**PROJECT NAME:** Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)

**CURRENT BUILDING NAME:**

**ADDRESS:** 5649 S CURTICE ST
Littleton, CO 80120

**HISTORIC NAME:** Louthan Residence

**OWNER:** SWAIM, PHILIP H & DIANE K
1695 W STERNE PKY
LITTLETON CO 80120

**COUNTY:** Arapahoe

**CITY:** Littleton

**STATE ID NO.:** 5AH1231

**TEMPORARY NO.:** 2077-17-4-03-029

**TOWNSHIP SS RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4**

**U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME:** Littleton, Colo.

**YEAR:** 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'

**BLOCK:** 1

**LOT(S):** 14

**ADDITION:** LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN

**YEAR OF ADDITION:** 1872

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1903

**SOURCE:** Arapahoe County Assessor

**STYLE:** No Style (Queen Anne)

**STORIES:** 2 1/2

**MATERIALS:** Stucco, Brick, Stone, Wood

**SQ. FOOTAGE:**

2092

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

Large two-and-a-half-story cross-gable roof house with overhanging eaves; composition roofing. Walls clad with stucco; wood belt course; gable face clad with variegated shingles. Front gable face has sash and transom Queen Anne style window (with transom with multiple small lights); window altered to louvered vent in south gable face. Off-center entrance near angle of intersection of south and east gables faces east and has paneled and glazed door. 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with segmental lintels and painted, rock-face stone sills. Porch is gone. Rear one-story projection topped by balcony.

**CONDITION:** EXCELLENT X GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATING

**EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:** MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR

**DESCRIPTION:** Wrap-around porch gone, rear porch enclosed; stucco on walls; painted stone; shutters; altered windows; balcony on rear.

**CONTINUED?** YES X NO

**ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED**

**DATE(S) OF MOVE:**

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY**

**INDIVIDUAL:** YES X NO

**CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:** YES NO

**LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION:** No

**NAME:**

**DATE:**

**ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS?** X YES NO

**TYPE:**

Shed

**IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:**
**ARCHITECT:**
Unknown

**SOURCE:**

**ARCHITECT:**

**SOURCE:**

**BUILDING/CONTRACTOR:**
Charles G. Louthan

**SOURCE:**
Littleton Independent, 3-30-95

**STATE ID NO.:** 5AH1231

**ORIGANAL OWNER:**
Charles and Lorena Louthan

**SOURCE:**
Littleton Independent, 3-30-95

**THEME(S):**
Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

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**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):**
A 1909 photograph shows the Louthan family in front of the house. The 1949 Sanborn map indicates that the house had a wrap-around porch on the front and an open porch on the rear. A carpenter shop was located in the rear.

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):**
This was the home of the Charles G. Louthan family, and was erected by Mr. Louthan between 1905 and 1909. As daughter Charlotte recalled, the "family's home overlooked the South Platte as it flowed through Littleton." Charles Louthan was born in 1864 in Berryville, Va., and came to Colorado in 1889 as a carpenter to work on Fort Logan. He married Littleton resident Lorena Bair, whose family had a home on Rapp St., in 1894. The Littleton Independent selected Mrs. Louthan as the Foremost Mother of Littleton in 1934. She was born in Randolph, Ohio, in 1874. She raised seven children in this home, was called a pillar of the Methodist Church, and was a leader in the temperance movement. Mr. Louthan was regarded as "Littleton's First Citizen," having served as a city councilman for 17 years and mayor in 1929-1932 and 1934-40. He was best known as a homebuilder and erected two homes a year for 44 years in Littleton, including most of the houses on Spotswood and Louthan. He was well known for riding the fire truck with his black high silk hat in the Homecoming parade. Mrs. Louthan died in 1949 and Mr. Louthan in 1954.

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**SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):**

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

- X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
- CONtributes TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**
This house is associated with Charles and Lorena Louthan, prominent Littleton citizens. Mr. Louthan served on the city council for many years and was two-term mayor, as well as building many homes in Littleton, including this one. The house, although altered, has details which reflect early twentieth century residential construction in Littleton, including the gabled roof with overhanging eaves, decorative shingles in the gable face, Queen Anne window in the front gable face, and the segmental arched windows.

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**REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):**

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