184E 4384597N (NAD27)  
Littleton quadrangle  
Projection is UTM Zone 13 NAD83 Datum

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G=-0.006