

HISTORIC NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

I.D. # HP87-103
Date 4/2/87

Project Name: Current _____ Historic Milliken House

Address: Street 1638 Galena Street
City Aurora County Adams State CO

Legal Description: Lots 13, 14, S 1/2 of 12 except rear 8ft - Blk 46
Aurora Subdivision.

Date of Construction: 1881

Nomination Category: _____ District Building _____ Object
_____ Structure _____ Site _____ Other

Current Owner: Name A. and W. Freeman Date Notified (Staff) 8/11/87
Address 1638 Galena Street
City Aurora State CO Zip 80010 Phone 364-2436

General Information

<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Present Use</u>
_____ Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	_____ Agricultural _____ Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	_____ Vacant	_____ Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
_____ Other		_____ Government _____ Other
		_____ Military

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Modifications</u>	<u>Location</u>
_____ Excellent	_____ None, like original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slight	_____ Moved (describe below)
_____ Poor/ Deteriorating	_____ Major (describe below)	

General Description: Provide other relevant information to assist this nomination review process, including construction information, description and extent of modifications, reasons and dates of building moves, general architectural description (include size, height, stories, style, materials, etc.), names and other data for builder and/or architect, and any other relevant information. (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Late victorian, brick, single detached dwelling, rectangular plan.
Two stories with gabled roof and projecting cornice facia. Original main door of wood with rectangular transom. (See page four for additional info.)

Application submitted by: Andrew and Wendy Freeman/ E. Johnson
Address: 1638 Galena Street, Aurora, CO
Phone: 364-2436

Statement of Significance: Check those which apply and provide details as described below.

Architectural Significance

- Represents the work of a master architect
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Historical Significance

- Associated with significant persons
- Associated with significant events
- Contributes to an historic dist.
- Geographically significant

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(This sheet for staff use only)

Application accepted by: Staff member Linda Strand Date 8/6/87

Application complete: Yes No

If no, what is needed? _____

Field Assessment: _____
Home is in extremely good condition, has been recently painted, Galena
Street has been discussed as an historic district.

Other Designations: National Register _____
State Inventory _____
Other _____
Eligible for National Register _____
Local Inventory yes SAM 348

Staff Recommendation: _____
designation

Summary of Actions

1. Presented to Historic Preservation Commission: Date 8/6/87
Scheduled for Public Hearing Yes No
If "no", reasons why: _____

2. Public Hearing: Date 9/10/87
Recommended for Approval: Vote 9-0
Not recommended for Approval: Vote _____
Reasons for Denial: _____

3. City Council: Date _____
Recommended for Designation: Vote _____
Not recommended for Designation: Vote _____
Reasons for Denial: _____

Additional notes:

(see attached)

General Description continued:

An addition of a two story wrap around verandah supported by fluted wood columns added c1900-1910. Original upper porch now enclosed.

Statement of Significance continued:

The original owner of this Fletcher property was the Colfax Trust Company. Lucy C.R. Milliken; wife of Fletcher's first mayor, H.M. Milliken, bought the property for five thousand dollars on March 7, 1893. That price is the highest recorded price for a Fletcher home in the 1890's. Lucius H. Woodman, a mining prospector by trade, and cousin of Fletcher's City Attorney, Orin N. Hilton owned the house for a few years. In 1910 when Alice M. Watkins purchased the house, its value was \$3,000.00. H.B. Thompson lived in the house in 1910, probably as a rentor when he was mayor of Fletcher. Older Aurora residents remember that someone "important" always lived here.

Upon close reading there are minor discrepancies in the dates and names in the published material. The Town Minutes are however, consistent with Milliken's name and place of abode. The fact that H.M. Milliken played a prominent role in the formation and beginnings of our city is indisputable. He received a regular fee for the use of his home and salary which is also recorded. The first meetings of the Town Council were in the home of its mayor. The population was 36 and there were 21 buildings in the Town of Fletcher. Milliken's home was actually the seat of our City Government for at least one and one half years until the Fletcher School was completed and available for community use.

Other people who have resided at 1638 Galena are:

1910 H.B. Thompson, Mayor (purchased by Alice M. Watkins 1910)
Lucius H. Woodman, Mining Prospector
1931 Mrs. L.A. Stearns
1938 Mr. and Mrs. Perey Lewis

Information researched by Elizabeth Johnson from the following sources:

Sandstead, Aurora Historic Preservation Inventory, 1978
Sandstead, White, Dunning, Historic Fletcher Walking Tour, Galena Street
News Aurora, April, 1987
Hicks, Aurora from the Beginning, page 13-14, 1977
Aurora Telephone Directory, 1931, 1938

The first regular meetings of the Trustees of the Town of Fletcher was held at the residence of Mr. Milliken on Hathaway Street, Wednesday eve, May 27, 1891. Present: Mayor Milliken, Trustees Wilson, Scoville, Taylor, Thomas, and Case. Absent: Trustee Hulitt.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

On motion of Trustee Wilson that Trustee Taylor be elected secretary pro tem carried.

On motion of Trustee Scoville that all officers outside the existing board be appointed and filled by the Trustees, carried.

On motion of Trustee Case that Mr. Cummings be elected Town Recorder to serve until the first Tuesday in April 1892, carried.

On motion of Trustee Scoville that F.A. Perry be elected Town Treasurer to serve until the first Tuesday in April 1892, carried.

On motion of Trustee Wilson that the Board secure the services of Mr. Denison for the drafting of ordinances for the Town of Fletcher and submit at the next meeting of the Board, carried.

On motion of Trustee Wilson that the Mayor act as a committee of one to draw up rules governing the meetings of this Board in the future, carried.

On motion of Trustee Scoville that the Mayor appoint a committee of one, to ascertain if it is possible to secure an appropriation of money based on the assessed valuation of the Town with which to meet expenses of the current year and submit at the next meeting, carried. Mr. Wilson was appointed that committee.

Town meetings continued to be held in the home of H.M. Milliken for the remainder of 1891 and until Feb. 1, 1893, with the exception of one meeting when the Mayor was absent. That meeting was held in the Fletcher School House which became the regular location from Jan. 1893. Millikens name continues to be in the minutes as mayor through December, 1893.

From the Minutes of the Town of Fletcher, City of Aurora archives.

Among the first eleven bills paid by the Town of Fletcher was Item No. 11 to H.M. Milliken, rent of room for town meetings. \$7.00.

McFadden, "Early Aurora", page 317

The plans for a new town were now set. In March, 1891, Fletcher acted in concert with Perry and Hayden to file the papers needed to incorporate the Town of Fletcher which would encompass their property. Several weeks passed, but on April 30, they received state approval. On May 27, Fletcher, Hayden, Perry and others held an organizational meeting and that day the thirty-six residents elected their first officials, including H.M. Milliken who was chosen the first mayor.

Mehls, "Aurora, Gateway to the Rockies" page 23

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The incorporation of the Town of Fletcher was begun in early March, 1891. By mid-March the papers had been drawn up. Among the petitioners was H.M. Milliken who was also named a commissioner for the election on Incorporation which was held on April 21, 1891. Thirty six votes were cast in favor of the incorporation. The town fathers met in April of 1891 and selected H.M. Milliken as mayor. The meeting was held at the Milliken home on Hathaway Street.

Hicks, Aurora from the Beginning, page 13, 14 1977



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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Structure Site Other

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City: Aurora State CO Zip Code 80010 Phone 64-2436

General Information

Ownership Status Present Use
XX Private XX Occupied Agricultural
Other Vacant Commercial XX Residential
Government Other
Military

Condition Modifications Location
XX Good XX Slight XX On original site
Fair Work in progress Moved (describe below)
Poor/Deteriorating Major (describe/below)

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Final report - Aurora
 Historic Preservation Survey
 Inventory
 Project # 5551A-85-084
 Submitted by Sarah J Pearce
 Sept 12, 1985
 Listed our home errone-
 ously as 1648 Galena
 site # 5AM 348

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Application Accepted by: Staff member Quindal sand Date: 3/24/87

Application Complete: Yes No

If no, what is needed? date of construction, ¹⁸⁹¹ size, height,

Field Assessment: why geographically significant, date

on photograph, interior modif. if any,
materials (orig & modified), workmanship
added verbiage on location and setting

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Local Inventory _____

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Reasons for Denial _____

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Main door Original Not original

Type Wood with light pane

Porch Later 2 story wrap around verandah c. 1900-10.

Stairs Front porch main level Supports Fluted wood columns

Material _____

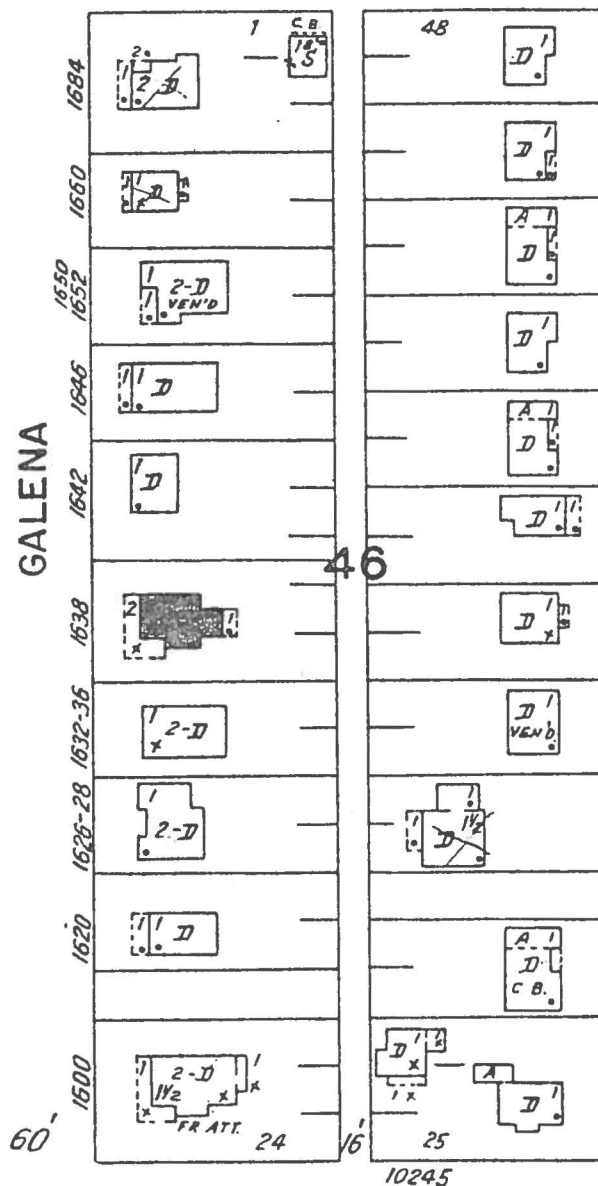
2nd Story porch Same as lower porch - frame with columns

Additional building features _____

Interior items of interest _____

PHOTO: File # _____ Film Roll # A52-1

Total number of photos taken 4.



16th

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LOCATION OF FLETCHER'S EARLIEST HOUSES

1890 - 1900

