
637 Galapago Street

Landmark Designation Application #2018L - 010

City Council

February 11, 2019

Designation Applications



Community-driven process

- Owner(s) of the property
- Manager of Community Planning and Development
- Member(s) of City Council
- Three people who are
 - Residents,
 - Property owners, or
 - Have a place of business in Denver

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Owners/Applicants

- Eric Kratzer and Meghan Hinman Arthur

Neighborhood

- Lincoln Park

Council District

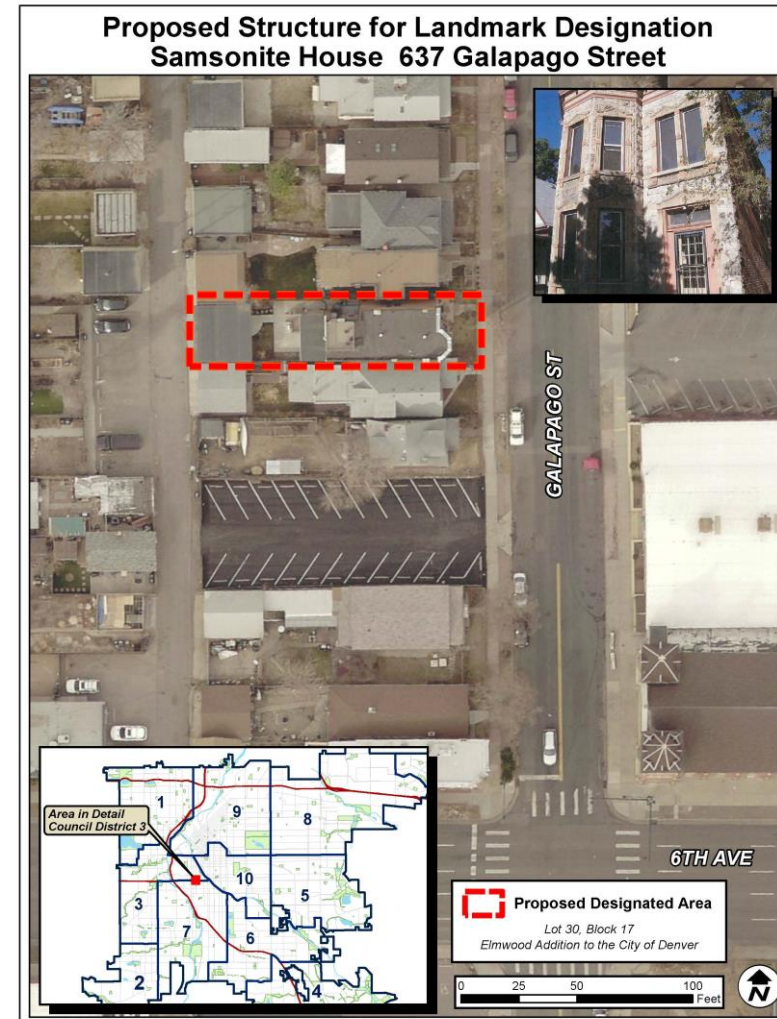
- #3, Paul Lopez

Blueprint Denver

- Area of Stability

Current Zoning

- U-RH-3A, UO-3



Landmark Designation Criteria

Property required to*:

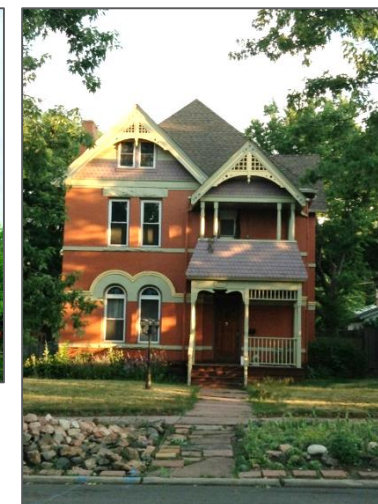
✓ Meet a designation criterion in at least two of the following categories:

1. History
2. Architecture
3. Geography

✓ Maintain historic and physical integrity

✓ Relate to a historic context or theme

** Per Landmark Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 30, Denver Revised Municipal Code)*



Landmark Designation Criteria

1. History – 30 years old, and shall:

- a. Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state or nation;
- b. Be the site of a significant historic event; or
- c. Have direct & substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society.

2. Architecture – design quality and integrity, and:

- a. Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type;
- b. Be the significant work of a recognized architect or master builder;
- c. Contain elements of architectural design...which represent a significant innovation
- d. Portray the environment of a group of people or physical development of an area in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

3. Geography:

- a. Have a prominent location or be an established, familiar and orienting visual feature of the contemporary city;
- b. Promote understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity;
- c. Make a special contribution to Denver's distinctive character.

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Designation Criterion 1A

1. History – 30 or more years old, and shall:
 - A. Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state, or nation



1553 Platte Street – Former Shwayder Trunk Mfg. Co. factory



Samsonite

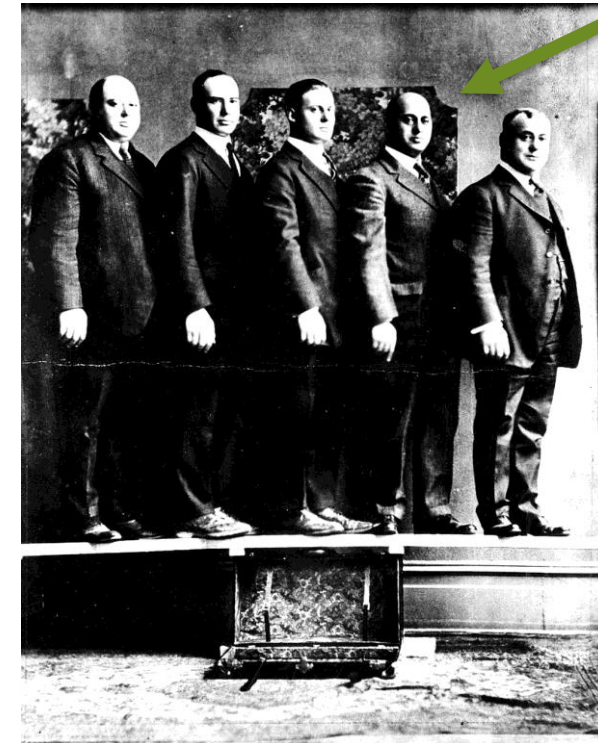
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Designation Criterion 1C

1. History – 30 or more years old, and shall:
 - C. Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society



The Shwayder Family in front of 637 Galapago St, 1905



Jesse Shwayder

"Strong Enough to Stand On," 1916

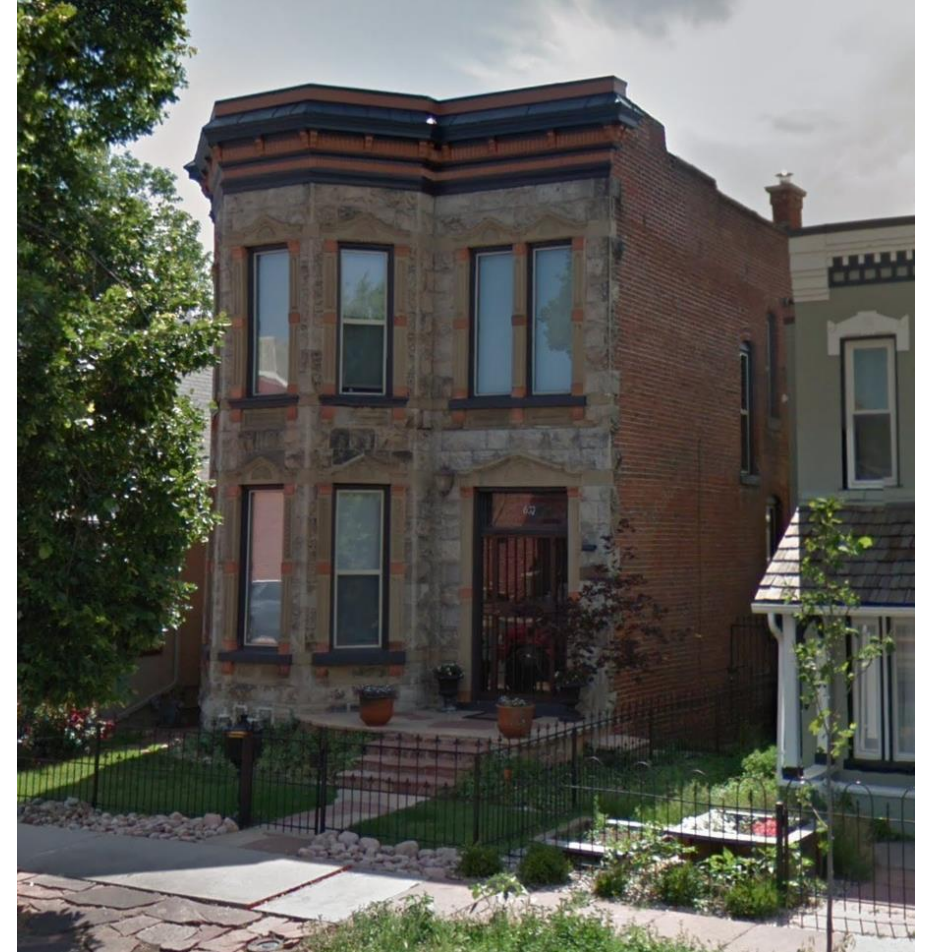
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Designation Criterion 2A

2. Architecture – design quality and integrity, and:
 - A. Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type

Italianate Style

- Row house form
- Tall, narrow windows
- Decorative brackets in flat-roofed cornice
- Prominent two-story bay window
- Polychrome rusticated rhyolite stone, red sandstone and yellow limestone façade
- Unique to the block



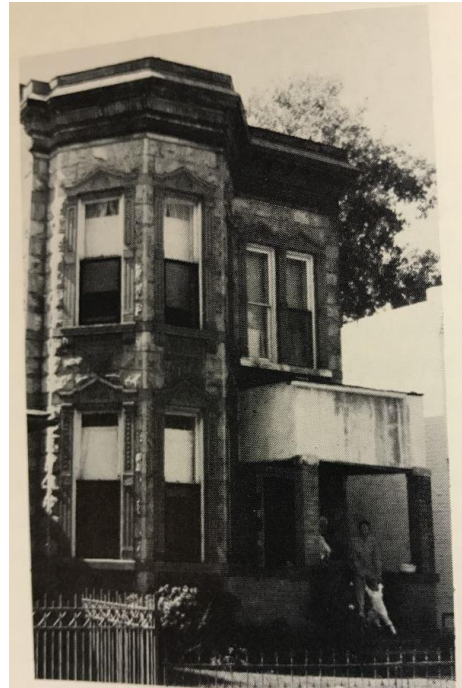
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Integrity

Maintain Historic and Physical Integrity: “The ability of a structure or district to convey its historic and architectural significance.”
“...recognized as belonging to its particular time and place in Denver’s history.”



1905



1977



2018

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Theme(s) or Context(s)

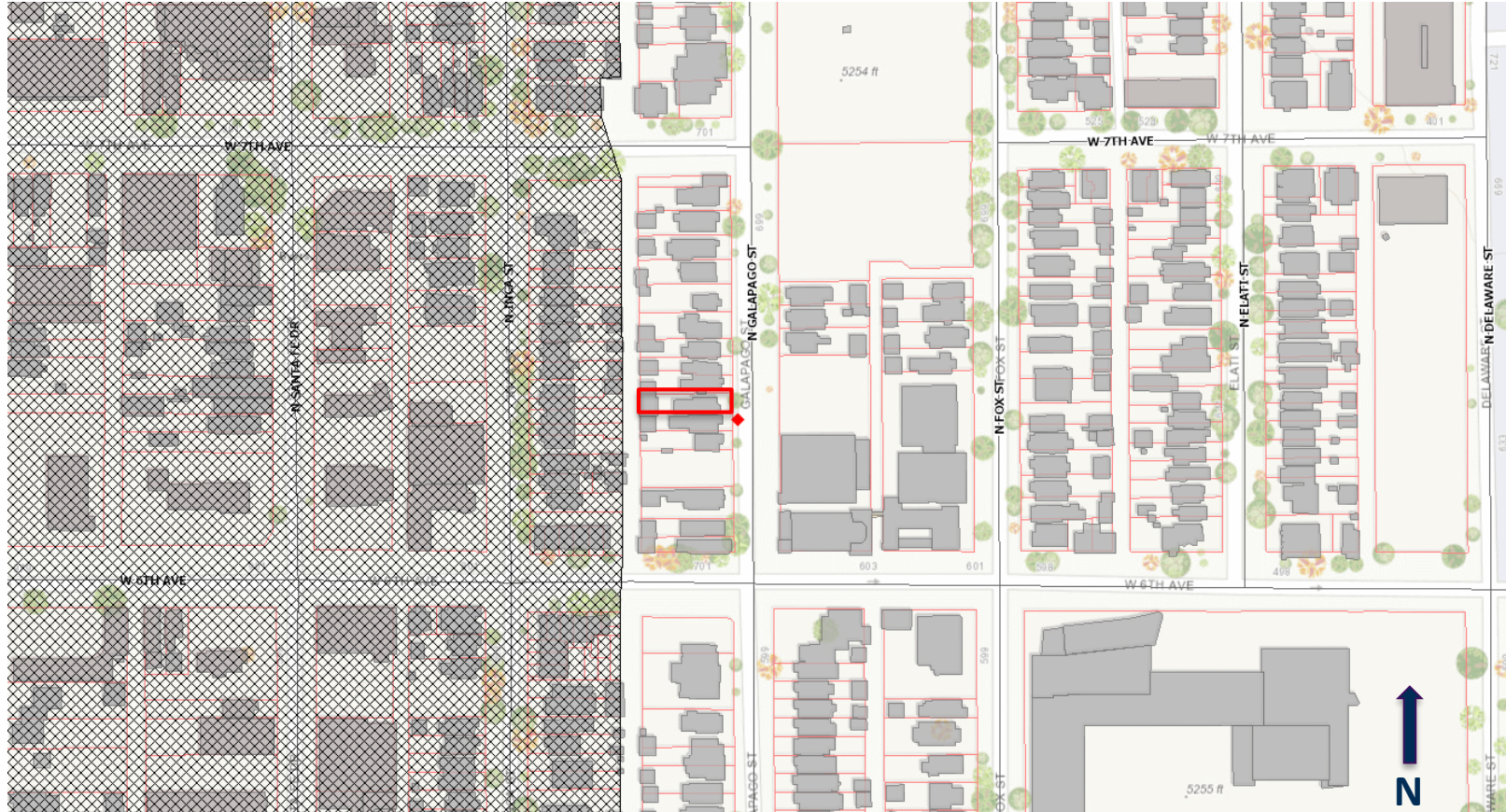
Relation to a historic context(s) or theme(s)

- Denver's growth at turn of 20th century due to increase in immigrant population
- Period of significance: 1890-1921



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Comprehensive Plan (2000) and Blueprint Denver (2002)



Blueprint Denver Areas of Change and Stability

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Review Criteria

- ✓ Meets three designation criteria in two categories
 1. History
 - a. Have direct association with the historical development of the city, state, or nation
 - c. Have direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society
 2. Architecture
 - a. Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type
- ✓ Maintains historic and physical integrity
- ✓ Relates to a historic context or theme