

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

OAHP Site #: **5.WL.7849**

Greeley 8th Avenue Survey

Historical and Architectural Reconnaissance Form

Eligibility Evaluation (OAHP use only)

Date _____ Initials _____

____ Determined Eligible – NR

____ Determined Eligible - SR

____ Needs Data

____ Eligible District – Contributing

____ Eligible District - Noncontributing

IDENTIFICATION

1. Current Property Name: **El Centro Motel**
Historic Property Name **El Rancho Motel**
2. Resource Classification: **Building**
3. Ownership: **Private**
Owner(s) contact info:

LOCATION

4. Street Address: **1521 8th Avenue**
5. Municipality: **Greeley, Colorado**
6. County: **Weld**
7. USGS Quad (7.5'): **Greeley, Colorado** year: **1950** **Photorevised 1980**
8. Parcel Number: **096108226018**
9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): **11** Block: **164** Addition: **West & Thayers**
10. Acreage: **< 1 (9500 square feet)**
11. PLSS information: Principal Meridian: **6th** Township: **5 North** Range: **65 West**
SW¼ SW¼ SE¼ NW¼ of section **8**
12. Location Coordinates: **Zone 13** **526192 mE** **4473817 mN**
(Datum: NAD83)

DESCRIPTION

13. Construction features (forms, materials)

Property Type: **One Story Motel**

Building Plan: **Rectangular Plan**

Dimensions in Feet: **26' N-S by 148' E-W overall dimensions, including: an office / manager's quarters at the front (east) end of the building, which measures 21' N-S by 33' E-W; a long rectangular rear section containing eight motel units, which measures 16' N-S by 115' E-W; and three bump outs along the north (side) elevation each of which measure 5' N-S by 12' E-W.**

Stories: **One**

Architectural Style/Type: **Modern Movements**

Foundation: **Concrete**

Walls: **Painted white stucco over concrete block construction.**

Windows: **The east wall (facing 8th Avenue) contains three window openings with painted white metal frames. One of these is a single-light fixed-pane window, flanked on either side by a single-light casement window, and with a painted white brick rowlock sill. The other two are both 2-light casement windows, one of which is shorter with a painted white brick rowlock sill, and the other of which is longer, or more vertically-oriented, and without a brick rowlock sill. The south wall of the office / manager's quarters contains a large single-light fixed-pane window with a painted white brick rowlock sill. The south wall of each motel unit contains a single-light fixed-pane window, flanked on either side by a single-light casement window. Each of these eight windows feature painted white metal frames, and brick rowlock sills. Each of the three bump outs along the north side of the building contains a 1x1 horizontal sliding window.**

Roof: **The roof over the office / manager's quarters at the front (east) end of the building is flat. The roof over the eight motel units is a low-pitched shed roof covered with corrugated metal. The roofs are flat over the three bump outs along the north side. The roof over the eight motel units extends to cover a concrete sidewalk along the south side of the building where the motel entry doors are located. The roof overhang here is supported by evenly-spaced wrought iron posts. A red metal faux Mansard roof eave extends around the top of the parapet on the east, south, and west sides.**

Chimney(s): **N/A**

Porch(s) / Doors: **Two doors enter the office / manager's quarters at the east end of the south elevation. One of these is a painted white solid wood door, with a white metal storm door. The other is a painted red solid wood door, with a silver metal screen door. Eight painted red solid wood doors, each covered by a painted white wood screen door, enter into the motel units from a concrete sidewalk along the south side of the building.**

14. Landscape (important features of the immediate environment)

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|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Plantings | <input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Walls | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driveway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating | |

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

15. Historic function/use: **Domestic / Motel**
 Current function/use: **Domestic / Motel**
16. Date of Construction: **1951 (actual) (per city directories, Sanborn maps, and Assessor records)**
17. Other Significant Dates: **N/A**

18. Associated NR Areas of Significance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Rec. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Gov't. | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Social History | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

19. Associated Historic Context(s) (if known): **City of Greeley 8th Avenue Survey; Greeley Downtown Historic District**
20. Retains Integrity of: Location Setting Materials Design Workmanship Association Feeling
21. Notes:
This building is located on the west side of the 1500 block of 8th Avenue. The east elevation fronts directly onto a wide concrete sidewalk paralleling the avenue. A two-story commercial building, at 1517/1519 8th Avenue, is adjacent to the north. An asphalt alley, and angled parking spaces for the motel units, are adjacent to the south. An asphalt parking lot and alley are behind the building to the west.
22. Sources:
The Greeley City and Rural Route Directory. (Generally published annually by *the Greeley Tribune-Republican Publishing Company*.)
Sanborn Insurance Company maps for Greeley, Colorado dated June 1886, December 1887, January 1891, October 1895, January 1901, January 1906, October 1909, January 1918, April 1927, September 1946 (as an update of the April 1927 Sanborn maps), August 1968 (also as an update of the April 1927 Sanborn maps).
Weld County Assessor Property Information Map. <http://www.co.weld.co.us/maps/propertyinformation>
Weld County Assessor Property reports. <https://propertyreport.co.weld.co.us>

FIELD ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Local Landmark Eligible? yes no needs data
- Individually State Register Eligible? yes no needs data
- Individually National Register Eligible? yes no needs data
- Contributes to a Potential Historic District? yes no needs data property is not located within a potential district

RECORDING INFORMATION

Recorded by: **Carl McWilliams** Date: **November 30, 2015**

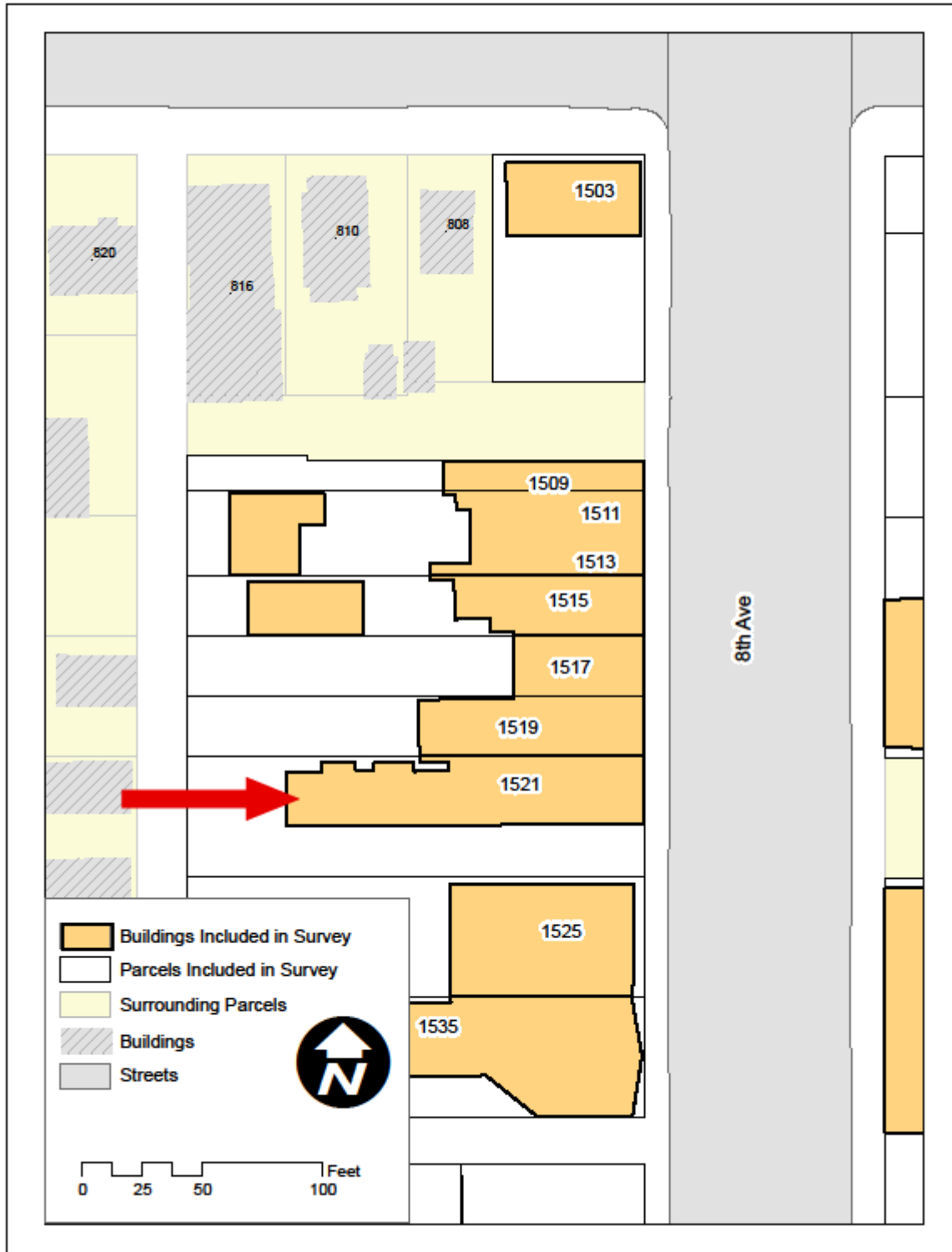
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Report title: **Greeley 8th Avenue Comprehensive Historic Resource Survey**

Project Sponsor: **City of Greeley Historic Preservation Office**

Photo Log: **CD 1, Images 116-119**

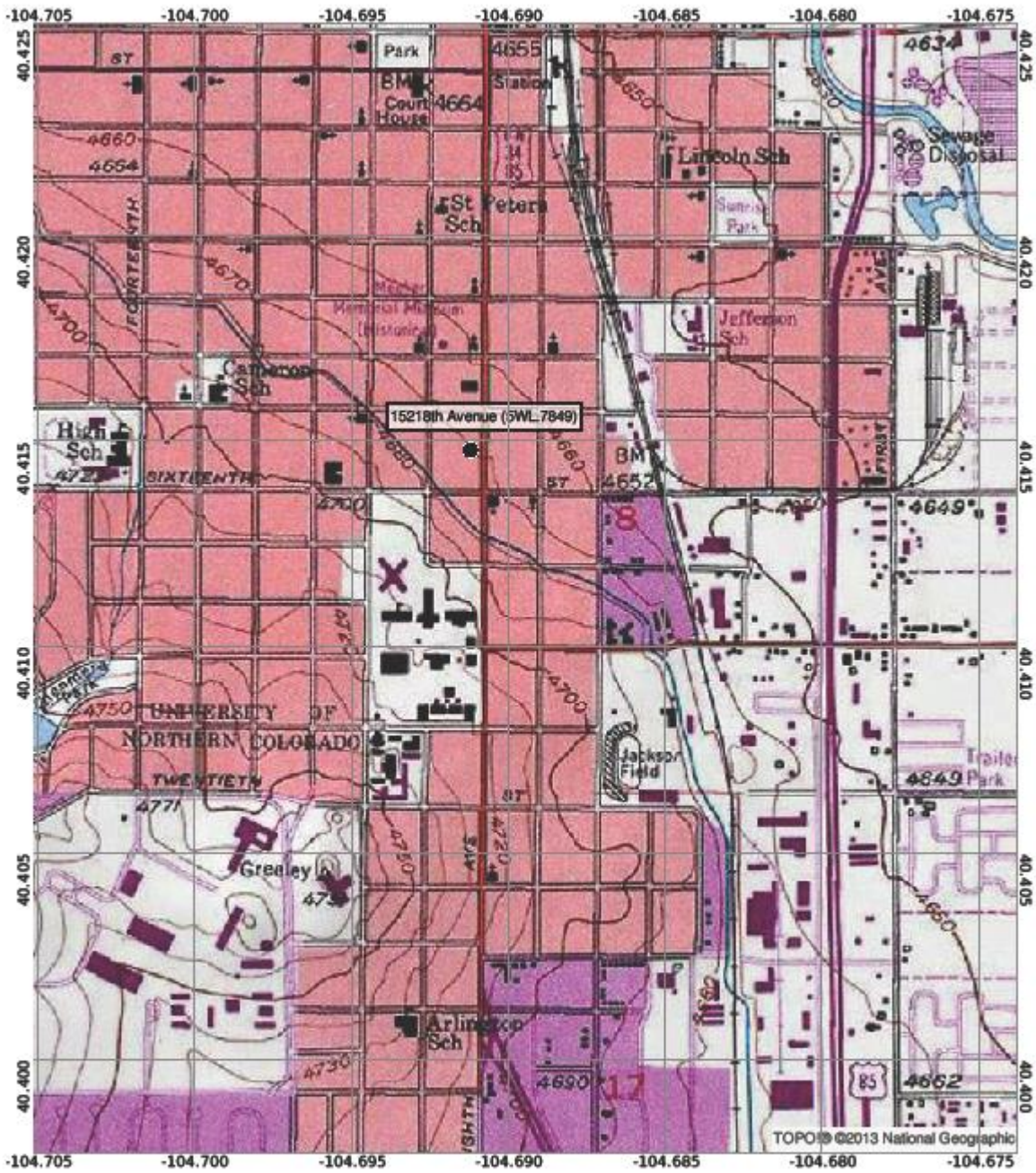
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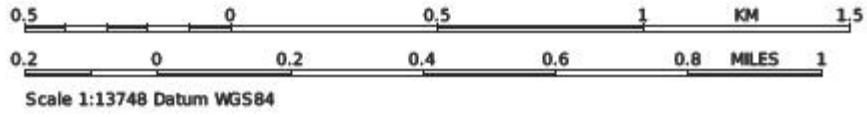
LOCATION MAP

1521 8th Avenue

ANTrails NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



8.2°E
2/20/15





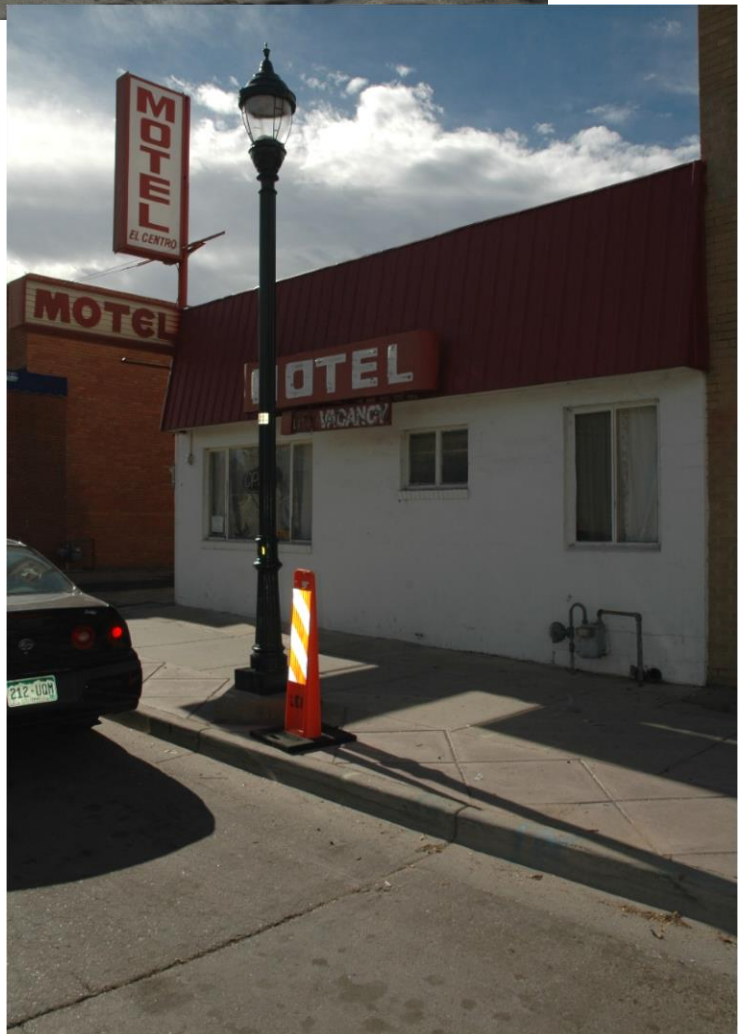
CD 1, Image 116, View to SE of north side and rear (west)



CD 1, Image 117, View to NE of rear (west) and south side



CD 1, Image 118, View to NW of façade (east) and south side



CD 1, Image 119, View to SW of façade (east)