HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

PROJECT: Littleton Historic Resources Survey, 2000-01, SHF#2000-01-069

ADDRESS: 5603 S Prescott St
LITTLETON, COLO. 80120

HISTORIC NAME: Eson/Malcolm Residence

OWNER: JOHNSON, NICK L & JO-LINN JT TEN

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:
ESTIMATE: 1926
ACTUAL: 1926
SOURCE: Arapahoe County Assessor

PRESENT USE: Domestic/Single Dwelling

HISTORIC USE: Domestic/Single Dwelling

CONDITION: Excellent

EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: Minor
DESCRIBE: Flat roof brick garage attached at rear, north. Air conditioner in window on north.

STYLE: Dutch Colonial Revival

MATERIALS: Brick, Wood, Stucco

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
Two-story side gambrel roof dwelling with green tile roofing, overhanging boxed eaves, and full-height brick chimney with one arched shoulder on north wall. Shed roof dormer on front has stuccoed walls and paired 6/1-light double-hung sash windows with wide wood surrounds flanking a center window of same style. Gable faces are also stuccoed and have three double-hung sash windows and pent roofs clad with tile. Walls composed of raked, brown brick in variegated shades. Brick foundation and beltcourse with basement windows. Center paneled door has eight-light sidelights with paneling. Entrance has arch of contrasting brick. Projecting gable roof porch with full-height columns atop brick bases shelters brick steps. Paired 6/1-light double-hung sash windows with shutters flank porch. Historic wrought iron fence on north edge of lawn. Flat roof attached brick garage at rear.

MOVED? No
DATE(S) OF MOVE:

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
INDIVIDUAL? Eligible

CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT? Yes

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION? No
NAME:
DATE:

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? Yes
TYPE: Garage (attached)

IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS:

ADDITIONAL PAGES? No
**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:**
This house, previously addressed as 191 and 193 N. Sherman, was built in 1926 according to the Arapahoe County Assessor. The obituary of Marjorie Malcolm Freppel in the files of the Littleton Historical Museum states that this house was built by druggist E.D. Eson. In 1938 this was the residence of Beulah Louisa Davies, a teacher, who was born in Idaho Springs in 1903 and moved to Littleton in 1906. Her parents were John and Mary Davies, who lived at 1797 Powers. Beulah Davies graduated from Littleton High and attended college in Kansas. She taught physical education and science in Englewood and Littleton and became the last Arapahoe County superintendent of schools. She later lived at her family home on Powers and died in 1986. By the early 1950s, this was the home of George and Marjorie Malcolm. Mr. Malcolm's family moved to Littleton about 1913 because of his mother's health. His father, J.D. Malcolm, operated a tire store on Main Street. George attended Barnes Business School in Denver and went to work for Littleton State Bank (later Littleton National Bank). He became cashier and worked there until his retirement, continuing to serve on the board of directors and as chairman of the loan committee. He served as mayor in 1948-1952, widening Main Street, paving many city streets, enlarging the town's water capacity, and erecting a modern sewage disposal facility. In 1938 he married Marjorie Langworthy, who succeeded him on the bank board of directors. Mr. Malcolm acquired buildings on Main Street and renovated them. He was a founder of the Arapahoe Country Club and president of the Welshire golf association. His obituary stated, "Other men may have accomplished more, but Mr. Malcolm achieved his goals without crushing any property owners. He developed a sound community that attracted industries and thousands of new residents. For this, Littleton respects his memory."

**LITTLETON LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY:**

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<th>INDIVIDUAL?</th>
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**SIGNIFICANCE CATEGORIES:**

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:**
- Represents the work of a master
- Possesses 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 is associated with prominent Littleton residents such as E.D. Eson, Beulah Davies, and George Malcolm. The house is one of the best preserved examples of the Dutch Colonial Revival style in Littleton, as reflected in the gambrel roof, front dormer, elaborated entrance, symmetrical facade, and porch with column supports.

**REFERENCES:**
Littleton County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1932-1962; Littleton Historical Museum, Biographical files.

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