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

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:

ADDRESS: 5859 S CURTICE ST
Littleton, CO 80120

HISTORIC NAME: Maloney Residence

DISTRICT NAME:

FILM ROLL NO.: 97-12
BY: Roger Whitacre

NEGATIVE NO.: 16

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.

OWNER: THOMPSON, KEVIN D & MARTINEZ,
LUCY A, JT TEN
5859 S CURTICE ST
LITTLETON CO 80120

TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4

U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo.
YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'

BLOCK: 12 LOT(S): 28-29

ADDITION: PEABODY'S RESUB YR. OF ADDITION: 1887

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:
ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1910
SOURCE: Hist. Museum files

USE:
PRESENT: Residence
HISTORIC: Residence

CONDITION:
EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING

EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:
X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR
DESCRIBE: Addition on west with hexagonal window; nonoriginal siding on side walls; skylights.

CONTINUED YES X NO

STYLE: Queen Anne

STORIES: 1

MATERIALS: Wood, Concrete

SQ. FOOTAGE: 1589

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
Frame residence with gabled L plan; overhanging eaves; composition roofing; painted brick chimney. Walls clad with narrow lap siding with corner boards and wood water table; asbestos shingles on north and south walls. Gable face clad with decorative fishscale shingles has small round arched window with wood surround. Projecting, hip roof porch with pediment with sunburst ornament above entrance has slender turned spindle supports; frieze with dentils; wood deck. Center entrance with paneled and glazed Queen Anne style door with plate glass surrounded by small panes of colored glass. Transom over door. Windows are tall, narrow, 1/1-light double-hung sash with wood surrounds; gabled bay window on south. Wide concrete drive way on south.

CONTINUED? YES X NO

ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
This area is not covered by the 1908 Sanborn map. The house does appear on the 1914 Sanborn map in the same basic configuration, minus the addition on the west.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
This was the home of the James Edward Maloney family from its construction through 1929. James Edward Maloney (1863-1948) was born in 1863 in Brooklyn, New York. He was educated at the Cooper Union Technical Institute and worked on the Chicago Drainage Canal and a proposed Nicaraguan canal. In 1899, Mr. Maloney came to Colorado to serve as resident engineer for the construction of Cheesman Dam. In 1902-1910, he was superintendent of the Platte River Division for the Denver Union Water Department and lived in a house provided by the company. In 1910, he worked on engineering projects in Idaho for a few months and then returned to Colorado to become executive engineer for the newly created State Highway Department, which he retired from in 1938 at the age of 75. This house was erected at that time. He graded and ditched 3,000 miles of road in five years. By 1916, he had completed the concrete highway from Littleton to Denver. Maloney served as eight-term mayor of Littleton from 1910-1912 and 1913-1919, during which time the Carnegie Library was completed at the end of Main Street. The salary was $6.25 a month plus a free telephone. In 1922, at the age of 59, he was made chief of the volunteer fire department. He was a trustee of St. Mary's Church and Littleton school board president for two terms. He married Margaret G. Flynn (1876-1947) of Brooklyn in 1898. On 12 Jan. 1951, the Independent proclaimed Mr. Maloney the community's Man of the Half Century, 1901-1950. Houston Waring noted that Maloney was "famous as civil engineer, community servant, and headed the leading Catholic family at St. Mary's Church." Margaret was chosen Littleton's Foremost Mother of 1932. Mr. Maloney died in 1948 at the age of 85, a year after his wife's death.

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:
X REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
POSSESS HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION
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 James E. Maloney, who lived here from its construction in 1910 until 1929, and who was important as an engineer and civic leader. Maloney's engineering significance is represented by his work as resident engineer for the construction of Cheesman Dam, as superintendent of the Platte River Division for the Union Water Company, and as first executive engineer for the State Highway Department (1910-1938), during which he paved the highway between Denver and Littleton. His significance as a civic leader is seen in his eight terms as mayor (1910-12 and 1913-1919) and chief of the Volunteer Fire Department (1922). For these contributions, he was selected Littleton's Man of the Half Century in 1951. The house is a well preserved example of the Queen Anne style, as reflected in its asymmetrical composition; narrow lap siding and decorative shingles; round arched, narrow double-hung sash, and bay windows, and porch with pediment and spindles, as well as the Queen Anne style door.

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):