

HISTORIC NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

I.D. # HP87-112
Date 11/18/87

Project Name: Current _____ Historic Italian Villa

Address: Street 1785 Hanover Street
City Aurora County Adams State CO

Legal Description: _____
Se 1/4 Sec. 34, T3S, R67W
Lots 46-48, Blk. 50 Aurora

Date of Construction: 1920's

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

Current Owner: Name United Bank of Buck. Date Notified (Staff) 11/12/87
Address 1450 S. Havana
City Aurora State CO Zip 80012 Phone _____

General Information

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

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

Single detached, building; L-shaped plan; stucco exterior; One story in front, two in rear; roof is flat in front, hip in rear, material is red/orange tile; parapet trim in front; chimney middle north side exterior

Application submitted by: Juanita P. Sparks
Address: 14659 E. 24th ave., Aurora CO 80011
Phone: 366-7562

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

<u>Architectural Significance</u>	<u>Historical Significance</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Represents the work of a master architect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associated with significant persons
<input type="checkbox"/> Possesses high artistic values	<input type="checkbox"/> Associated with significant events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Represents type, period or method of construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to an historic dist.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Geographically significant

Basically, why is this building or site historically or architecturally significant? Provide information on builder, architect, and original or subsequent owners. Discuss other important factors. Is building crucial part of overall historic district or area? Provide any other information leading to conclusion that this building or site may be of architectural, historical or geographical significance.

The Colfax Trust Company was the original owner of this Fletcher property. Mechanics liens for \$449.00 by Bushnell Lumber and Mercantile Company in April of 1891 and for \$210.00 by Stugheor Keith Supply Company within the same month indicate that there was a building existing or under construction on this property. Carrie Hilton, wife of Fletcher Attorney, Orrin Hilton bought the property for \$3000.00 in 1892. Abbie Johnson paid \$2500.00 in 1895. By the time of the 1900 census he had moved.

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References: List specific sources for any factual information provided in this nomination including books, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, interviews, etc.

Aurora Historic Preservation Inventory, Sanstead, 1978

General Notes: All applications should be accompanied by:

- 1) Sketch plan of site, building etc. May be neatly hand drawn on 8 1/2" by 11" sheet showing adjacent streets, general building location or object location and dimensions, plus other prominent site features.
- 2) Color photos of suitable size and number to document size, building etc.
- 3) Additional pages may be attached to respond to above application requirements.

(This sheet for staff use only)

Application accepted by: Staff member Linda Strand Date 11/12/87

Application complete: Yes No

If no, what is needed? additional information on legal description

Field Assessment:

The house represents unique architecture for the area, the grounds are in need of work although the house is in repairable condition. Information from nominator is that the bank intends to fix up the property before they attempt to sell.

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

Staff Recommendation: _____
Forward to Commission for Fact Finding Hearing 1/7/88

Summary of Actions

1. Presented to Historic Preservation Commission: Date 11/12/87
Scheduled for Public Hearing Yes No
If "no", reasons why: _____

2. Public Hearing: Date 1/7/88
Recommended for Approval: Vote _____
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:

History of property continued page four

The present structure was built in the 1920's as a restaurant and converted to a house at a later date. The original structure on the property burned.

From the records of the Adams County Clerk the property was owned by an Alexander Marrizino in 1929. In 1934 it was purchased from him by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Blank. (A complete biography of Dr. Henry Blank is attached.)

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hancock, who owned and operated Hancock's Pharmacy on Colfax and Dallas, lived in an apartment above the garage in 1931. The family who lived in the main part of the house at that time were Jack and Lucille Furlong.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Putnam lived in the house from 1933 until 1934. At that time Sgt. Putnam was stationed at Fitzsimons. When he retired from the military, he joined the Aurora Police Department. He was Safety Officer for the Aurora Public Schools and illustrated his safety lessons with unique "chalk talks".

Dr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, a podiatrist, lived in the house also. They had three children, James, Barbara, and Russell. Russell was the first Aurora resident to die as a result of hostile action in World War II. Pvt. Russell Gallagher was in the Air Corps. He was wounded at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and died on December 10, 1941.

There are various stories concerning the property when it was called the "Italian Villa". They range from it being a gambling house to a possible "after hours" club during prohibition. My personal memory is that it was not a desirable place. I can remember crossing the street, as a child, to avoid walking close to it.

Mrs. Henry Putnam vividly remembers that the bathroom was orchid (1932-1934). She also remembers hardwood floors and that the house was heated with steam.

With the exception of 1455 Beeler St., this is the only building in original Aurora that has this unique architectural design, featuring the stucco exterior and red tile roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Local State National

The Colfax Trust Company was the original owner of this Fletcher property. Mechanics liens for \$449.09 by Bushnell Lumber and Mer. Company in April of 1891 and for \$210 by Stugheor Keith San Supply Company the same month indicate that there was a building there or one being built at that time. Carrie Hilton (born in Massachusetts in 1853), wife of Fletcher town attorney, Orrin Hilton (born in Michigan in 1854), bought the property for \$3000 in 1892.¹ Abbie Johnson paid \$2500 for it in 1895. By the time of the 1900 census, he was living on Emerson Street in Denver.²

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¹Transamerica Title Insurance Records.

²The 1900 census in CO, Vol. 3, Enumeration District 75, Sheet 2, Line 5?

³Interview with Bus Watts, March 1978.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: Excellent Average N/A

DATE 1920's Factual Estimated

ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style Mission

Significant architectural features _____

Building type Single detached building, L-shape plan

Building material Stucco

Stories One in front; two in rear Basement _____

Roof shape Flat in front; hip in rear Material Tile

Trim (eaves type) Parapet in front

Dormer -- Shape --

Chimney location(s) Stucco, south side exterior; stucco, middle north side exterior

Main window structural opening shape Rectangular pair elevated French doors with rail

Surround head Plain Sides Plain

Main door structural opening shape Rectangular

Surround head Plain Sides Plain

Surround material Wood

Main door Original Not original
 Type Single with small upper light pane
 Porch East facade, partially enclosed
 Stairs Cement Supports Undetermined with stucco sheathing
 Material Tile roof
 2nd Story porch None
 Additional building features Wrought iron balcony railings
 Interior items of interest _____

PHOTO: File # _____ Film Roll # A52-841
 Total number of photos taken 4

