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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Stearns House
AND/OR COMMON

SDV 341 #23

N/A

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1030 Logan Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Denver

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE
Colorado

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

08

Denver

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/> SITE <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM <input type="checkbox"/> PARK <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Amber Properties Limited

STREET & NUMBER
1030 Logan Street

CITY, TOWN
Denver

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Colorado

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. City and County Building

STREET & NUMBER
1445 Cleveland Place

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE
Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>NA</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house at 1030 Logan consists of two stories plus an attic. It is made of white pressed brick which has been stuccoed and is trimmed in brick. The red-tiled roof is hipped with three chimneys which have arched openings and tile roofs. The exterior of the house is in the Mission style, while the interior is a central-hall-plan with Georgian-style trim.

The Mission style is carried out on the structure's exterior in round-arched windows and doorways at the first floor which are emphasized by radiating brick trim, and in an iron balustraded balcony at the second floor. Small arched windows covered with iron grill work flank the recessed entrance, which is reached across an open porch. Windows are double-sashed with pointed arch tracery in the upper sashes.

The facade is symmetrical with central portion recessed and the two side bays emphasized at the second story with brick quoins and a stringcourse.

The house sits up four or five feet from the street level and is separated from the street by a high stucco and masonry retaining wall. The wall has two embrasures inset with iron screens and a gate of ornamental iron.

The original single-family dwelling was converted to small apartments around 1940 without ruining the structure's fine interior. It later became a boarding and then a rooming house. It was restored in 1978 to a single family dwelling and then adapted to office use in 1980. The present owners have carefully preserved the flavor of a residence, retaining the kitchen and the gracious dining and living room. The exceptional interior contains four fireplaces, eleven foot ceilings, finely detailed woodwork and ceilings, recessed window seats and leaded glass windows.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harry T. E. Wendell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stearns residence is significant for its unique architecture, as an example of the work of architect Harry T. E. Wendell, and for its connection with the Joel W. Stearns family. The beautiful mansion at 1030 Logan is one of Capitol Hill's most unusual homes. In all of Emery's Capitol Hill Addition, one of the city's oldest, only a handful of homes show the influence of Spanish architecture. With its Mission characteristics, its symmetry and simple massing of elements, the home was ahead of its day. Almost fifteen years later the style became popular in Denver's new suburbs. The Rocky Mountain News took note of the unusual home when the Stearns family took possession of it in 1896. They called it "a very unique residence," a mixture of Spanish and Mexican styles that "never fails to attract notice from passers by." The use of white pressed brick was also unusual during the 1890's. The material became progressively more popular with builders after the turn of the century.

There are few remaining examples of the architect T. E. Wendell. Four of his works are listed as Denver Landmarks; the residence on Logan Street, the Pope-Thompson-Wasson House at 1320 Race Street, and the Ivy Chapel and Gate Lodge at Fairmont Cemetery. The two examples at Fairmont are in the Victorian Gothic style, while the two residences show Wendell's more progressive turn of mind.

The home at 1030 Logan Street was built for Joel Wilder Stearns and his family. Stearns was president and general manager of the Mountain Electric Company. He was born in Brooklyn in 1868 and educated at Columbia University. He came to Denver in 1885, established his company, and became one of the prominent young business and club men in the city. He lived in the Logan Street home with his wife Gertrude and son Joel, Jr. Through the years, without fail, the family name appeared in the Denver Social Register and newspapers constantly carried stories of their parties on the social pages. In the summers--when they were not living at their summer retreat at Estes Park--the Stearns often held garden parties under the arbor in the yard, strewing tables with fall leaves and spring flowers and entertaining their affluent neighbors at gourmet dinners.

Stearns died of typhoid in 1920 at the age of fifty-two. Mrs. Stearns, Joel Jr., who had taken over as president of the electric company, and Joel's wife Marion remained in the house. The two women occupied the home for only two years after Joel Jr.'s death in 1927.

The home had a series of owners and renters after the Stearn's family and began its slow decline from home to apartment to boarding house after 1940. Only recently has it regained its old beauty and begun to "attract notice from passers by."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Early Denver newspapers, City Directory, Blue Books

Morris, Langdon. Denver Landmarks Denver: Chas. W. Cleworth, 1979.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Englewood

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 3-4 inc., Block 2, Emery's Capitol Hill Addition

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE N/A CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE N/A CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Sharon Elfenbein

ORGANIZATION

Home Histories

STREET & NUMBER

170 Lafayette Street

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

DATE

May, 1981

TELEPHONE

722-8162

STATE

Colorado

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL N/A

STATE N/A

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William C. Hammond

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3-27-82

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you that the following properties have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places during the week beginning May 30 and ending June 5, 1982. For further information call (202) 272-3504.

ALABAMA, Madison County, Huntsville vicinity, McCrary House, NE of Huntsville (06/01/82)
ALABAMA, Madison County, Huntsville vicinity, Steger House (Dr. Howard Place) 3141 Maysville Rd. (06/01/82)

ARIZONA, Pima County, Tucson, Smith, Professor George E. P., House, 1195 E. Speedway (06/03/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Cochran Store (Evening Shade MRA), Main St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Coger House (Evening Shade MRA), Main St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Davidson, Sam, House (Evening Shade MRA), Catamack St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Edwards, W. A., House (Evening Shade MRA), Main St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, McCaleb, John, House (Evening Shade MRA), Main St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Metcalf House (Evening Shade MRA), Gin Dr. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Shaver, John W., House (Evening Shade MRA), Main St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Stokes House (Evening Shade MRA), Cammack St. (06/02/82)

ARKANSAS, Sharp County, Evening Shade, Wilkerson House (Evening Shade MRA), Sidney Rd. (06/02/82)

CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles County, Pasadena, South Marengo Historic District, S. Marengo Ave. (06/02/82)

CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, Saint Vincent Orphanage and School Building, 9: De La Vina St. (06/02/82)

COLORADO, Boulder County, Boulder, Williams, Wilbur, House, 1434 Baseline Rd. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, Chappell, Delos Allen, House (5DV320), 1555 Race St. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, Dow-Rosenzweig House, 1129 E. 17th Ave. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Denver, 600 Galapago (06/03/82)

✗ COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, Stearns House, 1030 Logan St. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, Union Warehouse, 1514 17th St. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, El Paso County, Colorado Springs, City Hall of Colorado City, 2902 W. Colorado Ave. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, El Paso County, Colorado Springs, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 26 W. Kiowa St. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Logan County, Sterling, First United Presbyterian Church (First Presbyterian Church), 130 S. 4th St. (06/03/82)

COLORADO, Logan County, Sterling, I and M Building, 223 Main St. (06/03/82)

