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COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE  
SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

Official eligibility determination  
(OAHP use only)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

                                                                
Determined Eligible- NR

Determined Not Eligible- NR

Determined Eligible- SR

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Determined Not Eligible- SR

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Contributes to eligible NR District

Noncontributing to eligible NR District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

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| 1. | Resource number:        | <b>5LR.14727</b>  | Parcel number(s): |
| 2. | Temporary resource no.: | <b>N/A</b>  | <b>9513414001</b> |
| 3. | County:                 | <b>Larimer</b>  |                   |
| 4. | City:                   | <b>Loveland</b>   |                   |
| 5. | Historic building name: | <b>Gorom House, Reider House</b>  |                   |
| 6. | Current building name:  | <b>Davis House</b>  |                   |
| 7. | Building address:       | <b>744 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street</b>   |                   |
| 8. | Owner name and address: | <b>Christopher Davis</b><br><b>744 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street</b><br><b>Loveland, CO 8037</b> |                   |



National Register eligibility assessment:  
State Register eligibility assessment:  
Loveland Historic Landmark eligibility assessment:

Not Individually Eligible  
Not Individually Eligible  
Eligible

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Historic District eligibility assessment:

Contributing

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6th** Township **5N** Range **69W**  
**SW ¼ of SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of section 13**
10. UTM reference (NAD 27)  
Zone **13: 494318 mE 4471650 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Loveland, Colorado**  
Year: **1962; Photorevised 1984** Map scale: **7.5**
12. Legal Description: **"LOT 1 & E 16 2/3 FT OF LOT 2, AMD, GIFFORD GOSS ADD, LOV**  
Addition: **Gifford-Goss** 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.**

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1118 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gable Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **Chimney, Fence**
21. General architectural description:  
**This Bungalow type dwelling features a basic rectangular-shaped plan that measures 51' N-S x 26' E-W. These dimensions include an originally open, 8' x 26', front porch that has been fully enclosed. The dwelling rests on a concrete foundation. The foundation walls above grade are painted green and are penetrated by 2-light basement-level windows. The exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal wood siding. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, covered with grey asphalt composition shingles. Painted white rafter ends are exposed beneath widely-overhanging eaves. The upper gable ends are stuccoed, and display decorative painted white purlins and a ridge pole with knee braces, along with painted white false half-timbering. A louvered vent opening is within a diamond-shaped motif in the façade's upper gable end. A short brick chimney is on the roof ridge.**

**The façade is symmetrical and faces north toward 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A painted white wood-paneled door, with a fanlight, and covered by a white metal storm door, enters the center of the enclosed front porch from a 3-step concrete stoop with low concrete knee walls. The front door is flanked on either side by a large, non-original, single-light fixed-pane window, with flanking horizontal sliding windows in white metal**

frames. The east and west ends of the enclosed front porch contain the same kind of window arrangement. The south-facing wall contains a non-original one-beside-one horizontal sliding window in a metal frame. Elsewhere, the home's original windows are primarily one-over-one double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a white metal storm door, enters the east end of the south-facing wall from a concrete stoop and sidewalk.

22. Architectural style/building type: **Bungalow**

23. Landscaping or special setting features:

This property is located at the southeast corner of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Pierce Avenue in a primarily residential neighborhood east of downtown Loveland. The front yard, backyard, and side yard east of the house are enclosed by a non-historic black wrought iron fence. The driveway for 738 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street is immediately west of this property's dwelling. A wide grass strip, with a large cottonwood tree, is between the public sidewalk and the curb along 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A strip of land, with a large fir or spruce tree, is between the public sidewalk and curb along Pierce Avenue. A gravel alley is behind the property to the south.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects:

**Garage**

A wood frame garage that measures 16' N-S x 20' E-W is near the southeast corner of the property. Resting on a concrete foundation, the garage's exterior walls are clad with painted white horizontal weatherboard siding with 1" x 4" corner boards. The garage roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, covered with grey asphalt composition shingles laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are painted white and are exposed beneath the eaves. The garage's east-facing wall contains a set of paired, painted white, wood-paneled garage doors, each with six upper sash lights, and side-hinged with metal strap hinges, that open toward Pierce Avenue. A single-entry painted white wood-paneled door is at the north end of the west-facing wall. The north, south, and west walls each contain a one-over-one double-hung sash window with painted white wood frames and surrounds. The window in the south-facing wall also has a painted black exterior wood screen.

**Shed**

A shed that measures 6' N-S x 12' E-W is adjacent to the west property line toward the rear of the lot. The shed is supported by a low concrete perimeter walls foundation, and its exterior walls are made of painted white plywood and vertical wood planks. It is covered by a shed roof with deteriorated asphalt shingles laid over plywood decking. The south-facing wall contains two large window openings. A painted white vertical wood plank door enters the east-facing wall.

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**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate:                      Actual: **1919**  
Source of information:                      **"Baptist Ladies Missionary Meeting." Loveland Reporter, May 12, 1920, p. 1; Larimer County Real Estate Appraisal Card, Sanborn Insurance maps, Loveland city directories.**
26. Architect:                      **Unknown**  
Source of information:                      **N/A**
27. Builder/Contractor:                      **Unknown**  
Source of information:                      **N/A**
28. Original owner:                      **Frank C. and Anna A. Gorom**  
Source of information:                      **Loveland city directories, U. S. federal census records**
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):  
**The six Bungalow style dwellings at 714, 720, 726, 732, 738, and 744 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street were all built in 1919 or 1920, presumably by the same builder. Larimer County Assessor records list 1919 as this dwelling's year of construction. City directories and Sanborn Insurance maps corroborate a circa 1920 date of construction. The property's address, 744 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street is not listed in the 1919 Loveland directory; however, it does appear in the next available 1922 directory. The dwelling and garage are depicted on Sanborn maps published in August 1927, July 1927, and September 1946. Earlier Sanborn maps do not depict this block. Appraisal card photos and building footprint sketches indicate that the originally open front porch was enclosed in the years between 1948 and 1970. The shed is not depicted on the Sanborn maps through 1946; however, it is depicted, and labeled "Store House" on the Appraisal Card sketch dated October 1948. Therefore, it was likely built circa 1946-1948.**
30. Original Location: **Yes**      Date of move(s): **N/A**

**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:                      **Building**
35. Historical background:  
**This dwelling was built in 1919, and was home to just two long-term families through the late 1980s – the Gorom family from circa 1919 to 1960, and the Reider family from circa 1961 to 1988. Mr. Gorom and Mr. Reider both had long careers with the Great Western Railway, a subsidiary of the Great Western Sugar Company.**

Frank Charles Gorom was born on November 8, 1881 at Angola, New York, the son of Joseph and Mary (Williams) Gorom. After completing his education, he took up railroading as a career which brought him to Cheyenne, Wyoming at the turn of the twentieth century. It was there that he met and married Miss Anna Koebel on February 22, 1901. The daughter of Oswald and Bertha Koebel, Anna was born at Grant City, Worth County, Missouri, on May 9, 1882. She moved to Cheyenne with her family at a young age, and it was there that Frank and Anna met. In the early years of their marriage, Frank and Anna became the parents of two sons – Frank Jr., born circa 1904, and Kenneth, born December 28, 1905. The 1910 U. S. federal census records the Gorom family as residents of Cheyenne, with Frank's occupation listed as "Machinist – Railroad Shop."

In 1912, Mr. Gorom was assigned to the position of "Master Mechanic" for the Great Western Railway in Loveland. The family then moved to Loveland, initially living at 518 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street before moving to this house at 744 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in 1919. In time, Mr. Gorom became superintendent of Great Western's Loveland facility, a position he held from 1937 until his retirement in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Gorom continued to live in this house together until Anna's death on October 24, 1960. The victim of a heart attack, she was 78 years of age. Following Anna's death, Mr. Gorom moved to Skokie, Illinois where his son, Frank Jr., was living. The Goroms other son, Kenneth, had passed away in 1951. Prior to his death, Kenneth Gorom had lived down the street from his parents at 720 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (5LR.14723.)

Frank Gorom Sr. passed away in Illinois on October 31, 1963 at the age of 81. Mr. and Mrs. Gorom, and son, Kenneth, are interred in the Loveland Burial Park Cemetery. A burial record for Frank Gorom Jr. was not located.

Adolph and Elsie Reider were this property's next owners and residents, between 1961 and their respective deaths in 1983 and 1988. The son of George and Barbara (Bath) Reider, Adolph Reider was born in Loveland on November 10, 1903. On May 7, 1929 he married Elsie C. Horst, in Loveland, at the First German Congregational Church on Lincoln Avenue. Also a Colorado native, Elsie was born in Ault, Colorado on November 28, 1906. Her parents were Christ and Elizabeth (Mitzel) Horst.

Mr. and Mrs. Reider were the parents of a daughter, Dorothy, born in 1930, and a son, Marvin, born in 1937. Adolph Reider enjoyed an approximately thirty-year career with the Great Western Railway, prior to his retirement in the early 1970s. Loveland city directories in the 1950s and 1960s list his position with the Railway as either "brakeman" or "conductor." Elsie Reider trained as a nurse in Fort Collins and was employed in that capacity with the Loveland Memorial Hospital for seven and a half years. Elsie Reider passed away on August 27, 1983 at the age of 76. Adolph Reider died five years later, on May 30, 1988, at the age of 84. Mr. and Mrs. Reider are interred in the Loveland Burial Park Cemetery.

Loveland city directories list Annette Rethwisch at this address in 1990, followed by D. Hill in 1995. Brothers Drywall Construction then appears as the listing in the 2000-2001 directory. Christopher Davis, the current resident, has owned the property since 2003.

## 36. Sources of information:

*A Guide to Historic Loveland* (Loveland Museum and Gallery, 1996).

City of Loveland building permit files, on file in the Development Services Department, Building Division, 410 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland, CO.

Larimer County Assessor Online Property Records: <https://www.larimer.org/assessor/search#/property/> (Larimer County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card." On file at the Loveland Museum Gallery.

Loveland City Directories.

*Loveland's Historic Downtown: A Guide to the Buildings* (Loveland Museum and Gallery, 2001).

Newspaper Articles (arranged chronologically)

"Baptist Ladies Missionary Meeting." *Loveland Reporter*, May 12, 1920, p. 1.

"Kenneth Gorom Dies After Year's Illness." *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, October 26, 1951, p. 1.

"Services to be Held Thursday Afternoon for Mrs. Frank Gorom." *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, October 25, 1960, p. 6.

"Former City Resident Dies in Illinois Thursday." (Frank C. Gorom obituary) *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, November 1, 1963, p. 3.

"Gorom." (Frank C. Gorom funeral notice) *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, November 1, 1963, p. 5.

"Reiders Will Observe 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Year." *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, May 22, 1969, p. 3.

"Elsie C. Reider." (obituary) *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, August 29, 1983, p. 18.

"Adolph Reider." (obituary) *Loveland Daily Reporter Herald*, May 31, 1988, p. 8.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of Loveland, dated June 1886, December 1890, September 1893,

November 1900, March, 1906, May 1911, April 1918, August 1927, July 1937, and September 1946.

U. S. federal census records. Reference Gorom, Koebel, and Reider families.

## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: **No** Date of designation: **N/A**

Designating authority: **N/A**

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 possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

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

## 38. A Loveland Standards for Designation

✓	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
✓	Social/cultural	Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the community
✓	Social/cultural	Is associated with a notable person(s) or the work of a notable person(s)
	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: **Architecture**40. Period of significance: **1919 - 1970**41. Level of significance: **Local**

## 42. Statement of significance:

**This house is architecturally notable as a representative Bungalow type dwelling, dating from 1919, a time when the Bungalow style was especially popular throughout America. The property is also historically significant for its association with residential development in Loveland, and in particular, for its association with the Gorom and Reider families. Frank Gorom and Adolph Reider made notable contributions to Loveland's history, Mr. Gorom especially so as superintendent of the Great Western Railway in Loveland for nearly two decades. The property's level of architectural and historical significance is not to the extent that it qualifies for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places or in the State Register of Historic Properties. The property, however, is evaluated as eligible for local landmark designation by the City of Loveland, and it would qualify as a contributing resource within a National Register or locally-designated historic district.**

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays a reasonably high level of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Alterations to the original dwelling (most notably enclosing the originally open front porch) occurred more than fifty years ago. The existence of the historic garage and shed enhance the integrity of setting. A sense of time and place relative to how this property appeared through the end of the 1960s remains intact.**

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

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

State Register eligibility assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**

Local Landmark eligibility assessment: **Eligible**

45. Is there National Register district potential? **Yes**

Discuss: **Historic properties in this primarily residential neighborhood east of downtown Loveland have the potential to form a historic district.**

If there is N.R. district potential, is this building contributing or noncontributing? **Contributing**

46. If the building is in an existing N.R. district, is it contributing or noncontributing? **N/A**

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers: **CD #1; Images 103-110**

CD filed at: **City of Loveland  
Development Services Department  
410 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Loveland, CO 80537**

48. Report title: **Germans from Russia and the Great Western Sugar Company: A Survey of Historical Properties (Loveland CLG project CO-19-10006)**

49. Date(s): **March 6, 2020**

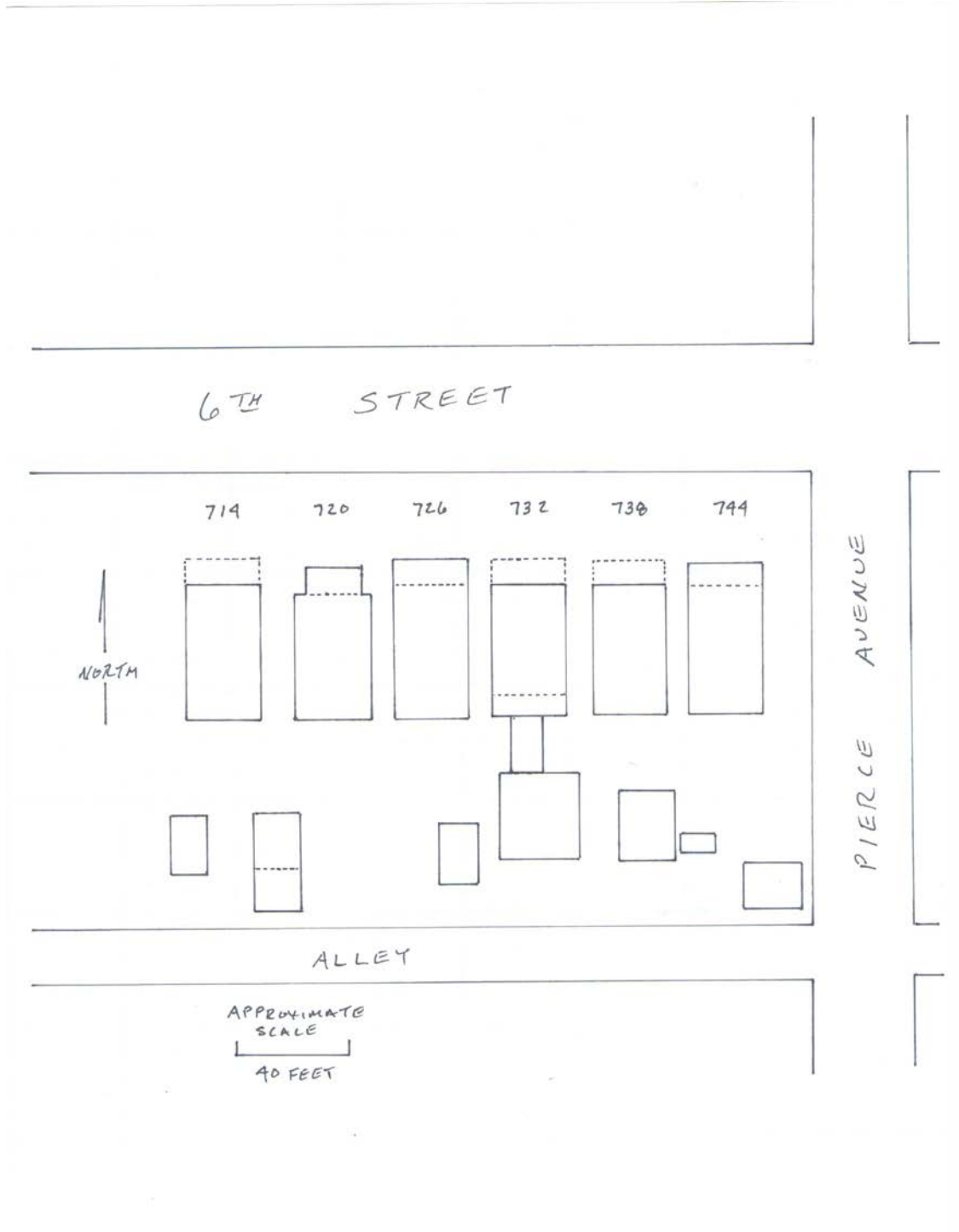
50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

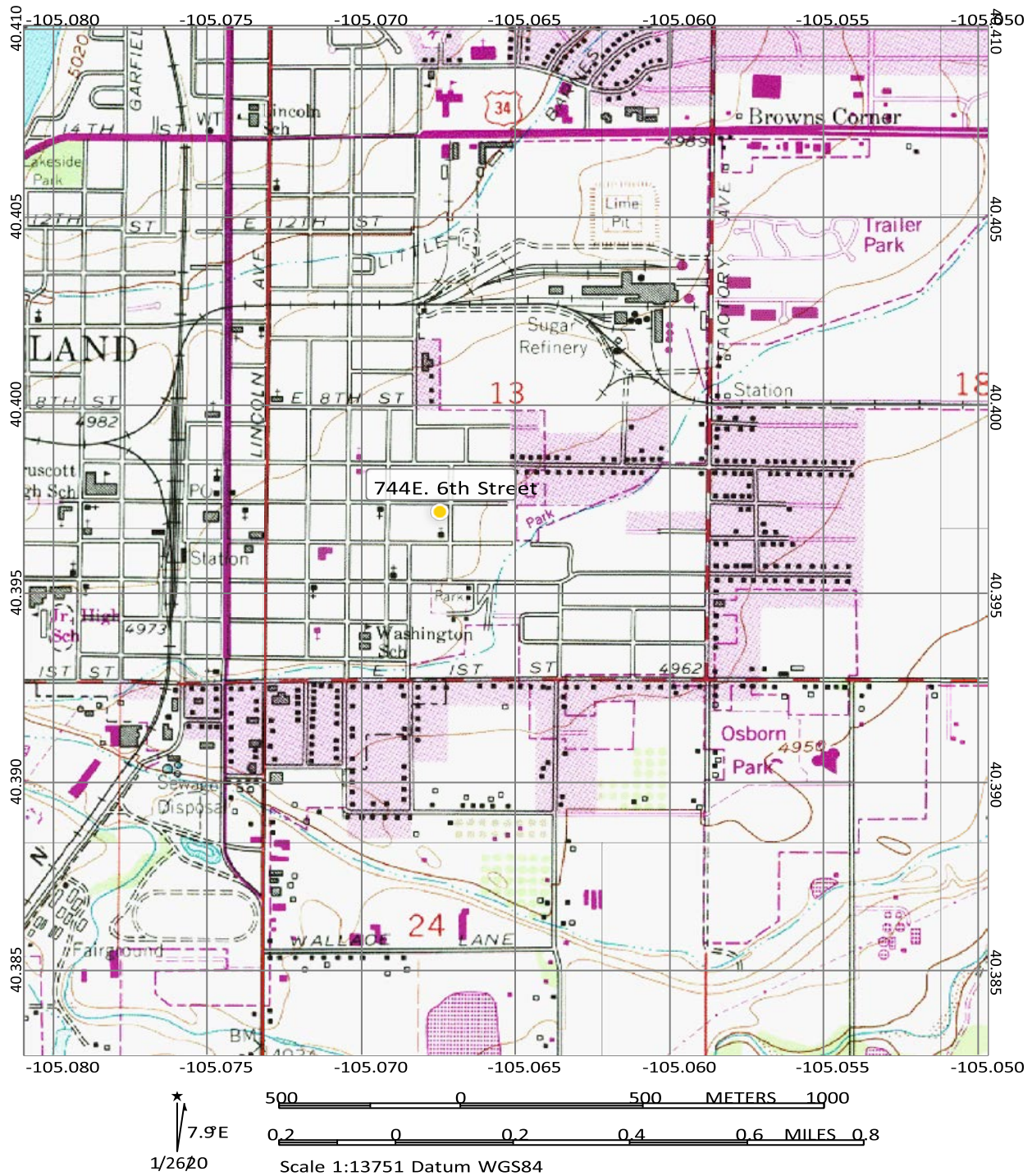
52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525**

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



**Sketch Map**

## Location Map







*CD 1, Image 103, View to South, of the dwelling*



*CD 1, Image 104, View to Southeast, of the dwelling*





*CD 1, Image 105, View to Southwest, of the dwelling*



*CD 1, Image 106, View to Northwest, of the dwelling*





*CD 1, Image 107, View to South-southwest, of the garage*



*CD 1, Image 108, View to Northwest, of the garage*





*CD 1, Image 109, View to Northeast, of the garage*



*CD 1, Image 110, View to North-northwest, of the shed*