

## Architectural Inventory Form

Official eligibility determination  
(OAHP use only)

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: 5AM.889
2. Temporary resource number: N/A
3. County: Adams
4. City: Brighton
5. Historic building name: Foley Farm
6. Current building name: None
7. Building address: 13210 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO
8. Owner name and address: West 80 Investors, LLC  
6551 S. Revere Parkway, Suite 265  
Englewood, CO 80111

### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. 6th Township 2S Range 67W  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 1
10. UTM reference – Zone: 13  
NE corner of site (parcel) boundary – 514312mN, 4418255mE  
SE corner of site (parcel) boundary – 514312mN, 4417449mE  
SW corner of site (parcel) boundary – 513909mN, 4417449mE  
NW corner of site (parcel) boundary – 513909mE, 4418255mE
11. USGS quad name: Brighton, Colorado (1965 (Revised 1994))  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Map scale: 7.5' X 15' \_\_\_\_\_ (see attached portion of topo map)
12. Lot(s): N/A Block: N/A  
Addition: N/A Year of Addition: N/A
13. Boundary Description and Justification: The site boundary is a rectangular line corresponding to the legal limits of the 79.1-acre parcel containing the historic farm buildings and associated farm fields. The parcel is the same size as it was when originally acquired by farmer Oran Foley in 1917, and measures approximately 2,640 ft (1/2 mile) north-south by 1,320 ft (1/4 mile) east-west.

### III. Architectural Descriptions

The farm contains twelve (12) standing structures and one (1) building foundation. All of the wood frame buildings are painted white, but were well-weathered when recorded in February of 2010. Each structure is described below, and their locations are described on the attached plan view sketch map:

***Farmhouse:***

- 14a. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular
- 15a. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown
- 16a. Number of stories: 1
- 17a. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal siding (drop siding)
- 18a. Roof configuration: Front-gabled roof with shed-roofed additions
- 19a. Primary external roof material: Wood shingles
- 20a. Special features: Chimney – red brick; straight stack rises from east roof slope on original gabled portion of building.
- 21a. General architectural description: This small, plain, one story wood frame house consists of the original front-gabled, rectangular plan section, with two large additions that appear to be more than 50 years old. The dwelling appears to rest on a crude stone and concrete foundation, and lacks a cellar or basement. The gable roof on the original portion of the house is moderately pitched, and rafter tails are exposed beneath the overhanging eaves. A large addition with a very low-pitched, standing-seam sheet metal-clad shed roof was evidently first built onto the east side of the gabled dwelling, and subsequently another shed-roofed addition was constructed onto the rear/north side of the gabled house and east addition. The rear addition had a more steeply pitched roof that is clad with corrugated sheet metal. The dwelling contains three entries: the original entry is on the west side of the front gabled original structure, and is equipped with a painted wood panel door framed by a wooden surround with a milled lintel molding suggestive of Colonial Revival influence. Other entries are located on the south/front side of the east addition, as well as on the west side of the rear addition. Both of these entries are also equipped with original painted wood panel doors. The original portion of the house is fenestrated mainly with tall, narrow 4/4 double-hung windows with plain board surrounds equipped with thin lintel pieces. Both of the additions are fenestrated with nearly square, 4-light fixed windows with plain board surrounds. The modest dwelling lacks ornamentation of any kind. It is generally in good condition, although the paint on the exterior siding is well-weathered, and the entry on the south side of the east addition was both ajar, and the glass pane in its door was broken as if by a projectile.
- 22a. Architectural style/building type: No style/Vernacular wood frame house

***Outhouse:***

- 14b. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular or square
- 15b. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown (estimated to be approximately 4 ft x ft.)
- 16b. Number of stories: 1
- 17b. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal siding (drop siding)
- 18b. Roof configuration: Shed (inclined) roof
- 19b. Primary external roof material: Unknown; not noted
- 20b. Special features: None
- 21b. General architectural description: This small, utilitarian wood frame building is hidden in trees a short distance east of the Foley farmhouse. It is a typical example of an outhouse, being nearly square in plan, with a shed roof, one south-facing door (also clad with stained board siding), and no windows. (Note: this building was not photographed since it was well-hidden by trees). The outhouse appears to be in very good condition.
- 22b. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Privy

**Garage:**

14c. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15c. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16c. Number of stories: 1

17c. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal siding (drop siding)

18c. Roof configuration: Front-gabled roof

19c. Primary external roof material: Asphalt roof – tar paper or asphalt rolled roofing material

20c. Special features: None

21c. General architectural description: This plain, utilitarian wood frame building is located a short distance northwest of the Foley farmhouse. It is a typical example of a detached, one car garage, exhibiting a rectangular plan, and featuring a front gable roof and drop siding applied to the exterior walls. The south-facing garage opening was originally sealed by large double hinged doors; the original doors appear to have been replaced by doors made of plywood. The building also has a personnel entry placed on the east side, offset towards the rear, that is equipped with a painted wood panel door. The garage's west elevation includes a small, double-hung wood sash window installed near the front of the building. The garage is in poor condition – its large doors have been removed and are lying on the ground, exposing the interior to the elements; its structural integrity is questionable, since the building appears to be leaning to one side as if beginning the process of collapse; and the paint on the exterior siding is weathering away, exposing much of the bare wood to the elements.

22c. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Detached garage

**Garage or Equipment Shed:**

14d. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15d. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16d. Number of stories: 1

17d. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – plywood/particle board (vertically-grooved wood paneling)

18d. Roof configuration: Front-gable roof

19d. Primary external roof material: Corrugated sheet metal

20d. Special features: None

21d. General architectural description: This plain, utilitarian wood frame building is located a short distance west of the Foley farmhouse. The building rests on a concrete foundation and has a rectangular plan. It is covered by a moderately pitched gable roof, with open eaves. The vehicle access opening faces west, and is equipped with two large hinged doors made of vertical boards; both doors are damaged, and one door has a damaged hinge and was hanging open at an odd angle. A personnel entry is centered on the opposite, rear (east) end of the building, and is equipped with a narrow vertical board door attached by large strap hinges. Only one window is installed: a fixed 2/1 light window in a nearly square opening placed on the south elevation near the front of the garage. The garage appears to be relatively well-preserved, but the very good condition of the exposed concrete footer wall and exterior siding (modern wood paneling), suggest that the building is younger than many of the other farm buildings.

22d. Architectural style/building type: No style/Detached garage

***Building Foundation:***

- 14e. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
- 15e. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown
- 16e. Number of stories: Unknown
- 17e. Primary external wall material(s): Unknown (but probably horizontal board siding on wood framing)
- 18e. Roof configuration: Unknown
- 19e. Primary external roof material: Unknown
- 20e. Special features: Unknown
- 21e. General architectural description: This building foundation is located on the Foley Farm a short distance west of the cluster of standing buildings containing the farmhouse. The foundation is a poured concrete slab with a low perimeter footer wall. It evidently supported a relatively large building, and piles of lumber nearby suggest that it was a wood frame, board-sided building and that it was intentionally dismantled. Its long axis is oriented east-west, and a concrete apron extends across what must have been a vehicle access opening on its west end.
- 22e. Architectural style/building type: Unknown

***Chicken Coop?:***

- 14f. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
- 15f. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown
- 16f. Number of stories: 1
- 17f. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal and vertical board siding
- 18f. Roof configuration: Shed roof(s)
- 19f. Primary external roof material: Corrugated sheet metal
- 20f. Special features: None
- 21f. General architectural description: This small and relatively crude wood frame structure is actually composed of two small shed-roofed sheds that have been joined together to form a larger structure. The southernmost section has a nearly flat shed roof covered with corrugated sheet metal, and walls clad with vertical board siding. A low doorway is located on the east side of this shed, and its front/south side is fenestrated with three fixed, wood sash, multi-pane windows. Attached to the north end of this small shed is a taller shed with a more steeply-pitched shed roof that slopes in the opposite direction. The northern shed section has exterior walls clad with horizontal board siding, and on the taller wall that rises above the roof of the attached southern shed is a ribbon of three horizontally-oriented 3-light fixed windows that serves as a clerestory to bring more sunlight into the building. The function of this building is not entirely clear (it may have been a chicken coop). It is in deteriorating condition, with broken windows, siding that is falling off and peeling away, and badly weathered exterior paint.
- 22f. Architectural style/building type: No style

***Small Shed:***

- 14g. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
- 15g. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown
- 16g. Number of stories: 1
- 17g. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal (drop) siding

18g. Roof configuration: Shed roof

19g. Primary external roof material: Corrugated sheet metal

20g. Special features: None

21g. General architectural description: This small utilitarian wood frame building is located adjacent to the chicken coop on the Foley Farm. The shed has a rectangular plan, a rather steeply-pitched shed roof clad with corrugated sheet metal, and exterior walls clad with horizontal drop siding. Two openings are provided on this building, including a door on the north elevation, offset to the east, which was sealed with a wooden panel door (only connected by one hinge now). Another small square opening, which was either for a window or ventilation, is located on the center of the west elevation and is sealed with a hinged wooden door or shutter. The shed is relatively intact although it has suffered from exposure to the weather.

22g. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Shed

***Unidentified Gabled Building:***

14h. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15h. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16h. Number of stories: 1

17h. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal (drop) siding

18h. Roof configuration: Side-gabled

19h. Primary external roof material: Corrugated sheet metal

20h. Special features: None

21h. General architectural description: This small wood frame building is located a short distance north of the probable chicken coop and small shed on the east side of the farm access road. The side-gabled structure has a rectangular plan and resembles a scaled-down vernacular dwelling. Its function is undetermined, but it is possible that it may represent a homestead claim shack or tenant farmhouse. The building's roof is clad with corrugated sheet metal, and its exterior walls are covered with horizontal drop siding. The building faces south, and its façade is symmetrically arranged. The main entry is centrally placed, and is equipped with a glazed and painted wooden door with 6-lights (no glass remaining). The entry is flanked by identical large window openings, only one of which still contains a window – a fixed 4-light wood sash unit. The only other opening on the building is a doorway (lacking a door) that is centered on the east elevation. The building is generally intact, except for the missing front window, missing side door, missing window and door glazing, and weathering exterior paint.

22h. Architectural style/building type: No style/Unknown building type

***Milk House:***

14i. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15i. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16i. Number of stories: 1

17i. Primary external wall material(s): Hollow clay tile (block) and concrete block

18i. Roof configuration: Front-gabled with shed-roofed addition

19i. Primary external roof material: Wood shingles

20i. Special features: None

21i. General architectural description: This small masonry structure is located on the east side of the farm access road, opposite the barn and relatively close to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It consists of two parts: the original front gabled section, which features walls constructed of red tile blocks, and a large grey concrete block-walled north side addition that doubled the size of the building and is covered by a very low-pitched shed roof. The façade of the original part of the building faces west, and has a centrally-placed doorway that is equipped with a louvered wooden door probably designed to permit ventilation. Horizontal drop siding is applied to the gable ends of the original portion of the building. A small rectangular window opening containing a fixed 3-light window is located on the south elevation. A similar window was located on the opposite/north elevation, and can still be seen by looking inside the building. Another entry is located on the front/west side of the concrete block-walled addition. One small fixed 4-light window is placed on both the north and west elevations of the addition. Inside the original part of the building, the walls are plastered, and there is a large rectangular cast concrete tank on the floor, which may have been used in the milk cooling and storage process. The building is in relatively good condition overall, although the exposed wooden siding and roof shingles reveal some deterioration due to weathering.

22i. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Milk house

**Barn:**

14j. Building plan (footprint, shape): Irregular (main mass is rectangular)

14j. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16j. Number of stories: 2 (main level and hayloft)

17j. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal (drop) siding

18j. Roof configuration: Gambrel roof

19j. Primary external roof material: Corrugated sheet metal

20j. Special features: Cupola

21j. General architectural description: The Foley Farm barn is a visually prominent structure located adjacent to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is a large, rectangular plan wood frame building resting on a poured concrete foundation with concrete perimeter footer walls that extend about two feet above grade. The tall building contains an upper story hayloft that is made more spacious by the building's steeply-pitched gambrel roof. A ventilation cupola covered by a diminutive gable roof rises from the center of the barn's roof. Hayloft access is provided on the building's east elevation, where a very large square hinged wooden door is installed, above which is a projecting wooden beam to support pulleys used to hoist hay bales to the barn's loft level for interior storage. The east elevation is also equipped with a very large ground level sliding door offset to the north, and the sliding rails extend beyond the north end of the barn and are supported by a timber framework embedded in the ground. The original sliding door appears to have been replaced by a relatively crude plywood-skinned door. Personnel entries are installed on east, north, and west elevations. A small room that appears to be an original design element, projects from the building's south elevation, offset to the far east end. This room extension is covered with a shed roof, and has entries on its south and east sides, and a large 4-light fixed window on its west elevation. The barn is fenestrated with a large number of nearly square window openings on all elevations, that once contained fixed 4-light windows. Many of these windows are no longer extant, but the empty window openings remain. A low wood frame wing connects the west end of the barn to a tall red tile-block solo located nearby. The barn appears to be relatively unmodified and in fair to good condition. It has lost numerous windows, and the exterior walls are badly weathered.

22j. Architectural style/building type: No style/ barn (dairy barn?)

**Silo:**

14k. Building plan (footprint, shape): Circular

15k. Dimensions in feet: Length N/A x Width N/A

16k. Number of stories: N/A

17k. Primary external wall material(s): Hollow clay tile – tile block

18k. Roof configuration: No roof presently

19k. Primary external roof material: N/A

20k. Special features: Crenellated top

21k. General architectural description: Located a short distance beyond the west end of the barn is a tall, cylindrical red tile-block masonry silo used for storing grain. The silo is similar to many others in the region in terms of its design and size. Silos were typically used to store winter feed for livestock, and in terms of dimensions most grain silos in Colorado were approximately 20 feet in diameter and 40-60 feet tall. The Foley Farm silo is connected to the barn by means of a wood frame wing that enabled grain to be transferred from the silo through a door near its base, to feed animals kept inside the barn. The top of the silo is crenellated. The Foley Farm silo is in good condition except for damage to a small section of tile block masonry on its southwest side.

22k. Architectural style/building type: No style/ grain silo

**Machine or Cattle Shed:**

14L. Building plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular

15L. Dimensions in feet: Length Unknown x Width Unknown

16L. Number of stories: 1

17L. Primary external wall material(s): Wood – horizontal (drop) siding

18L. Roof configuration: Modified shed or side-gable roof

19L. Primary external roof material: Asphalt roof – tar paper or asphalt rolled roofing material

20L. Special features: None

21L. General architectural description: This large agricultural outbuilding is located close to and parallel with 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a short distance west of the barn. It is a rectangular plan structure with an asymmetrically-sloped side gable roof. Its south side is open, and timber posts at intervals support the roof and divide the interior into four bays. The shed's exterior walls are clad with horizontal drop siding. The shed exhibits a strictly utilitarian design. The building is in fair but deteriorating condition. The roof is sagging, some panels of corrugated sheet metal roofing are no longer in place, and the painted exterior walls are quite weathered due to exposure to the elements. It is not clear if this building served historically as a machine shed (as was indicated on the site form for the Foley Farm prepared in 1995), or if it was actually used as a cattle loafing shed (as is indicated in the Adams County Assessor's property record).

22L. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Agricultural shed

**Granary:**

14m. Building plan (footprint, shape): Circular

15m. Dimensions in feet: Length N/A x Width N/A

16m. Number of stories: 1

17m. Primary external wall material(s): Corrugated sheet metal

18m. Roof configuration: Conical

19m. Primary external roof material: Sheet metal

20m. Special features: None

21m. General architectural description: This prefabricated grain storage bin is a squat cylindrical tank made of galvanized sheet metal, measuring perhaps 12 feet in diameter and about 8-10 feet in height. It is covered by a conical sheet metal roof with radiating stiffening ribs and a central ventilator cap. A hinged, curved sheet metal door is located on the structure's east side. Embossing on the tank's door identifies it as "Columbian Red Top Bin [Model] 531," manufactured by the Columbian Steel Tank Company of Kansas City, Missouri. The age of this grain bin is undetermined, but it presumably is of mid-twentieth century origin. The bin is in very good condition.

22m. Architectural style/building type: No style/ Prefabricated metal grain bin

23. Landscaping or special setting features: The Foley Farm occupies nearly 80 acres of relatively level land on the plains of rural Adams County. Urban development is rapidly transforming the agricultural landscape of western Adams County. A new public school building is located directly across the street from the Foley Farm buildings. The farmhouse and a few associated buildings (garages and outhouse) are surrounded by a relatively dense growth of trees including mature cottonwoods, some scattered fir or spruce trees, some fruit trees, and a small stand of aspen trees. The remaining buildings are located on open land to the west and northwest of the tree-shrouded building cluster. The farm is partially enclosed by a barbed wire fence, and modern hinged gates control access to the unpaved (two-track) farm access road from 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects (see attached sketch map): A water well with a square poured-concrete lid and hand pump is located near some of the outbuildings on the east side of the farm access road. Other farm-related features noted included a ruined cattle loading chute, a flatbed trailer made from an old truck chassis, and piles of scrap lumber.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

24. Dates of Construction: Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: X

According to the Adams County Assessor's property record, the farmhouse and cattle (or machine) shed were originally built in 1917; the barn was built in 1918, and the (metal?) grain bin was built in 1950. The Assessor's record also provides dates of construction for six (6) other farm structures that cannot be readily identified: 1) a 240 ft<sup>2</sup> "Farm Utility Building" built in 1913; 2) a 408 ft<sup>2</sup> "Farm Utility Building" built in 1914; 3) a 648 ft<sup>2</sup> "Farm Utility Building" built in 1917; 4) a 600 ft<sup>2</sup> "Hay Loft" built in 1918; 5) a 280 ft<sup>2</sup> "Farm Utility Building" built in 1934; and 6) a 420 ft<sup>2</sup> "Farm Utility Building" built in 1940.

Source of information: Adams County Assessor's property record for 13210 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, Colorado (Parcel No. 0172101000002).

25. Architect: N/A

Source of information: N/A

26. Builder/Contractor: Oran A. Foley?

Source of information: County Assessor's property records

27. Original owner: S.J. Gilmore?

Source of information: Willitts Farm Map of 1899

28. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):  
See Items 21 a-m, above.

29. Original location X Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date of move(s): N/A

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

30. Original use(s): Agricultural/Residential - farm

31. Intermediate use(s): N/A

32. Current use(s): Vacant; development of new subdivision pending

33. Site type(s): Farm

34. Historical background: The land containing this 79.1-acre historic farm was originally included in a 78,014-acre land grant for scattered lands in Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, Larimer and Weld Counties conveyed by the U.S. Government by a patent issued to the Union Pacific Railway Company on May 10, 1883. A map of farmland in the greater Denver area made by W.C. Willitts revealed that by 1899, a man named S.J. Gilmore had acquired 240 acres in the northern part of Section 1 of Township 2 South, Range 67 West, including the subject parcel. In 1912, John J. Coffee acquired the entire NE ¼ of Section 1 (160 acres) from Ella S. Hancock. During the time he owned the land, Mr. Coffee may have built a couple of agricultural buildings as indicated on the County Assessor's property record. In any event, in October of 1917 Coffey sold and conveyed the west half of the NE ¼ of Section 1 to Oran A. Foley of Brighton.

Oran Foley was a native of Illinois who settled in Brighton, Colorado in 1894 with his wife Rosa, whom he had married in 1891. Oran Foley worked for E.A. Bromley in Brighton for 16 years, and during this time the Foleys produced seven children. Oran leased 160 acres of farmland near Brighton until purchasing this nearly 80-acre parcel from John Coffey in late 1917. Foley Farmed the land until the 1930s, during which time he erected many of the buildings still standing on the farm. In the 1930s, Oran retired and turned the land over to his son Raymond, who continued farming. After Oran's death in 1961, ownership of the land he farmed remained in the

Foley family, with James H. Foley acquiring title to the property in 1963. The Foley family continued to operate the farm for four more decades, and in 2004, after witnessing the dramatic rise in land values accompanying a trend in intensive urban growth on the outskirts of the Denver metropolitan area and along the Front Range, the Foleys sold the land in 2004 to West 80 Investors LLC, who have plans to develop the parcel for a mix of residential and commercial land use.

36. Sources of information:

Adams County Clerk & Recorder's Office, Brighton (legal records pertaining to this property)

1912      Release of Deed of Trust from Public Trustee (grantor) to John J. Coffey (grantee) for the W½ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T2N, R67W, dated May 13, 1912. Book 54, Page 87.

1917      Warranty Deed from John J. Coffey (grantor) to Oran A. Foley (grantee) for the W½ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T2N, R67W dated October 20, 1917. Book 80, Page 125.

1921      Mortgage between Oran A. and Rosella Foley (grantors) and Federal Land Bank, for the W½ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T2N, R67W, dated December 6, 1921. Book 113, Page 438.

1963      Transfer of Estate from Oran A. Foley (grantor) to H[arry] R. Foley (grantee), dated January 29, 1963. Book 1043, Page 587.

1963      Warranty Deed from Blanche Carpenter (grantor) to James H. Foley (grantee) for the W½ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T2N, R67W, dated March 12, 1963. Book 1052, Page 322.

1963      Mortgage between James H. Foley (grantor) and the Federal Land Bank of Wichita (grantee), dated March 12, 1963. Book 1052, p. 324.

2004      Warranty Deed from James H. Foley (grantor) to West 80 Investors LLC (grantee), dated October 4, 2004. No book and page number. Reception No. 04000979780.

Brighton Genealogical Society

1987a      "Foley, Oran A., *The History of Brighton, Colorado and Surrounding Area*. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corporation, pp. 390-391.

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General Land Office

1883 Railroad Grant Patent (No. 19) issued by the United States government to the Union Pacific Railway Company on May 10, 1883 for 78,014.045 acres located in Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado (including the N½ of Section 1, T2S, R67W). Available on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) website (<http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/Detail.asp?PatentDocClasCode=SER&Accession=OCOAA+039961&Index=3&QryID=46944.55&PF=true>), accessed February 5, 2010.

Norgren, Barbara

1995 [Historic Resources] *Survey Report, East 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension from U.S. 85 to Potomac Street, Adams County*. Unpublished survey report for the Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver, February 1995. On file at the Colorado Historical Society/ Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

U.S. Geological Survey

1944 *Brighton, Colorado Quadrangle* map. Scale 1:31,680. Surveyed in 1938.

1957 *Brighton Quadrangle* map. Colorado-Adams County. Scale 1:24,000. Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1954.

1994 *Brighton Quadrangle* map. Colorado-Adams County (Revised edition of 1965). Scale 1:24,000. Compiled from aerial photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1965. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1988 and other sources. Map revised in 1994.

Willitts, W.C.

1899 *Willitts Farm Map*. Published by W.C. Willitts, 1540 Market Street, Denver, February 1899. On file at the Denver Public Library, Western History Department.

Wootton, Roxxee

1985 "Silos," in Larimer County History, 1860s-1987. Arlene Ahlbrandt and Kathhryn Stieben (Dallas: Curtis Media Corporation), p. 149.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No  Date of designation: N/A

Designating authority: N/A

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern 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 represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Architecture

40. Period of significance: 1917-1930

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance: The Foley Farm, which was utilized for agricultural purposes from approximately 1918 until c. 2004, was one of numerous farms established in Adams County during the early twentieth century. Its history is rather obscure, and the paucity of documentation found during archival research suggests that Oran Foley was not a particularly well known or prosperous farmer. For these reasons, the Foley Farm does not appear to qualify for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under eligibility Criteria A or B. In terms of the architecture represented by the assemblage of intact structures on the Foley Farm, only the barn, silo and cattle or machine shed appear to be noteworthy examples of agricultural architecture forming an assemblage of generally intact, associated, and visually prominent structures. Because they retain integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association, these elements of the Foley Farm (only) are recommended as eligible for the NRHP under eligibility Criterion C.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Most of the buildings and structures on the Foley Farm are generally intact, but the agricultural setting of western Adams County has been substantially diminished by recent non-agricultural development, including construction of a large modern public school directly across the street.

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible        Not Eligible X Need Data       

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes        No X Discuss: The Foley Farm contains a number of agricultural buildings of uncertain age, function, and origin, and many are separated from one another visually by distance and vegetation such that they do not present as a cohesive entity that clearly reflects the various activities involved in a historic farming operation in Adams County.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing        Noncontributing       

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing        Noncontributing       

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers: 10, 13, 18, 19, 22, 26, 29, 33, 35, 38, 39, 41, 43, 46, 50, 56, 57, 63, 68, 71, 74, 78, 79, 98, 99, 114, 118, 125, 131, 139, 140, 144, 148, 154, 156, 160, 161, 181, 185, 187, 191, 194, 199  
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**Note: Map Not to Scale**

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Machine or Cattle shed

Tile block silo

Lumber pile

Ruined cattle chute

Granary bin

Hay trailer



Barn

Milk house?

Shed

Chicken coop

Unidentified gabled bldg.

Water well

Bldg. foundation

Lumber piles

Equipment shed?

Garage

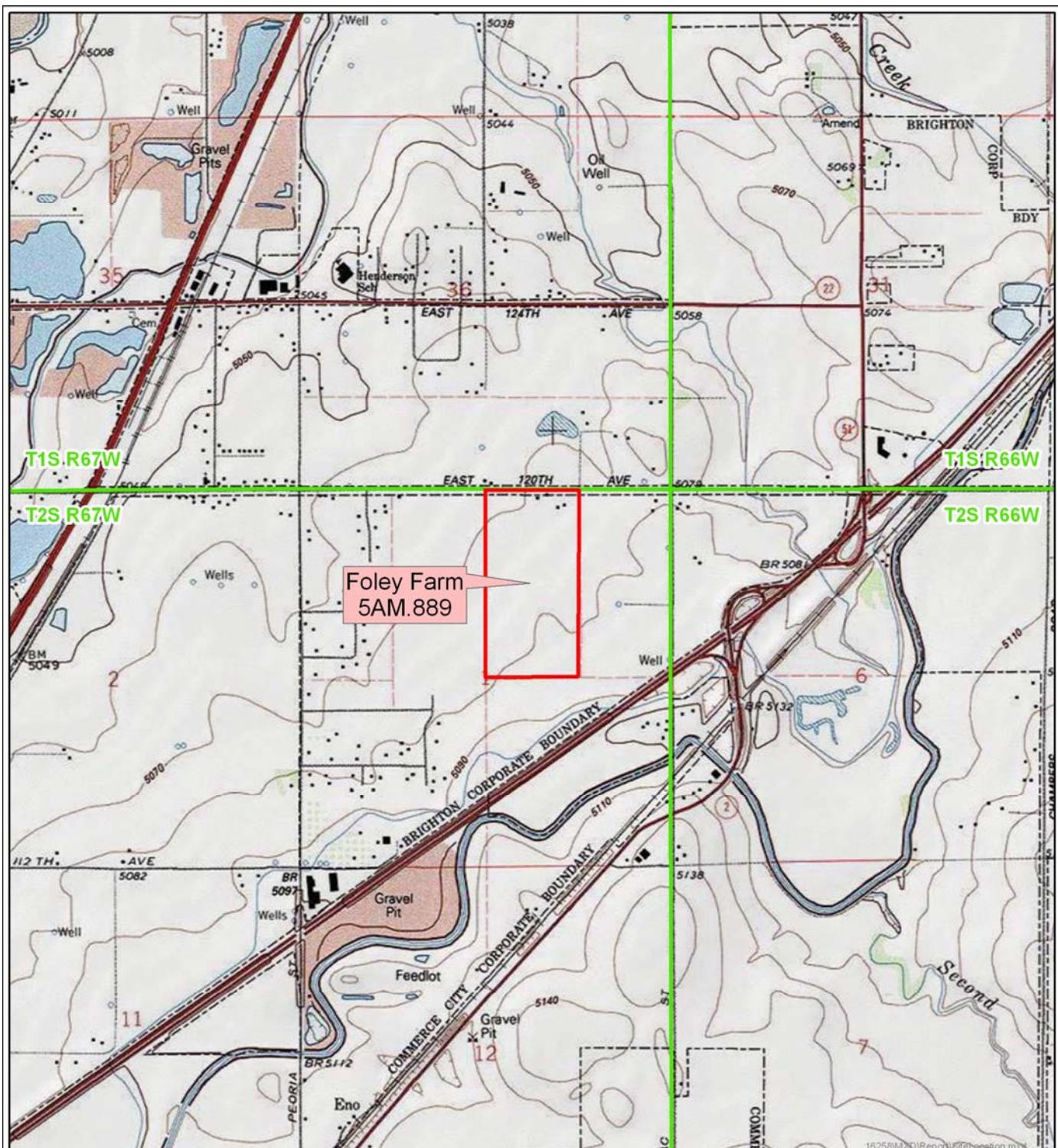
Farmhouse with additions

Outhouse

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### Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  Township/Range

Scale: 1:24,000  
Base Map: USGS 7.5' Topographic Map  
ESRI Online Service  
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Quadrangle: Brighton, CO (1994)  
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View of the Foley Farm (5AM.889), looking east from the south shoulder of 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



View of the Foley Farm (5AM.889), looking west from the south shoulder of 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Foley Farmhouse and domestic outbuildings are located in the cluster of trees.

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Barn, silo and other agricultural buildings on western area of site 5AM.889. View looking northwest.



Barn on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking southwest.

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South elevation of barn on Foley Farm (5AM.588).



Hay loft lifting apparatus, beneath east gable of barn on Foley Farm (5AM.588).

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Lean-to extension on southeast corner of barn on Foley Farm (5AM.889), looking northeast.



Interior of barn, Foley Farm (5AM.889).

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Wood frame extension on west end of barn attached to tile block silo, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northeast.

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Tile block silo located near west end of barn on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.

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Cattle or machine shed located close to 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.



Cattle or equipment shed on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking southeast.

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Chicken coop and small shed on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northeast.



Chicken coop on the Foley farm (5AM.889), south elevation.

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Small wood frame shed adjacent to chicken coop on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking southeast.



Small unidentified wood frame outbuilding on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.

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Milk house on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), a short distance east of barn,  
view looking northwest.



Façade of milk house on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking east.

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Prefabricated metal grain bin on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.



Agricultural building foundation on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking west-southwest.

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Vernacular farmhouse on the Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.



West elevation of farmhouse on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking east.

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East elevation of farmhouse on Foley Farm (5AM.889), showing old east and rear/north shed-roofed additions to original front-gabled dwelling. View looking west-northwest.



Detached wood frame garage near farmhouse, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.

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Detached garage or equipment shed near farmhouse, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking east-northeast.



Water well on Foley Farm (5AM.889), view toward barn looking northwest.

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Ruins of cattle loading chute located near barn, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northeast.



Old flatbed trailer made from truck chassis, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking northwest.

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Remains of swing set and slide located near farmhouse, Foley Farm (5AM.889), view looking wsst-northwest.