

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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

\_\_\_\_Determined Eligible - National Register

**Architectural Inventory Form**

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_Contributes to eligible National Register District

- 1. Resource number: **5RT2202**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Routt County**
- 4. City: **Steamboat Springs**
- 5. Historic building name: **Ehle House; DeVault House**
- 6. Current building name: **Sefton House**
- 7. Building address: **377 3rd Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Laura Marie Sefton**  
 Owner address: **P.O. Box 773094**  
**Steamboat Springs, CO 80477**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township

**Shingle**

**NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of section 17**

- 10. UTM reference (NAD83)  
 Zone **13**  
 Easting: **345188**  
 Northing: **4483290**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**  
 Year: **1969** (**Map Scale: 1 : 25,000**)
- 12. Lot(s): **13-14** Block:  
 Addition: **Steamboat Springs 1st Addition** Year of Addition **1910**
- 13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land associated with this building since the time of construction.**

22. Architectural style / building type:

**No Style**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAHP use only)

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\_\_\_\_Needs Data

\_\_\_\_Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**T-Shaped Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **1362 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **1**
- 17. Primary external wall material:  
**Wood / Vertical Siding**  
**6N** Range **84W** **Wood** /
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Metal Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**7.5'**  
**11**

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**21. General Architectural Description**

The building at 377 3rd Street in Steamboat Springs consists of a historic single-story cabin, along with a large two story rear addition which was completed in 1997. The small cabin measures just 15' NE-SW (across) by 13' NW-SE (deep), while the two story addition measures 24' by 24'. The cabin and its addition are both supported by concrete foundations. The entire building's lower exterior walls are made of stained natural brown board-and-batten, while the upper walls are clad with stained dark brown square-cut wood shingles. Stained natural brown vertical wood siding appears in the upper gable ends of the addition. Both the original cabin and the addition have gable roofs, covered with metal roofing material, and with boxed eaves. Windows are primarily single and paired 1/ 1 double-hung sash. A painted beige wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, is located on the northeast (side) elevation. This door enters the addition from a 5' by 6' wood plank porch, covered by a shed roof. A single, red paneled entry door, with one upper sash light, enters the building at the southwest end of the northwest elevation.

**22. Architectural style / building type:** No Style

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This property is located on the northwest side of 3rd Street, near the southeast end of Steamboat Springs' traditional historic Old Town neighborhoods. The house is set back approximately seven feet from 3rd Street to the southeast. The small front yard is minimally landscaped, while the planted grass backyard is quite large, with mature landscaping.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

There are two sheds located toward the rear of the property. The larger of the two sheds is located just a few feet behind the house. It measures 24' NE-SW by 12' NW-SE, and has painted pale blue horizontal wood plank exterior walls, with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. It is covered by a shed roof, covered with brown metal roofing material, and with exposed rafter ends beneath the eaves. Two windows and a wood entry door are located on the southeast elevation. One single-light fixed-pane window is located on the southwest elevation.

The other shed is located at the rear of the lot. It has painted purple horizontal wood plank exterior walls, with painted blue 1" by 4" corner boards. It is covered by a gable roof, with metal roofing material laid over 1x wood decking and 2x wood rafters. The rafter ends are exposed beneath the eaves, and are painted purple. One 4-light hopper window penetrates this shed's southwest elevation. A vertical wood plank door, and another 4-light hopper window are located on the southeast elevation.

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**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:

Estimate **1928**

Actual

Source of information: **Routt County Assessor/ Treasurer Parcel Detail Information**

26. Architect: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

28. Original owner: **unknown**

Source of information: **n/a**

29. **Construction History** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

Routt County Assessor records estimate that the small 14' by 12' cabin portion of this building was constructed in 1928. The tall 24' by 21' two story rear addition was constructed in 1997.

30. Original location: **yes**

Moved **no**

Date of move(s) **n/a**

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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): **Residence**

**35. Historical Background**

Routt County Assessor records indicate that the small single-story, front-gabled, cabin portion of this building was constructed in 1928. If the cabin is indeed that old, it is one of the earliest dwellings located on 3rd Street. Limited research did not uncover information about the cabin during its earliest years; however, by the 1950s, the small cabin was owned by a family or person named Ehle. In April 1959, the property was sold by Ehle to Forrest DeVault, who had recently become a widower. A native of the Sterling area in northeastern Colorado, Forrest had come to Routt County to engage in ranching. After his wife passed away, Forrest moved into this small cabin, and opened up a pool hall in Steamboat Springs. A few years later, he met and fell in love with Rosa Sena, one of twelve children who had grown up in the nearby coal mining community of Mt. Harris. Forrest and Rosa were married in 1966. They lived in the small cabin for about three years, when they then purchased and moved into the house next door at 367 3rd Street.

Born in 1932, Rosa was the sixth of twelve children born in Mt. Harris to Cipriano and Dolores Sena. A Mexican immigrant, Cipriano had come to Denver in the years prior to 1920 where he and Dolores met and were married. The couple then came to northwest Colorado where Cipriano worked in the Mt. Harris area coal mines for many years. Two of their sons (Rosa's brothers) also worked in the coal mines. After coming of age, Rosa Sena attended nursing school in Denver, and then worked as a nurse's aide at Childrens' Hospital in Denver for several years, before returning to Steamboat Springs in the early 1960s.

After Forrest and Rosa moved next door to 367 3rd Street in 1969, they continued to own this property until the DeVault family finally sold it a few months after Forrest's death in July 1991. Rosa continues to live at 367 3rd Street, as of March 2005. In the meantime, in 1995, this property was acquired by Laura Marie Sefton. A native of Buffalo, New York, Laura works as an architect in Steamboat Springs. She designed the large rear addition to this property's original cabin, which was executed in 1997.

**36. Sources of Information**

A Guide to Colorado's Historic Architecture and Engineering, Denver: the State Historical Society of Colorado, 2003 (second edition).

DeVault, Rosa. Telephone interview with Carl McWilliams, March 21, 2005.

Routt County Assessor/ Treasurer Parcel Detail Information.

Routt County Clerk and Recorder file: Warranty Deed, Book 417, page 114.

Sefton, Laura Marie. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, September 18, 2004.

Winter and Company. "Historic Context of Routt County." Prepared for the Tread of Pioneers Museum, January 1994.

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**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns 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;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history;

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

**xx** Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance: **n/a**

40. Period of Significance: **n/a**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

The small original cabin portion of this property is historically significant for its association with the themes of residential growth and community development in Steamboat Springs in the years following its construction which reportedly occurred circa 1938. These associations, though, are probably not to the extent that this cabin would qualify individually for inclusion in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. The original cabin, and the property's two historic outbuildings, are also architecturally notable for their unstylized wood-frame, architectural plans, and for the craftsmanship shown in their construction. However, again, the buildings' significance in this regard is probably not sufficient to qualify them for National or State Register listing.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This property exhibits a below average level of integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling and association. The physical integrity of the original cabin has been substantially diminished by the construction of the large two story rear addition. The addition replaced 2/3s of the original cabin. Also, the cabin's original front door was eliminated, its siding was replaced, and its windows were reconfigured.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes:

No: **xx**

Discuss: Historic residences in this area of Steamboat Springs do not collectively appear to display sufficient integrity, and are too dispersed, to qualify as a National or State Register Historic District.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

**VIII. LOCAL LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44a. Local Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45a. Discuss: This property is historically significant for its long association with the themes of residential growth and community development in Steamboat Springs starting circa 1928, and extending through the middle of the twentieth century. The house and sheds are also architecturally notable for their unstylized wood-frame, architectural plans, and for the craftsmanship shown in their construction. However, due to a substantial loss of integrity, the property is probably not eligible for inclusion in the Routt County Register of Historic Properties.

46a. Architectural Style / Building Type (from Local Style Lexicon):

Steamboat Springs Wood Frame

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**IX. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **STEAM-3**

Frame(s): **12, 14-18**

Negatives filed at: **City of Steamboat Springs**

**137 10th Street**

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477**

48. Report title: **Old Town Steamboat Springs Residential Survey IV: Architectural Survey Report**

49. Date: **October 18, 2004**

50. Recorder: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court**

**Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**

NOTE: Attached are a sketch map, a photocopy of the Steamboat Springs, Colorado USGS quadrangle map segment, indicating resource location, and black-and-white photographs.