

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

## Architectural Inventory Form

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Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHHP use only)

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Date

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Determined Eligible – National Register  
 Determined Not Eligible – National Register  
 Determined Eligible – State Register  
 Determine Not Eligible – State Register  
 Need Data  
 Contributes to eligible National Register District  
 Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5LR.6603** Parcel number(s): **9514429014**  
 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**  
 3. County: **Larimer**  
 4. City: **Loveland**  
 5. Historic Building Name: **Shields House; Martin House; Erwin House**  
 6. Current Building Name: **Riemersma House**  
 7. Building Address: **447 W 5th Street**  
 8. Owner Name: **Todd and Sara Riemersma**  
 Owner Organization:  
 Owner Address:  
**447 W 5th St**  
**Loveland, CO 80537**



44. National Register eligibility field assessment:	<b>Not Eligible</b>
Local landmark eligibility field assessment:	<b>Eligible</b>

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **5N** Range: **69W**  
**SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 14**

10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** 493065 mE 4471589 mN

11. USGS quad name: **Loveland, Colorado**  
 Year: **1962; Photorevised 1984** Map scale: **7.5'**

12. Lot(s): **West 85 feet of Lot 1, Block 4**  
 Addition: **Pleasant Home Addition** Year of addition: **1906**

13. Boundary description and justification:  
**This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land historically associated with this property.**  
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

### III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**

15. Dimensions in feet: **Length: 41 feet x Width: 30 feet**

16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**

17. Primary external wall material(s): **Synthetics/Vinyl**

18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**

19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**

20. Special features: **Porch**  
**Chimney**  
**Roof Treatment/Dormer**  
**Fence**

21. General architectural description:  
**This is a 1.5-story, wood frame, Classic Cottage style dwelling. Located on the north side of West 5th Street, the dwelling measures 41' N-S (deep) by 30' E-W (across). It is supported by a low unpainted sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with non-historic white horizontal vinyl siding. The steeply-pitched truncated hip roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles, and the eaves are boxed with non-historic vinyl trim. A red brick chimney is located on the roof ridge. A hip-roofed dormer, with three lights, is centered on the south-facing roof slope, overlooking the façade. A painted green wood-paneled front door, with three vertically-oriented upper sash lights, and with a painted green wood screen door, leads into the façade from a front porch which features a concrete floor, and two painted white Tuscan columns which support a hipped porch roof. The front door is flanked on either side by a 1/1 double-hung sash window, with painted green wood frames and surrounds, and with decorative wood shutters. (The window to the west side of the door is narrower than the window to the east side). A canted hip-roofed bay with four 1/1 double-hung sash windows is located on the east elevation. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights, and covered by a painted white wood screen door, enters the east (side) elevation from a small concrete porch covered by a gable hood with knee brace supports. A painted white wood-paneled door enters into an enclosed, 6.5' by 12', hip-roofed rear porch on the west elevation. An older 21' by 4.5' shed-roofed addition is located at the north end of the west (side) elevation.**

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22. Architectural style: **Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements/Classic Cottage**  
 Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features: **This property is located on the north side of the 400 block of West 5th Street, in the block between Harrison and Roosevelt Avenues. The planted grass front yard features mature landscaping with large pine and spruce trees, and with low plantings along the perimeter of the house. A narrow grass strip, with one deciduous tree, is located between the front sidewalk and the street. A concrete driveway extends from 5th Street to along the east side of the house. The large back yard is enclosed by a chain link fence.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:  
**Garage**  
 A wood frame garage (built in 1963), which measures 24' N-S by 30' E-W, is located at the rear northeast corner of the property. Access to the garage is via the alley from Harrison Avenue to the east. (The alley ends at this garage, rather than continuing through to Roosevelt Avenue). The garage is supported by a concrete foundation. Its south and east exterior walls are clad with white horizontal vinyl siding, while its north and west exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal weatherboard siding. The garage is covered by a moderately-pitched side gable roof, with green asphalt shingles laid over plywood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are painted white and are exposed beneath the eaves. A wood-paneled roll-away door penetrates the south elevation, opening into the backyard. A single painted white wood-paneled door is located at the east end of the south elevation. A painted white wood-paneled roll-away door penetrates the east elevation, providing vehicular access via the alley. Two 1x1 horizontal sliding windows penetrate the garage's west elevation. A single 1x1 horizontal sliding window penetrates the south elevation.

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### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1897** Actual:  
 Source of information: **Larimer County Assessor: Residential Property Appraisal Card**

26. Architect: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**  
 Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **O.D. Shields (possibly)**  
 Source of information: **Loveland city directories.**

29. Construction history:  
**Larimer County Assessor records list 1897 as this house's year of construction. Sanborn Insurance maps, dated 1927 and 1937, depict the dwelling with a full-width front porch, and with smaller (possibly enclosed) porches on the north (rear), and east and west (side) elevations. The side porch on the west elevation was apparently incorporated into a shed-roofed addition, while the full-width front porch was evidently replaced by the extant hip-roofed porch. Both of these changes probably occurred well over fifty years ago. Two building permits for the property were located on file with the City of Loveland. One is for construction of the extant garage in 1963, while the other is for a re-roofing in 1982. According to the 1963 permit, the garage was built by Ivan Malik for owner Lucille Irvin.**

30. Original location:  Moved: Date of move(s):

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### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Single-family dwelling**

35. Historical background:

**This property at 447 West 5th Street is associated with two significant Loveland citizens, early pioneer and mayor O. D. Shields, and Lucile Erwin, noted educator and the namesake of Lucile Erwin Middle School.**

Known as the "Father of Loveland's Fruit Industry," O.D. Shields was born in 1851 in Mahoning County, Ohio. In the spring of 1879, upon the advice of Ohio doctors, he moved to Colorado for his health, settling in Loveland. A horticulturist at heart, Shields quickly saw the possibilities of fruit growing in the county. He began with a very small fruit orchard, adding land and stock each year, until at last he had one of the largest nurseries in Colorado. Shields supplied thousands of orchards with trees and shrubs acclimated to the climate and conditions of the region. During his ownership, his company did three quarters of a million dollars worth of business. In addition to being an astute businessman, Shields was active in the Loveland community, and served as both alderman and mayor of Loveland, as well as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was also a charter member of the Woodmen of the World and Loveland's Elks Club. In the early 1900s, Shields sold his nursery business to the Colorado Nursery Company, retiring to this home on West 5th Street, where he lived with his wife and son Donald. In October 1923, O.D. and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, moved to Elsinore, California, where son Don had settled. In his later years, O.D. and Sarah took to spending their winters in California and their summers in the Big Thompson Canyon at their mountain home named "Glen Comfort." O.D. Shields passed away on April 3, 1935, at the age of 85, survived by Donald. His wife, Sarah Elizabeth Shields, had passed away a few years before.

The next owners of this home were the L. J. Salthouse family. Lester Salthouse moved to Loveland in 1914 with his first wife, Jessie Mulvain Salthouse. In Loveland, Lester went into business with Thorne and opened the Electric Shoe Shop. Sadly, Mrs. Salthouse, who had been raised in Longmont, passed away from spinal meningitis in December 1919, leaving behind Lester and their five year old daughter, Vaunna. Lester remarried, and on March 6, 1923 this union was blessed by the birth of a son. Thirteen months later, in April 1924, a daughter, Naomi Jane, was born. The Salthouses soon moved to a new house. In 1927, the Loveland City Directories record M.J. Mattison as the occupant of the property, followed by Jay A. and Gertrude Elizabeth (Sykes) Martin for much of the 1930s. The Martins moved to Loveland in 1920, where they raised their two sons, Jay Arthur and Hugh E., and daughter Janice. Once their family was grown, Jay and Gertrude Martin moved to 904 West 5th Street, where they were living at the time of Gertrude's death in August 1946.

Following the Martin's, the next residents of the 447 West 5th Street home was James W. Thompson. Dr. Thompson was a longtime Loveland veterinarian. In 1920, he was elected to serve Loveland's residents as alderman for Ward Two. That same year, he was also secretary of the Larimer County Fair Association, having previously served the fair as head of several departments. Dr. Thompson worked diligently to help preserve the health of the community, co-authoring a strict food safety and inspection ordinance which was adopted in March 1923.

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Following Dr. Thompson, in the mid-1940s, this property became the home of Mrs. Zella Erwin. Mrs. Erwin was the widow of Howard M. Erwin, who had passed away in December 1943. Howard Miller Erwin came to Loveland in the early 1900s, and worked with B. L. Brannan to learn the jewelry trade. In September 1910, Howard married Zella Warnock of Loveland in a ceremony at the Warnock home. Following their wedding, the couple moved to Longmont for five years, where Howard was employed as a jeweler by Lloyd E. Gardner. In 1916, the Mr. and Mrs. Erwin and their children returned to the Loveland area. Howard took up farming, and the family, which eventually included daughters Lucile and Jean, and a son, H. Warnock Erwin, settled on land southeast of town. Daughter Lucile Erwin was born on April 2, 1913, while her parents were living in Longmont. The family moved to their farm southeast of Loveland when Lucile was only 3. Lucile attended Loveland schools, graduating from the original Loveland Junior-Senior High School in 1931. She attended the University of Colorado, receiving her degree in physical education from that school in 1936. Miss Erwin taught school in Brush for two years before returning to Loveland, where she taught physical education and science. A former student recollected burning her name in Miss Erwin's "Bench of Notables," located in the P.E. Department office in the mid-1940s. Always striving to excel, Miss Erwin attended night classes at the University of Northern Colorado to become a guidance counselor. She was offered a position as school counselor at Bill Reed Junior High School, where she worked until her retirement in 1983, after 48 years in education. On September 14, 1998, the Thompson School District honored Miss Erwin's outstanding contributions to education in Loveland by naming a new school the Lucile Erwin Middle School. Miss Erwin's contributions to the Loveland community did not end with her educational service. In the 1950s, she also served two terms on the Loveland City Council, and was active in her church. Miss Erwin also found the time to participate in the Loveland Philomatheon Club, the Retired Teachers' Association, and the Loveland Museum and Historical Society. Lucile Erwin passed away on April 16, 2000 at 87 years of age.

Following her death, Miss Erwin's house was sold to Holly A. Charboneau, in October 2000. Holly and Matt Charboneau lived here about five years, before selling to the home's current owners, Todd and Sara Riemersma, in June 2006.

36. Sources of information:

Building permit files for 431 W. 5th Street. On file with the City of Loveland Building Division.  
Larimer County Assessor records.  
Larimer County Assessor: Residential Property Appraisal Card.  
Loveland city directories.  
"Mrs. L. Salthouse Called in Death Today." *Loveland Daily Herald*, December 16, 1919, p. 1.  
"Brief History of Early Pioneers Who Blazed Trail for Progress." *Loveland Reporter Herald*, January 11, 1923, pp. 1, 7.  
"Who's Who in Loveland." *Loveland Reporter Herald*, October 18, 1923, pp. 1-2.  
"Former Mayor O.D. Shields Dies Wednesday." *Loveland Reporter Herald*, April 4, 1935, pp. 1, 8.  
"Howard Erwin, Resident Here 40 Years, Dies." *Loveland Reporter Herald*, December 10, 1943, p. 1.  
"Mrs. Martin Dies Today." *Loveland Reporter Herald*, August 7, 1946, p. 1.  
"Lucile Erwin." (obituary) *Loveland Reporter Herald*, April 19, 2000, p. B3.

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### VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No  Date of designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Designating authority: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Loveland Standards for Designation:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural	Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period
Architectural	Is an example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally, or locally
Architectural	Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value
Architectural	Represents an innovation in construction, materials, or design
Architectural	Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history
Architectural	Exhibits a pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one of the above criteria
Architectural	Is a significant historic remodel
Social/cultural	Is a site of an historic event that had an effect upon society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/cultural	Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/cultural	Is associated with a notable person(s) or the work of a notable person(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geographic/environmental	Enhances sense of identity of the community
Geographic/environmental	Is an established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community

39. Area(s) of significance: **Not Applicable**

40. Period of significance: **Not Applicable**

41. Level of significance: National: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Local:

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42. Statement of significance:

**This house is architecturally significant for its representative Hipped-roof Box architectural plan, and for such historic features as its central hip-roofed dormer, 1/1 double-hung windows, and brick chimney. The house is also historically significant for its early (pre-1900) date of construction, and for its association with Loveland's residential development through the first half of the twentieth century. In particular, it is significant for its associations with O.D Shields and Lucile Erwin, both of whom made notable contributions to Loveland's history. The property's level of significance in these regards is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or in the State Register of Historic Properties. The property, though, may be considered individually eligible for local landmark designation.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a reasonably high standard of integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as identified by the National Park Service and Colorado Historical Society - location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The house's physical integrity has been diminished most noticeably by the application of vinyl siding. Alterations to the original front porch, and an addition to the west (side) elevation, are both over fifty years of age, and are reasonably compatible with the house's original construction.**

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### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Eligible**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible**

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No

**Discuss: Historic residential properties in the neighborhood west of downtown Loveland may collectively possess the historical and/or architectural significance, and display sufficient physical integrity, to comprise one or more State or National Register historic districts.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing  Noncontributing  N/A:

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing  N/A:

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### VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #2; Images 67-72** CDs filed at: **City of Loveland**

48. Report title: **City of Loveland Fifth Street Historic Survey** Community and Strategic Planning Department

49. Date(s): **09/17/07** 500 E. Third Street

50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams** Loveland, CO 80537

**Karen McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**

**Fort Collins, CO 80525**

53. Phone number(s): **(970) 493-5270**

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## Sketch Map



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**Location Map**