COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

PROJECT: Littleton Historic Resources Survey, 2000-01, SHF#2000-01-069
ADDRESS: 1860 W LITTLETON BLVD
LITTLETON, COLO. 80120
HISTORIC NAME: Knight/Wood Residence
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Heights

OWNER: DOWELL, PHYLLIS
000003 MEADOWBROOK CIR
LITTLETON CO 80120-4150

TOWNSHIP: 5S RANGE: 68W SECTION: 16 SE 1/4 SW 1/4
USGS 7.5' QUAD. NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965, r. 1994

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1920s
ACTUAL:
SOURCE: Sanborn map, 1932

PRESENT USE: Domestic/Single Dwelling

HISTORIC USE:
Domestic/Single Dwelling

CONDITION: Excellent

EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: Minor

DESCRIBE: CONT.? No

STYLE: Craftsman
STORIES: 1 1/2

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
One-and-a-half-story side gable roofed house; faces north. Overhanging eaves; exposed rafters; wood shingle roofing; tall, square painted brick chimney near the northeast corner. Gable roofed dormer on front with stuccoed walls; overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, and triangular braces; paired nine-over-one light windows. Stuccoed walls. Gable ends stuccoed; board course at bottom of gable face; triangular braces; paired nine-over-one-light windows. Wide 21-over-1 light window on porch to west of entrance; bay window with beveled walls on west wall with hipped roof, overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, three multi-over-single-light windows. Shed roofed porch at northwest corner with battered stuccoed piers atop stuccoed walls with overhanging cap; stuccoed stairwalls with cap; stairs covered with carpet. Two projecting gables to east of porch: west one has four 9-over-1-light windows with a 12-over-1-light window on the west side of the gable; and east gable has wide 21-over-1-light window. Interior woodwork and cabinets intact.

MOVED? No

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
INDIVIDUAL? Not Eligible
CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT? Yes

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION?
No
NAME:
DATE:

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? No
TYPE:

IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:

ADDITIONAL PAGES? No
This house (previously addressed as 621 Littleton Broadway) was constructed prior to 1932; it appears on the 1932 Sanborn fire insurance map, thus refuting the Assessor’s 1940 year of construction. E.J. and Alice Knight lived at this address in 1932. Mr. Knight was Superintendent of Schools for Littleton. Jere Crook later owned the house. The house was occupied during the 1950s by Millard D. and Cornelia Peck. Mr. Peck was a district inspector for the New York Life Insurance Co. The 1957 city directory indicated that he was retired. By 1959, the house was occupied by Dr. Wilbur D. "Abe" and Helen Wood. Dr. Wood, who grew up in Mankato, Minnesota, attended Macalester College and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He married Helen Nichols in Mankato in 1941 and served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. The Woods came to Littleton in early 1947 and began a medical practice with Dr. Ralph MacKenzie in a house on Prescott Street. They later moved the practice and were joined by other doctors in the Littleton Clinic, constructed 1950-51 at 1950 Littleton Blvd. Drs. Wood and MacKenzie also helped form Swedish Hospital, and Dr. Wood served as president of the Arapahoe County Medical Society. Dr. Wood continued his association with Littleton Clinic until 1982, when he retired and moved to Montrose, Colorado, where he died in May of that year. Helen Wood is listed at this address as late as the 1980 city directory. In 1985, offices for J.E. Berglund, an attorney, and others were located in the building.

LITTLETON LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY:

INDIVIDUAL? Yes CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT? Yes DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Heights

SIGNIFICANCE CATEGORIES:
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:
- REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
- POSSESS HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
- REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:
- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
- CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
This house was associated with Dr. Wilbur D. Wood and his wife, Helen. Dr. Wood was a founder of the Littleton Clinic and the Woods lived here for more than twenty years. The house is a good example of the Craftsman architectural style in Littleton, as reflected in its overhanging eaves and exposed rafters, triangular braces, and multi-over-single light windows.

REFERENCES:
- Littleton Independent, 7 Nov. 1947, 1; 4 May 1978, 2; 19 May 1982; Sanborn fire insurance map, 1932; Littleton City Directories, 1920-1947; Rick Cronenberger, telephone interview with T.H. Simmons, 28 September 2001.
