

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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- Date _____ Initials _____
- _____ Determined Eligible- NR
 - _____ Determined Not Eligible- NR
 - _____ Determined Eligible- SR
 - _____ Determined Not Eligible- SR
 - _____ Need Data
 - _____ Contributes to eligible NR District
 - _____ Noncontributing to eligible NR District



I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: _____ Parcel number: **080721204003**
- 2. Temporary resource number: _____
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Christian Church of New Windsor**
- 6. Current building name: **First Christian Church of Windsor (Disciples of Christ)**
- 7. Building address: **530 Walnut Street**
- 8. Owner name: **First Christian Church of Windsor**
- Owner organization: **First Christian Church of Windsor**
- Owner address: **530 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550**

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **67W**
SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **507995** Northing: **4480915**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 29 and 31; Block 9**
 Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**
- Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **2000 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Window/Stained Glass**
Tower
Chimney
Façade Treatment
21. General architectural description:
The one-story, wood-frame structure has a tall, shingled, cross gable roof, and is oriented to the south. The original T-shape of the building is augmented by a rectangular 1986 north wing addition. The foundation is a perimeter of stacked stone under the original portion, and concrete under the north wing addition. The exterior is white vertical wood siding. The front and side gables contain a small circular window and decorative angled siding, painted blue. There is a small brick chimney on the east side of the building, and a bell tower on the west side. The roof on the bell tower only rises a few feet above the apex of the gabled roof and is topped by a brass lightning rod. Eight half-moon window openings, two on each side, allow the sound of the bell to escape. Where the tower connects to the building there is a thick trim of scalloped siding. A similar upward protrusion exists on the east side of the building, but does not contain the upper parts of a bell tower. A brick chimney

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sits behind the east protrusion. The windows on the original building portion are gothic-style single-hung sash windows in groups of three. The addition contains a variety of windows, including horizontal sliding and reclaimed stained glass. On the south face, the original orange-brown tinted glass windows still remain. On the east facade, the original frames remain but the glass appears to have been replaced. The west gothic windows' center glass has a stained glass motif of Jesus with children. The adjoining windows on either side of the stained glass piece are clear, and do not appear to be original. On the south and west gables, the glass in the small circular windows has a stained glass image of a red chalice (the symbol for the Disciples of Christ). The east gable window has been boarded over from the inside with plywood painted white.

22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And 20th Century Revivals**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

The west face of the building faces the majority of street parking and has the most landscaping. A raised bed of mulch fills the space between the stairs and entrance to the basement and contains some flowers, decorative rocks, and a gray, three-tiered stone fountain. Juniper bushes are planted down the remaining length of the west face. During the 1966 renovation, two oak trees were planted along the western sidewalk, one along the north sidewalk, and a ponderosa pine was placed in the northwest corner of the property. In the northwest corner of the building, part of the 1986 addition, a concrete ramp with white metal railings provides a handicap-accessible entrance to the church. The northern third of the property contains a small playground, surrounded by a four-foot chain link fence. The space between the fence and the western sidewalk is filled by red-mulch and a gravel bed with a large cross pattern made from laid stones. It also contains a small tree planted by the congregation after the 2008 tornado. The eastern border of the property contains the least landscaping and ornamentation. A perimeter of red mulch lines the building and houses one small juniper bush near the southeast corner.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

There are no other buildings associated with this property.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1900** Actual Estimate
 Source of Information: **Scrapbook. Ca. 1898-1960. Privately held by First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of Information:
27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of Information:
28. Original Owner: **Christian Church of New Windsor**
 Source of Information: **Scrapbook. Ca. 1898-1960. Privately held by First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.**

29. Construction history:

Lots 29 and 31 were purchased from Frank Laybourne by the congregation in 1899 for \$225. The cornerstone of the building was laid on March 1, 1900. It is assumed that the building was completed the same year. In 1929 the eastern entrance was removed to build a kitchen. In the 1950s, the basement was dug out underneath the church in order to add a bathroom on the premises and a coal furnace. In 1966, the building underwent a renovation that repainted the kitchen, added new entrance doors, new steps, new east landing, a reorientation of the chapel space from the north to the east, lowered ceilings, new green carpet, new light fixtures, and a sliding wooden door to separate the Sunday school area from the chapel. The 1986 renovation was the first major update to the exterior of the building. Not only was the shape of the building drastically altered, but the orientation and color of the siding was changed as well, from horizontal and white to vertical and light gray. Furthermore, the decorative siding and windows on the gables were covered over with horizontal white clapboard. A new roof was also laid. In 2002, two walls were added

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the original Sunday school room in order to provide private office space. In 2008, a tornado prompted repairs to the outside of the building and the replacement of the roof. In 2008 the decorative siding and windows on the west, south, and east gables was uncovered and restored.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Religion/Church**

32. Intermediate uses(s): **Religion/Church**
 Religion/Religious School

33. Current uses(s): **Religion/Church**

34. Site type(s):

35. Historical background:

The foundations of the First Christian Church in Windsor, Colorado have held fast for 116 years, making it the oldest standing church in the town. As people flocked to the Front Range from many different states and countries, they sought a unifying identity to form a sense of community.

According to the official history, the denomination was founded by two separate movements in western Pennsylvania and Kentucky during the early nineteenth century. These movements were backlashes against the "rigid denominationalism of the early 1800s" and sought what they termed as "Christian unity." For many of the twenty original founders of the First Christian Church of Windsor, the new congregation was a way of ideologically connecting with the physical place of their birth. At least two of the founding members were born in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. It is possible that their parents were involved with or witness to Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell's movements. Additionally, many more of the founding members were born in nearby states, including five from Ohio. The Kentucky movement also had a strong presence in Ohio, which may explain the high number of founding members born in this state. It is likely that these people had been members of Christian Churches in their home states, and sought to bring their particular brand of worship to their new home.

Out of all 20 founding members, the most famous was John M. Cobbs..M. Cobbs homesteaded in Windsor a few years after coming to Colorado during the 1859 gold rush, and became wealthy due to a prosperous cattle-feed operation. He then used his wealth to contribute to the development of Windsor, including many buildings on Main Street. His part in founding the First Christian Church provides evidence of his contributions outside the commercial and mercantile spheres.

The structure that houses the First Christian Church was built in 1900, but the congregation has its origins several years beforehand. On March 2, 1899, The Christian Church of Windsor acquired the two lots for \$225 from Frank Laybourne, and the cornerstone of the church was laid on March 1, 1900.

In the first half of the twentieth century the congregation experienced the sugar beet boom, World War I, prohibition, the Great Depression, and World War II. During this period, the Teller and Breniman families were heavily active in the church. The Tellers owned a bank and mercantile business on Main Street, and the Brenimans were farmers.

In the 1950s and 60s, the church underwent two major interior renovations. In 1986, the first major exterior renovation and building addition were completed. During this time, the Morey and Teller families were heavily active within the church.

In 1999, the current pastor joined the church and is the longest-running pastor the church has had since 1898. A tornado damaged the church in 2008 and the building was repaired and restored to many of its original architectural features. The current pastor has made attempts to restore original features of the building while modernizing where appropriate.

36. Sources of information:

Weld County tax assessor property records (online).

"About Windsor," Town of Windsor, Colorado, accessed November 10th, 2016, <http://www.windsorgov.com/537/About-Windsor>.

Scrapbook. Ca. 1898-1960, privately held by First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.

Colorado, Weld County, 1900 U.S. Census, population schedule, Digital images, Mooseroots.com, November 10, 2016, <http://mooseroots.com>.

Scrapbook, ca. 1898-1960, Privately held by First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.

Scrapbook, ca. 1960-2005, Privately held by First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.

James Barrington, interviewed by author, First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado, October 17th, 2016.

Gene Morey, interviewed by author, First Christian Church in Windsor, Colorado, November 19th, 2016.

Dedication plaque, First Christian Church, Windsor, Colorado.

George Breniman, interviewed by author, First Christian Church in Windsor, Colorado, November 19th, 2016.

Wilbur Fisk Stone, ed. "John M. Cobbs," in *History of Colorado*, vol. II, (Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1918), 418.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), "History of the Disciples," Accessed November 10, 2016, <http://disciples.org/our-identity/history-of-the-disciples/>.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

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 that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent 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).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

- 1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
- 1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
- 1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
- 1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
- 1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
- 1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.

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- 1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
- 1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
- 2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
- 2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community
- 2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
- 3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Religion**
Architecture
Social History
Community Planning and Development

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1900-1966**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

Ordinarily properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, this property meets the requirements set forth under Criteria Consideration A because it is a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural distinction and historical importance

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1900 and expanded in 1986, this religious building exhibits a high level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Many previous alterations to the facade of the building have been removed, restoring the original feeling and workmanship of the building. The 1986 addition minimally altered the design of the original building. The 2008 tornado did not extensively damage the exterior of the building.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
 State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed

45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No Needs Data

Discuss: **This inventory was conducted as an selective intensive-level survey and therefore lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district. However, while not individually eligible, this property has the potential to contribute to a historic district and should be considered as part of any future research on district potential in this area.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION



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 B 356 Clark Building
 1776 Campus Delivery
 Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-1776

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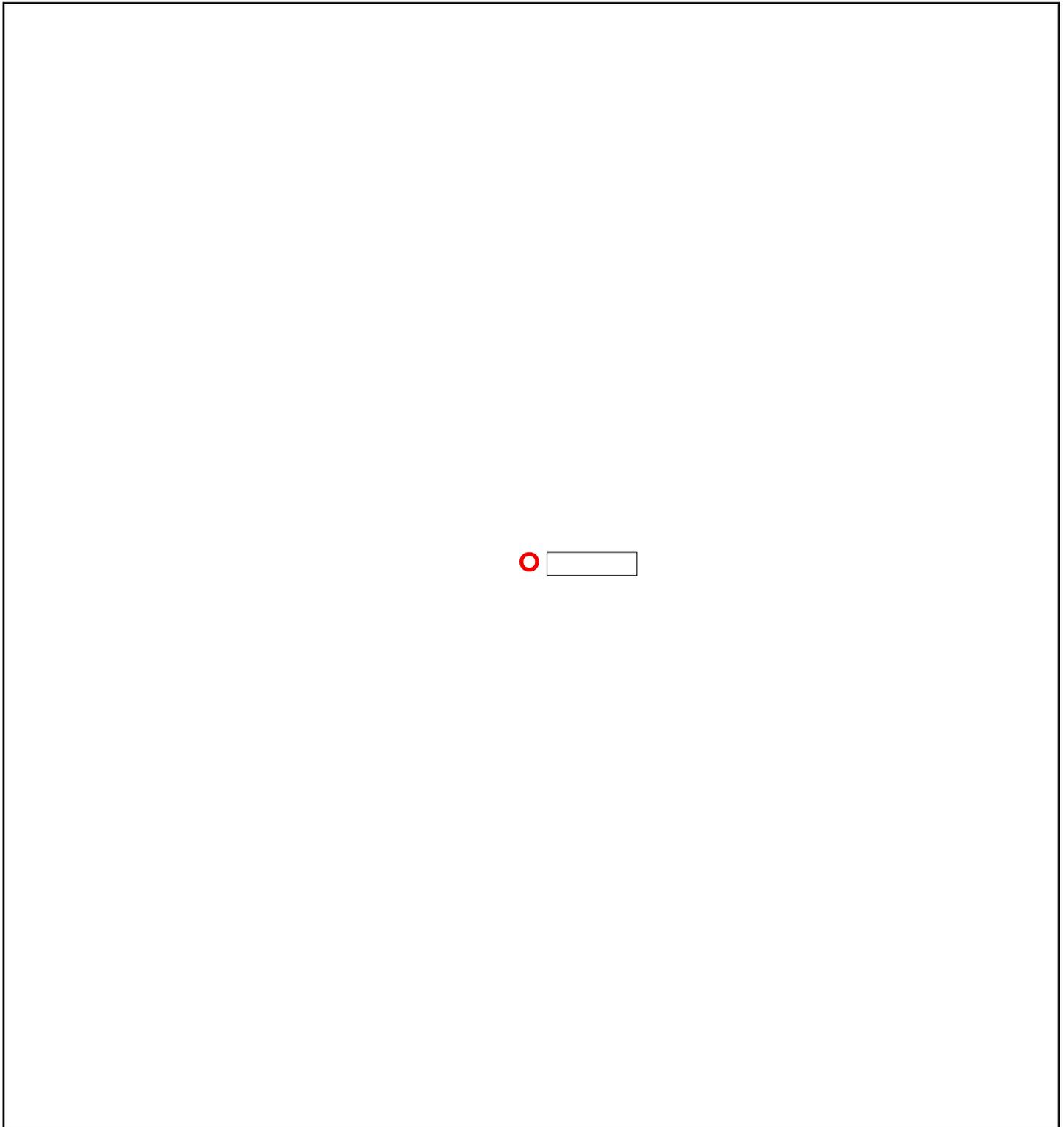
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301 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550**
48. Report title: **The First Christian Church in Windsor, Colorado**
49. Date(s):
50. Recorder(s): **Hailey B. Groo**
51. Organization: **Department of History, Colorado State University**
52. Address: **Clark Building, B 356
Campus Delivery 1776
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1776**

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SKETCH MAP

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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969