

Jim Norris Interview
Oct 1, 1997
Notes by Marilyn Schroeder

MANDALAY SCHOOL
10290 Wadsworth Blvd.
Broomfield, CO 80021-4034

Mandalay School, District 25, was established in 1925 and continued until the 1954⁸ organization of Jefferson County Schools R-1. It was created with donations of land, materials, and labor. Frank Church donated the land as well as building materials from a bunkhouse being taken down at his ranch. Frank Miller, a local miner, donated his labor to hand dig the basement. Others provided other labor and in this manner the one room school was established.

In approximately 1939, the school population could support a second teacher so Lester Newton volunteered the materials and labor to build a movable partition making it a two room school. Mr. Newton also provided the water for the school from his well next door and it was the job of upper grade boys to carry it each morning.

The school remains much as it was although the entrance has been relocated to a different side with a additional area added. The grounds are the same and probably the metal fence that surrounds the property. Also remaining are the two out buildings that were once restrooms, one for the girls and once for the boys. The playground area still has three of the four trees, one planted in each corner one Arbor Day when Jim was in third or fourth grade. Also buried that day was a quart jar holding a paper with each student's name that participated that day.

On July 22, 1937 Jim's parents had an aerial photograph made of their 40 acre farm and the surrounding area. This framed photograph was given to the Mandalay Historical Society in memory of Jim's parents, James R. and Virginia Norris. It is hanging on the wall of the school. The Mandalay School building is currently leased to Heritage Christian School by the Mandalay Historical Society.

Interview and driving tour
Notes by Marilyn Schroeder
Oct 1, 1997

Jim Norris
7160 Saulsbury Circle
Arvada, CO
424-2511

Jim Norris's family moved to Mandalay Gardens Community in April of 1930 when Jim was four months old. His family home remained there until his mother sold the property after his father's death. He, his brother and sister walked 3/8 mile to the Mandalay School. Jim attended 1935-1943, grades one through eight. He graduated from Arvada High School in 1947. During two of his later high school years he was hired to prepare both of the District 25 schools for the new school years. Cutting and splitting the year's supply of wood, oiling the wooden floors, general cleaning and dusting were the main responsibilities. Jim was also well aware of the location of the Mandalay Station. When the station was no longer in use his father contracted the job of dismantling it in exchange for the materials. Jim remembers helping with this job. He was an excellent primary source.

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February 27, 1985

Jump samples two Mandalays

*"On the road to Mandalay,
Where the flyin' fishes play, An'
the dawn comes up like thunder
out of China 'crost the bay." —*

From "Barrack-Room Ballads"
by Rudyard Kipling

By Larry Barszewski
Denver Post Correspondent

The white one-room schoolhouse, tattered by weather and aging, stands in stark contrast to the new \$7 million junior high facility.

The 1920s wooden structure evokes an image of barefoot students in overalls clapping chalk dust from erasers. Its modern counterpart creates the impression of students in Van Halen T-shirts plugging programs into computers.

Besides education, the only thing the two schools have in common is their name: Mandalay.

Mandalay Junior High School, 9651 Pierce St., opened its doors to 1,200 students this year and was formally dedicated Sunday. Mandalay School at Olde Wadsworth Boulevard and West 103rd Avenue still stands, but classes ended there in the mid-1950s as a rising student population exceeded capacity.

Mandalay Bible School now uses the building.

Where the name Mandalay came from remains in doubt, although

the surrounding area was developed in 1923 as Mandalay Gardens.

As near as Mary Jump can figure, the name was chosen because of a popular song of the time, a Rudyard Kipling ditty about the exotic Orient city of Mandalay.

Jump, 75, taught at the school in 1927-28, just a few years after it opened, and again in 1930-31. She retired from teaching in 1974, having sampled both the modern classroom and the schools of yesteryear.

Both have their advantages, she said. Schoolhouses used to be the centers of communities, but the new larger schools offer students many more opportunities, she said.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the community schools," Jump said. "Everything was different in those days. The school was the center of the community. There was a togetherness of the community."

Jump enjoyed reminiscing, but said she has mixed feelings about the past.

"There are a lot of things from the 'good old days' that I wouldn't want to go through again," Jump said.

Mandalay and Lorraine School made up their own school district back in the 1920s. Jump taught two years at each school and then

spent nine years, from 1931 to 1940, at Fremont Elementary School. She retired to rear her two children, but was forced to return to work in 1951 after her husband died of a heart attack.

The Jefferson County School District had just been incorporated. Jump taught for three years at Semper, another one-room school, until the new district was able to build larger schools. From 1955 to 1974, she taught at Secrest Elementary School.

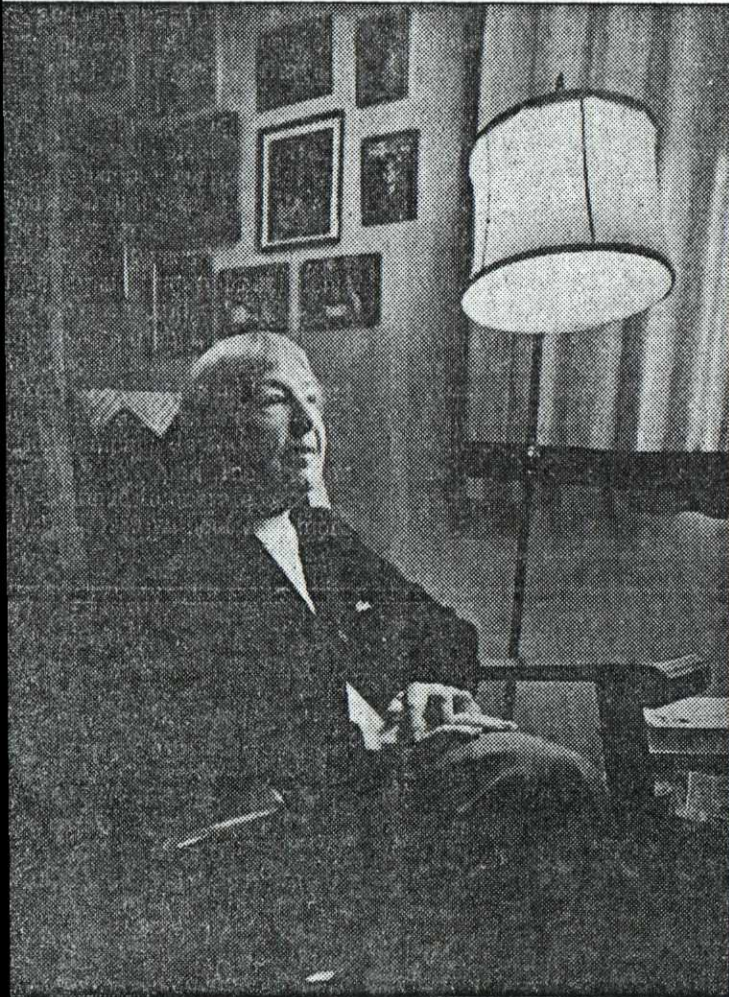
She was born and raised on a ranch in the Mandalay area and now lives in Arvada.

Near the new junior high, housing developments are coming up like thunder, crowding the horizon to the east of the school.

However, there is still a clear view of the mountains to the west — mountains that Jump went to with her father, driving cattle for grazing in the Caribou area.

Between the mountains and the school are many small plots of land, with horses here and there, not changed too greatly from a half-century earlier.

And just to the northwest, a little white schoolhouse shimmers in the sunshine. On the road to Mandalay.



Mark Guss

Mary Jump has mixed feelings about the early days of teaching.

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Church Ranch

Broomfield, Colorado

Aug. 21, 1956

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following are the facts as I remember them, concerning the Mandalay school building and plot of land upon which it was built.

My husband John Frank Church and myself entered into a sales contract with the Denver Post Colonization Organization in 1923 to subdivide and sell small tracts of land which we owned in School District #25, Jefferson County, Colorado. The Church's were later known as Mandalay Gardens, Inc.

A substantial number of tracts were sold and new people moved into the community, thereby creating a schooling problem. The Church's offered to donate a school site, a six room building, \$1600 and a furnace installed, and the residents of Mandalay Gardens offered to dismantle the old ~~school~~ ^{building}, dig the basement and completely build a new school, which was proposed to be leased by the School District # 25.

The offer was accepted by the then School Board of District # 25, and the Mandalay School was built without cost to the district. The Church's or Mandalay Gardens, Inc., furnished the land and material, and the residents the labor.

A deed to the property, at no cost, was furnished the School District, later, when encumbrance on this and other lands could be cleared.

In as much as this school was built for use in this community, and that in the probably not to distant future it will again be in demand as a school building in this community, I respectfully urge that the building be left at its present location, and that the contract with the Mandalay Community Center be continued until needed by School District # 25.

Yours very truly,

Katherine E. Church

Place Name Entry Form

Place Name: Mandalay Middle School, Jefferson County Schools, R-

Code: E

Address/Location Description: 9651 Pierce Westminster, 80021

Quad Map and Date: Arvada, 1965 (1980)

Section/Township/Range: S14, T2S, R69W

Elevation: C. 5390

Information Sources: Interview, Kathy Tully, Jefferson County School,
Property Management
"Denver Post," April 3, 1985, "Neighbors Section.

See Other Place Names Ref:

See Also References:

Date of Initial Entry: 11-1-97

Person Making Initial Entry: MRL-97

Date of Latest Entry:

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History: Mandalay Middle School opened in 1984 as Mandalay Junior High on a year round schedule with 1,200 students. It was reorganized into Mandalay Middle School, grades 7th and 8th, in 1990. Its current enrollment is 970 students. The School Names committee, Lloyd Gorrell, Ruth Stockton, and Virginia Weigand, named Mandalay Junior High School in 1983. Since then, these area schools are called Middle Schools.

Place Name Entry Form

Place Name: Mandalay Station

Code: R

Address/Location Description: c.7253 W. 105th Pl. Broomfield, 80021
Denver & Interurban Railroad Time Table No.5
Milage Measurement =12.14 miles from D.&I.JCT

Quad Map and Date: Lafayette, 1965(photo revised 1979)

Section/Township/Range: S14, T2S, R69W

Elevation: c.5350

Information Sources: Interview, James Norris, Mandalay Resident, 1997.
Denver & Interurban Railroad, Time Table No.5.
Jones & Forrest, "Denver: A Pictorial History", p.48.
Jones & Holley, "The Kite Route, Story of the
Denver & Interurban Railroad",
pp. 29, 31, 65, 93, 150.

See Other Place Names Ref: Middleton, "The Interurban Era", pp.250-255.

See Also References:

Date of Initial Entry: 11-1-97

Person Making Initial Entry: MRL

Date of Latest Entry:

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History: Mandalay Station was a structure with two intersecting walls and roof to provide weather protection for the customers of the Interurban Railroad. It was located 12.14 miles from the JCT in Denver. Time Table No.5 which is not dated lists Mandalay. Consecutive time tables were not available, however, a Jan., 1925 omits Mandalay but lists a Churches Road Crossing at 12.15 mile into the route on the other side of the track. Mandalay Station was dismantled when it was no longer in use. It was probably ^{named} for the Rudyard Kipling song, "On the Road to Mandalay."

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Place Name Entry Form

Place Name: ~~Wadsworth~~ Mandalay Elementary School

Code: E

Address/Location Description: 10290 Wadsworth Blvd., Broomfield, 80021-4034

Quad Map and Date: Lafayette, 1965 (photo revised 1979)

Section/Township/Range: S14, T2S, R69W

Elevation: c.5330

Information Sources: Interview, James Norris, Mandalay graduate, 1997
Interview, Wilma Boehme, Mandalay Historical Society, 1997.
Record Book for District No. 25, 1880-1917; "West Neighbors," Feb, 27, 1985; "Jump Samples Two Mandalays."

See Other Place Names Ref: Mandalay Station

See Also References: Lorraine Elementary School

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Person Making Revisions:

History: Mandalay School, District 25, was established in 1928 with donated land, building materials, and labor from the local residents. It began as a one room school for grades one through eight. Later the student enrollment supported a second teacher and a dividing partition was built in the center. It housed grades one through four at the time of its 1954 closure with the creation of Jefferson County R-1 School District. The building has many other uses over the years and is currently leased to Heritage Christian School and American Reformed Church by the Mandalay Historical Society. Mary Jump, who taught at Mandalay 1927-1928 a few years after it opened, and again, 1930-1931. She presented the "District Number 25 Minute Book, 1879-1924, to the Arvada Historical Society in 1985.

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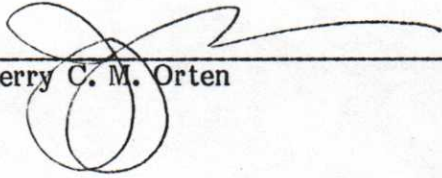
To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank you for the courtesy and promptness which you showed to my request for copies of your corporate documents. They will be of great assistance to me in my reincorporation of the Mandalay Community Center, now known as the Mandalay Historical Society.

Once again, thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

ORTEN & HINDMAN, P.C.

By 
Jerry C. M. Orten

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A PIONEER
(From an interview with Mr. Frank Church).

In 1875 all of the grass in this section of Colorado dried up. Mr. Church's father had a herd of six hundred cattle which he moved to Hughso. His cattle grazed near Hughso until 1879 when a severe drought struck the plains. Mr. Church found it necessary to move his cattle again. He selected a spot on the Eagle river where the town of Eagle now stands. By this time the herd had increased to seventeen hundred head of cattle.

When the drivers had moved the herd beyond Dillon they found the valleys all ablaze. It was the period of the Ute uprising and the Meeker Massacre. It was impractical to continue on to the site selected since the burned over meadows would afford little feed for the winter. The herd was turned down the Blue and the winter was spent on the site of Green Mountain Dam. The weather was severe and by spring of the herd of seventeen hundred only two hundred fifty remained. Mr. Church then sent the herd in charge of his son two hundred miles north of Cheyenne, Wyoming to a place on the Cheyenne River thirty miles north of the present city of Douglas, Wyoming. In two years time this herd had made for their owner \$15,000.

The first wheat to be raised by dry farming methods was raised on the Thompson farm which is a couple of miles east of Mandalay School. The original Thompson family still live on this farm.

The first creek south of the Mandalay School is called Woman Creek. Many years before the coming of the white settlers a white woman was supposed to live there. Settlers found the remains of the old cabin and well which substantiated the story. The remains of the old well can still be seen.

Supplies were very dear before the coming of the railroad. Mr. Church recalls that his father drove an old "democrat" wagon to Denver and brought back a thousand dollars worth of groceries and supplies. Flour sold as high as a hundred dollars a sack.

The wood in the water tank at Mr. Church's ranch is from the old Zang Brewery in Denver, the first brewery in Colorado. The brewery was built in 1859.

When Mr. Church was five years he awakened one morning to see a huge party of Indians passing his father's ~~place~~ on the old stage coach trail. It was estimated there were 500 in the party. Paposes and belongings were strapped to travois drawn by ponies. They were moving in a leisurely and orderly manner somewhat like soldiers on the march.

In 1873 Mr. Church's father had smallpox. His brothers and brother in law died. Travelers on the old trail were so afraid of the disease that they wouldn't pass the house. They made a wide detour. One terribly stormy night a lady knocked at the door and ask for shelter. Mrs. Church replied that the travelers were welcome but that there had been small-pox in the house. The lady choose facing the small-pox rather than freezing. Later she wrote to Mrs. Church that they had escaped getting the disease.

When President Grant and his daughters stayed over night at Church's Tavern Mrs. Church had a long visit with the President. The next day the party went on to the Central City. The President's coach drawn by six fine gray horses was a very pretty sight. Bill Updyke, one of the finest reinsmen in the West, was the driver. Nellie Grant rode on the box. Going up precipitous Gay Hill Nellie became frightened. She caught Updyke's arm and exclaimed, "My life is in danger", "Isn't mine too?", "replied Bill dryly.

In the early days fine pitch pine posts were cut from the foot hills near Coal Creek Canon. Some of these posts are in use to-day on the Swadley Ranch near Arvada.

Mr. Church's father got coal from surface outcroppings at Marshall.

See M. was Wm Haggart of the Denver Post -
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In place of Mr Lee M - was Mr Hoggatt of the Denver Post -
who founded Mandalay. - Mrs J. Church -

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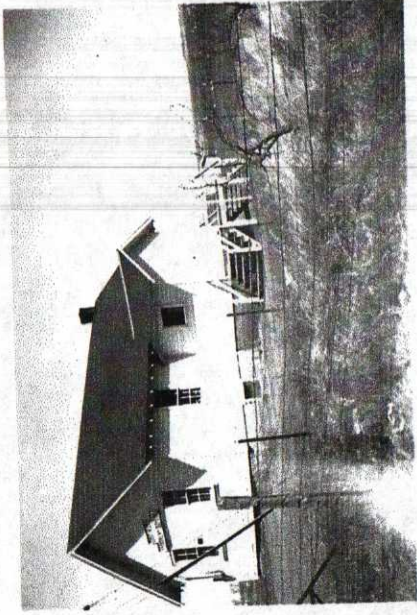
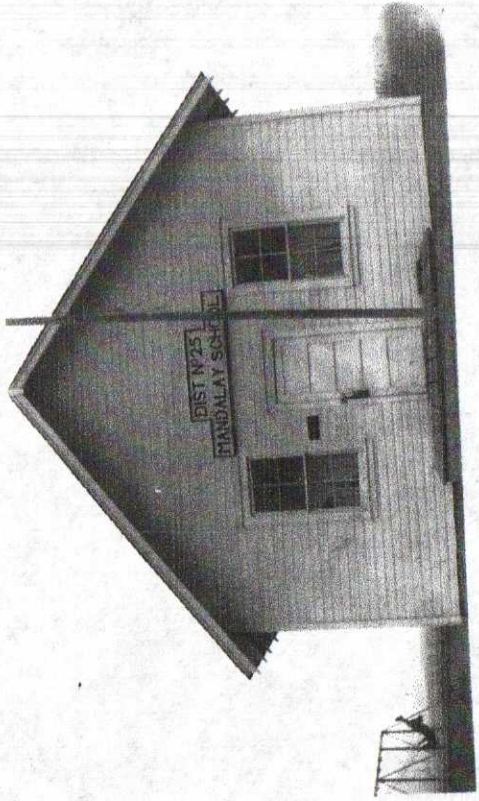
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Fourteen years later school closed with fifteen pupils, but when school opened in September, 45 youngsters appeared. The district employed a second teacher. A green cloth curtain hung across the center made two rooms. Both lady teachers were redheaded, but to the glorification of redheads, they were peaceful and friendly, even though at the close of the school day they were voiceless due to the effort of making themselves heard. By the next year a wooden partition supplanted the curtains making two convenient rooms.

Today our attractive building has modern operating facilities. The splendid community cooperates and supports Mandalay School in its every undertaking.

With the educational progress being made in Jefferson County the Mandalay School of Tomorrow will surely become a source of even greater opportunity and accomplishment.

In closing, may I pay tribute to the efforts of yesterday, to offer gratitude and thankfulness for the opportunities of today, and to expect the achievement of highest hopes and greatest endeavors in the school of tomorrow. Blessed with the right to live in the U. S. under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, we feel that we are the happiest and most highly privileged good citizens on earth.



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Exterior and interior





Mandalay
grounds

Elm tree
planted on
an Arbor Day
(north west
corner)



The two white buildings in the
corners are the former boys' and
girls' bathrooms. Another Arbor
Day tree is in the northeast corner

Mandalay Station Area
nearest current address:
c. 7253 W 105th Pl
Broomfield 80021



An easterly view from mile marker 12

A westerly view from mile marker 12



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| 1. Rollin Roth | 18. Verna Welsh |
| 2. Joseph Meininger | 19. Oliver Maypole |
| 3. Billy Maypole | 20. Cleonora Welsh |
| 4. George Higley | 21. Howard Higley |
| 5. Robert Rothfuss | 22. Donna Beasley |
| 6. Glenn Solomon | 23. Nina Solomon |
| 7. Helma Pigman | 24. Dorothy Roth |
| 8. MRS Wheeler | 25. Leslie Beasley |
| 9. Donald Clements | 26. Jack Roth |
| 10. Merton Roth | 27. Orville Addington |
| 11. Billie Addington | 28. Tommy Asst |
| 12. Leah Higley | 29. Walter H Asst |
| 13. Howard Solomon | 30. Dean Roth |
| 14. Robert Clements | 31. Mark Higley |
| 15. James Norris | 32. Ayré Papst |
| 16. Gertrude Roth | 33. Dale Higley |
| 17. Grace Solomon | 34. Allen Dean Beasley |

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Code: E

ADDR/LOC: 9651 Pierce St.

CITY: Arvada

STATE: CO

ZIP CODE: 80003

QUAD MAP: Arvada

Section: 14

Elevation: 5384

DATE OF MAP: Built after 1980

Township: 2 S Range: 69 W

INFORMATION SOURCE/S: Mandalay Junior High School Records.

SEE OTHER PLACE NAME REFERENCES: Lorraine Mandalay Elementary School, 103rd Ave.
and Wadsworth Blvd.

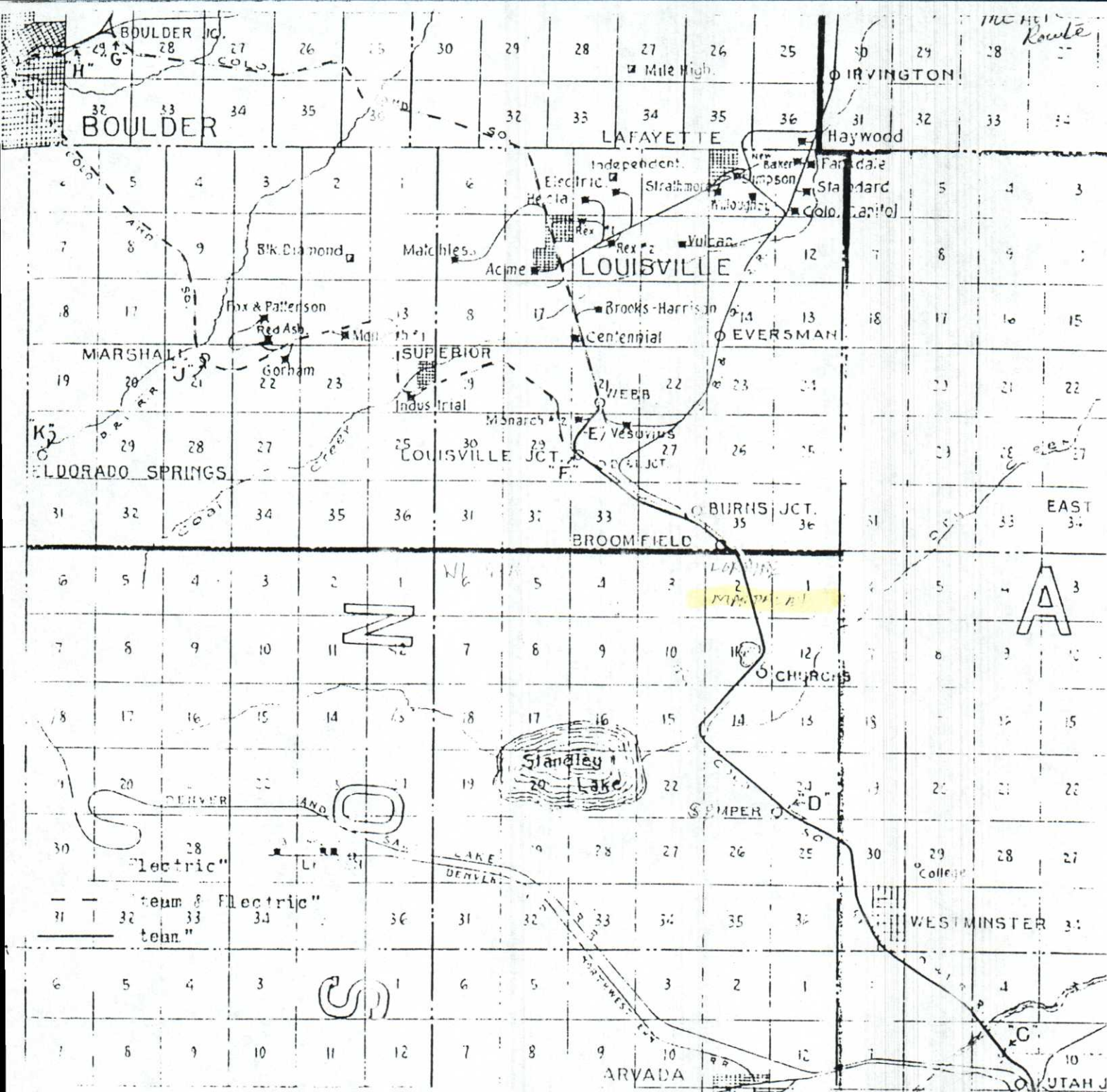
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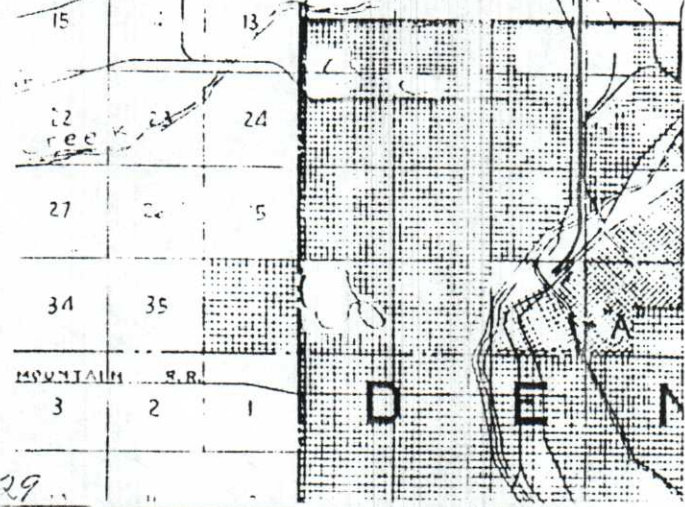
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"D" to "E" & "F" over line leased from C&S	
Semper to Sunnyside Mine & Louisville Jct.....	8.19
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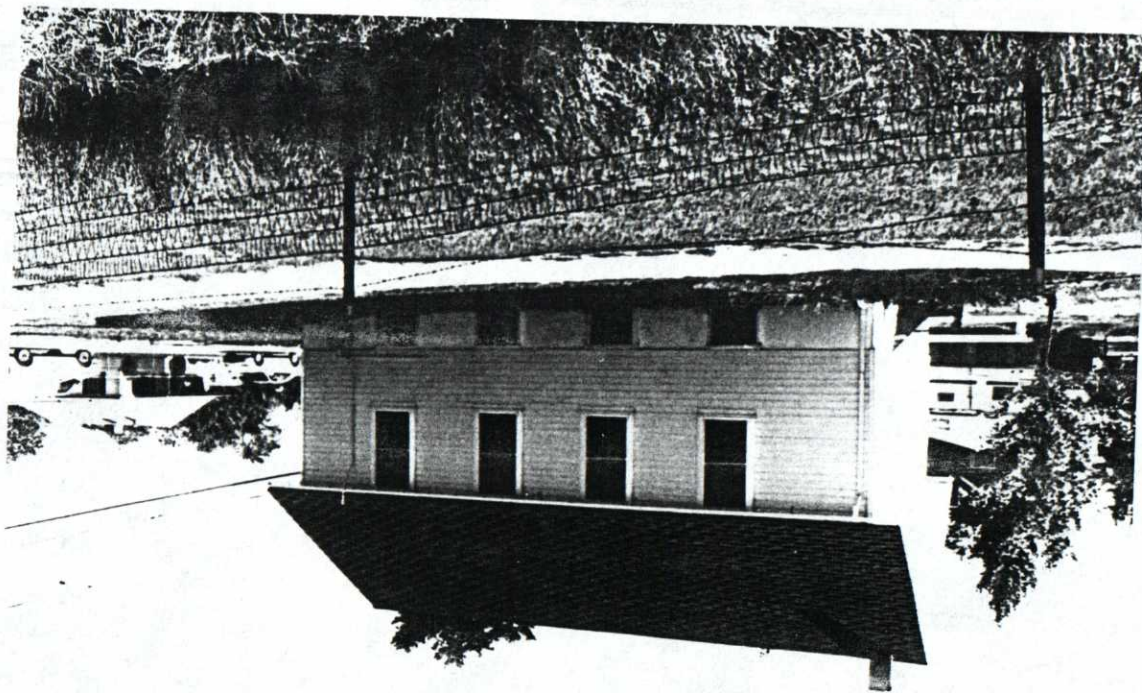




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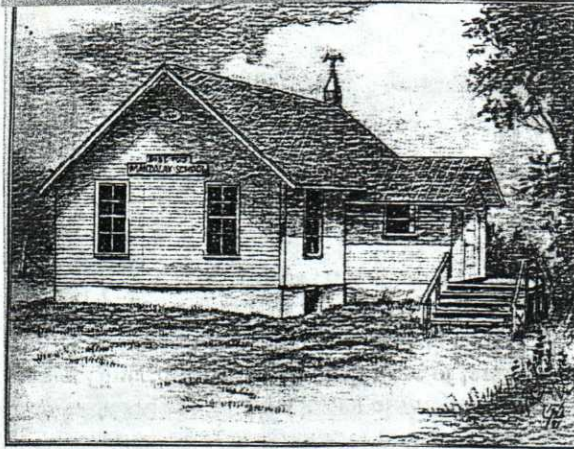


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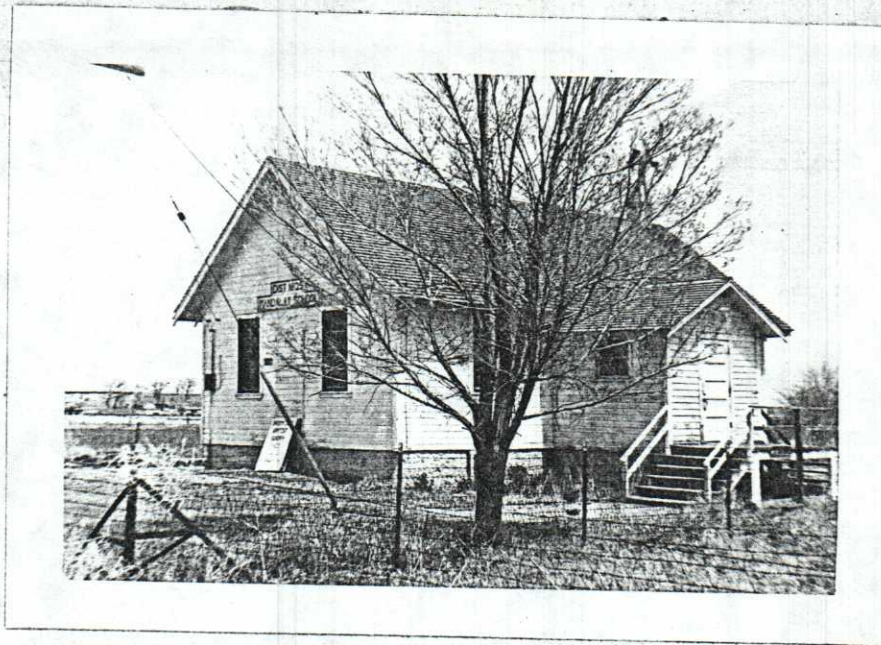
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Circa 1939 - 40 the school was divided into two rooms and the entrance was moved from the west side to the south side. Electricity was installed in the school at that time. Bill Norris recalls when a tree was planted on Arbor Day the teacher wrote down the names of everyone that was there and sealed it into a fruit jar and put it in with the new tree (he did not recall the date)

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Description of Property and Other Improvements

Main Building: This is a frame building on approximately one-half acre of land, approximately 24'6" x 40'0" in over-all dimensions. The building is in fair condition with a basement furnace, coal fired. The roof is a wood shingle in poor condition.

Water Supply: None.

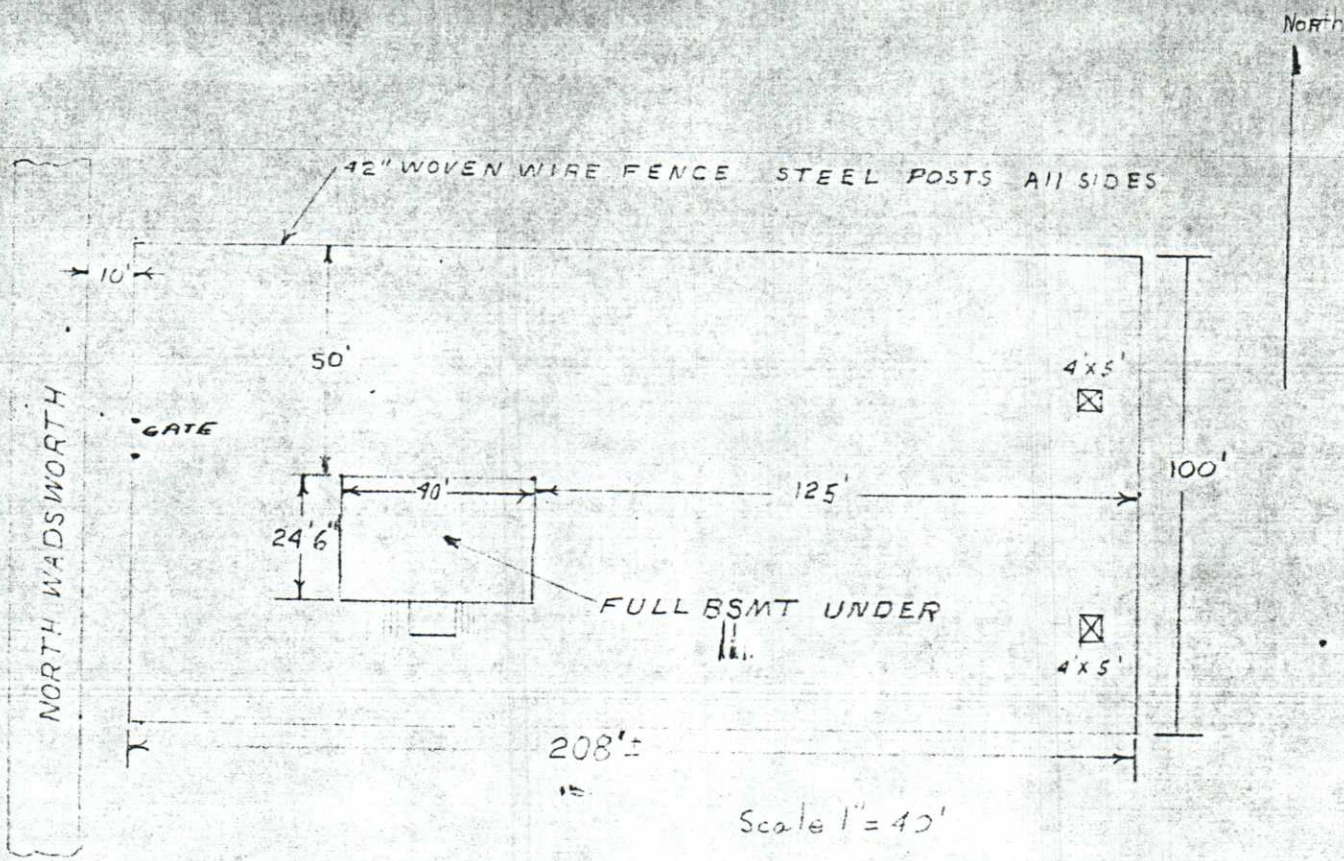
Other Utilities: None

The building is presently being used by a local Baptist Church. There is no water on the property and the building could be moved to another site.

*Schraeder
+ Shea research*

MANDALAY GARDENS ELEMENTARY
Wadsworth at West 95th Avenue
Section 14, T2S, R69W

A.D. # 25



LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Two (2) South, Range Sixty-Nine (69) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, described as follows:

"Beginning at the Northwest (NW) corner of the tract which is at a point whence the North Quarter Corner of Section Fourteen (14), marked by an iron pin, bears North 4°6' West 717.3 feet and the Northwest (NW) Corner of Section Fourteen (14), a properly marked and authentic Government stone, bears North 75°8' West 2845 feet, and running thence along the East line of Wadsworth Avenue, South 20°54' East 107.1 feet to the Southwest (SW) corner: thence South 89°55' East 200 feet to the Southeast (SE) Corner; thence North 0°5' East 100 feet to the Northeast (NE) Corner; thence, following the South line to Lea Drive, North 89°55' West 238.6 feet to the Northwest (NW) Corner and place of beginning which parcel or tract is also known and designated as Tract #57B on the unrecorded maps and plats of Mandalay Gardens."

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Mr. Marcus Church to Mr. Meade Abbott via telephone on 1-23-65
(Paraphrasing)

1. Mandalay School (also Mandalay Gardens School) 95th & Wadsworth Ave.
donated

Land and lumber ~~furnished~~ by my father, John Frank Church, but
citizens in area furnished the labor to build the school.

No reversionary clause in deed.

Marcus Church protested the public sale when it was being solicited
by the Board of Education and Mr. Peter McGraw in ~~ix~~ middle 1950's. The
school should stay with the people of the community.

This building is now being leased to the Mandalay Community --
Harry Thomas, President.

2. Wagner School 96th & Alkire Street
donated

Land and lumber ~~furnished~~ by my father, John Frank Church, but
citizens in area furnished the labor to build ~~ix~~ the school.

Land reverted to Mrs. J. F. Church, son, Marcus, and daughter,
_____, in _____, 195 .

The building was moved to another school location by the R-1
School Board.

Board Minutes, August 21, 1956

MANDALAY COMMUNITY CENTER:

Members of the Mandalay Community Center and Mr. Marcus Church (spokesman) appeared before the Board to request that the Board leave the Mandalay school building on its present site and renew the contract for its use with the Mandalay Community Center. It had just been learned by the people of the Mandalay area that the Mandalay school building was scheduled to be moved to another school site.

Mr. Church requested that the Board take into consideration that the establishment of the Mandalay school was accomplished through the donation of the land for the school site and \$1600 to School District #25 by his parents, Frank and Catherine Church. The labor to build the building was supplied by the new residents of Mandalay Gardens. This information can be substantiated by old School records.

Mr. Church also stated that the school is being used by the Mandalay Community Center and the church has been using it every week.

Mr. McGraw stated he did not believe the rental contract is in effect at the present time.

Dr. Gilbert, former Board member, was present and urged the Board to reconsider the arrangements for moving the Mandalay School. The people at Mandalay Gardens donated the school and feel the school is still theirs, although, legally, it belongs to R-1. It was his opinion that the Mandalay School on its present site would mean a great deal more to the people in that area than to R-1.

Mr. Moore, speaking for the Board, informed the delegation that there was no intent on the part of the Board to take away from the people what they feel belongs to them and are using. However, the District has used its entire allotment for the purchase of classrooms, and are not putting into use available abandoned school buildings for classroom space. He reminded the delegation that it is the Board's responsibility to provide classrooms for the children in the whole county.

Mr. Gadd suggested that the matter be investigated more thoroughly and a decision not be made at this time. Dr. Johnson reiterated Mr. Moore's statement; also, he recommended withholding decision until after a proposal he planned to make later in the meeting which might offer a possible solution. (The Loveland buildings).

File - Non open JWP book

MEMORANDUM
November 20, 1956

TO: Dr. Johnson and Members of the Board

FROM: Peter P. McGraw, Director
Division of Business Services

TOPIC: Unused School Properties - Mandalay Building

At a meeting of the Board of Education on August 21, 1956, the Board, speaking to a representative from the Mandalay Community Center, informed him that action on moving of the Mandalay building would be delayed pending a decision of the government as to whether or not we would get the Loveland surplus buildings.

Since we obtained confirmation from the government that we would be allowed the Loveland buildings, I have informed Mr. Church that we are getting the buildings, and that we would not press for movement or transfer of the Mandalay building at this time.

PPM:rc

MANDALAY

August 16, 1956

Jefferson County Schools
1780 Yarrow Street
Lakewood, Colorado

Attention: Mr. Greenwald

Dear Sir:

Your request for the estimated cost of moving our facilities, to enable you to move the old Mandalay School on North Wadsworth, to the Fairmount School on McIntyre Road, has been investigated by Mr. Richter, one of our engineers.

The cost of disconnecting house loops, raising wires etc, is estimated at \$101.00.

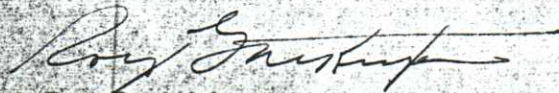
The route to be followed is -- south on Wadsworth to West 80th Avenue; West on 80th Avenue to Simms; south on Simms to West 64th; West on 64th to McIntyre Road; south on McIntyre road. Our lines end about 1/2 mile south on McIntyre Road. This price is valid only if work is to be done during normal work day hours.

At least 48 hours of advanced notice will have to be given to Mr. Richter to arrange for line crew to accompany house.

If these plans meet with your approval and you wish to have this work done, please sign the Authorization for Billing below and return to us.

An extra copy of this letter and sketch are enclosed for your records.

Yours very truly,



Roy G. Atkinson
Distribution Engineer
Electric Distribution

WCR:b
Encl.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BILLING

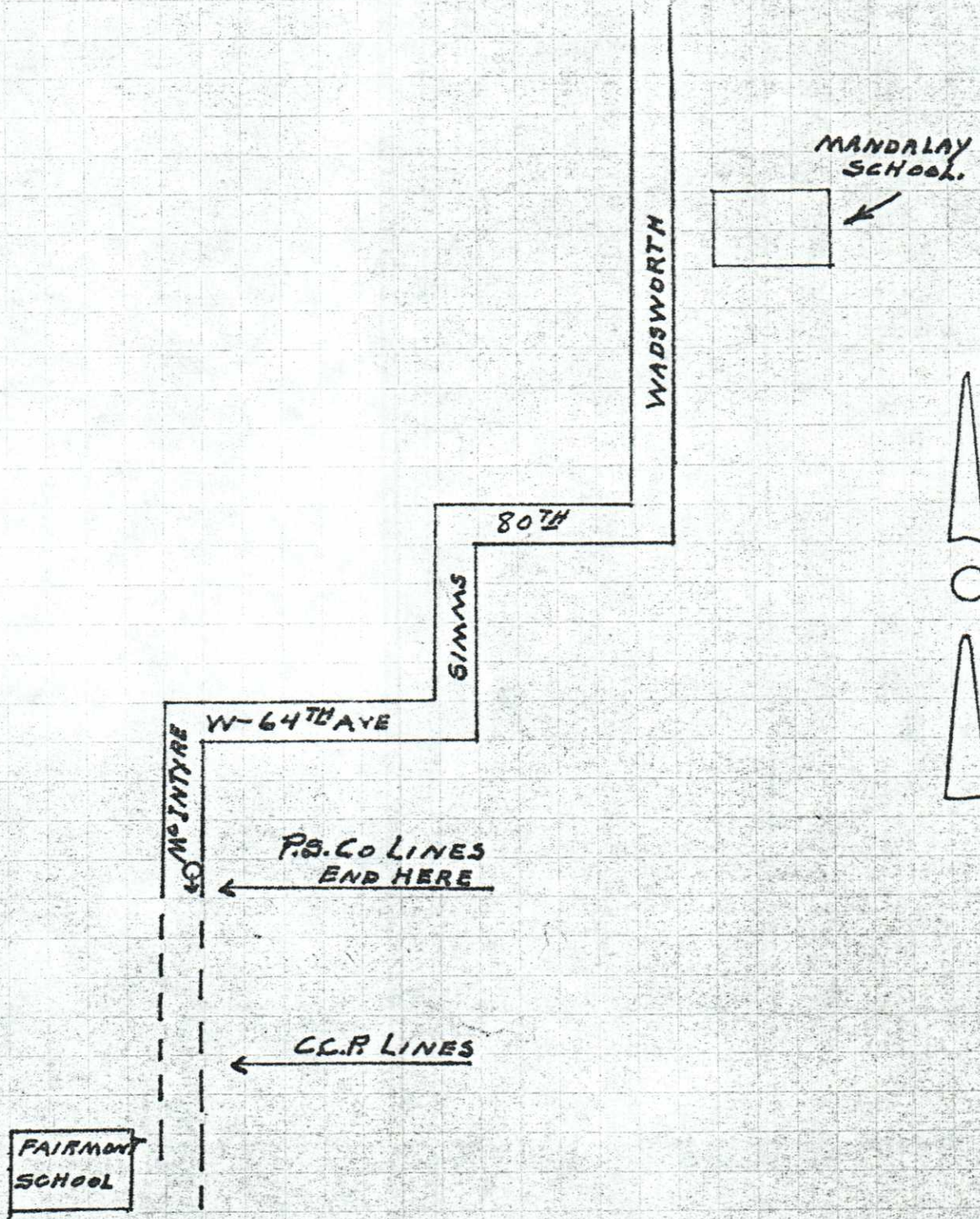
Public Service Company of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

Attention: Mr. Roy G. Atkinson, Distribution Engineer

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the work outlined above and to bill me \$101.00 for same.

Yours very truly,

*Work moved
protested by
Ward Church
& Community*



FORM 142-1 ELECT. DIST. ISM 8-35

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO

ELEC. DIST. ENGR. DEPT.

CONSTRUCTION SKETCH

DIVISION _____

DESCRIPTION MOVE MANDALAY SCHOOL TO FAIRMONT SCHOOL

ENGR

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[Signature]

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September 27, 1956

Mr. H. C. Ryberg
Ryberg Construction Company
1675 South Clarkson St.
Denver 10, Colorado

Re: Moving and Relocation of the old
Mandalay School Building

Dear Mr. Ryberg:

This letter is to advise you that Jefferson County School District R-1 does not contemplate moving the old Mandalay School building at this time. You therefore will not be required to complete this part of your contract, signed August 13, 1956.

If it should be decided at a later date to relocate this building, we will be happy to notify you.

Very cordially yours,

Peter P. McGraw, Director
Division of Business Services

PPM:rc
cc: Mr. Robert Greenwald

MEMORANDUM

February 20, 1958

TO: DR. JOHNSON
FROM: ENGINEERING DIVISION
RE: MANDALAY GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE

Attached please find a plat of a requested down guy for Public Service Company pole on north Wadsworth at the south side of the Mandalay Gardens Elementary School site. This site is presently occupied by a community group for recreation activities. With reference to that group, we can see no curtailment of their use of that property nor inconvenience to them from the installation of this guy.

We recommend that the right-of-way be granted.

GRM/mb

Enc.

cc: Peter P. McGraw ✓

George R. McCormack
George R. McCormack

C&S. R. 12, R. 12

UNDERPASS

WINDYBUSH

(MANDALAY SCHOOL)
 TRACT 57 B
 JACK Co. SCH. DIST. R 1



FORM 142-1 ELECT. DIST. 19M-9-97

PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF COLORADO
ELECT. DIST. ENG. DEPT. DENVER

DATE	ORDER NO.	IN REPLY REFER TO	
BY	APP. BY	DWG. NO.	
		SHEET	OF

February 22, 1960

Harold Lutz, Attorney
7570 Grant Place
Arvada, Colorado

Dear Judge:

The West Adams County Fire District wants us to sign a petition for inclusion in their district for our non-operating Mandalay Gardens School, located at 10,500 No. Wadsworth Avenue.

This request is similar to the one that the Board of Education approved for Juchem Elementary on October 20, 1959.

Would you please take care of this for us? Mr. Marcus Church said to mail this to Mrs. Henry Villhauer, Broomfield RFD, Colorado.

Sincerely,

Meade Abbott, Director
Division of Business Services

RMA:fj

Route 1, Box 311
Broomfield, Colorado
January 28, 1967

Mr. Howard H. Cloud, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent for Business Management
Jefferson County School District R-1
Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Mr. Cloud,

Please accept our thanks for your communication regarding the action of the Jefferson County School District R-1 Board of Education concerning non-operating school properties. We appreciate your contacting us and your interest in the welfare and enjoyment of the Mandalay Community Center people who meet in the Mandalay School Building.

A group of the Mandalay Community Center members met at the schoolhouse on Friday evening, January 20th, 1967. These people expressed themselves unanimously as being not only interested but very eager and desirous to fulfill any requirements or to take any necessary steps to acquire the schoolhouse and property in order to insure its future and continued use by its remaining where it is, as a permanent part of this friendly community where good will, fellowship, and friendship prevail. Mandalay School is considered and thought of as an integral part of this community. It provides a meeting place that is a source of great enjoyment and convenience to the people of the community. It affords spiritual and social opportunities as a link in the life and activities of the community that will disappear if the school building should be removed.

Several different organizations and activities now make good and full use of this building. They are as follows: Mandalay Irrigation Company for general meetings, board meetings, and auditing committee sessions; Mandalay Community Center suppers followed often by a speaker, a film, or by both; Union Sunday School with regular Sunday School and Union Church services and Bible School in the summer; occasionally a general community dinner, as at Thanksgiving; wedding showers; regular Sunset Riders Club meetings and socials; gatherings for the ladies; and, finally, for any special programs or for any legitimate meetings requested by members of the community.

Briefly, the Mandalay School Building stands as a cherished landmark with unusual history in its background. When the need arose for a school for the children in this immediate neighborhood, in the 1920's, Mr. J. F. Church donated the Stage Coach Stop building, located close to what is now the railroad underpass on North Wadsworth. (This inn was once graced by the presence of President Grant and his daughter, Nellie, who spent the night there while on their western tour). Residents dismantled the inn and carried the lumber by hand up on the hill to the school's present site. This land was also donated by Mr. Church, as well as \$1800 in cash to supplement the need for other building material. Miners who lived here dug the basement by hand. Again willing hands all joined and the schoolhouse was erected for the community by the community. Thus it stands a sentimental memorial to the efforts and determination of those who sought the best for their children and for themselves.

Please let there be no doubt as to the great community interest existing in the desire and plea to preserve the Mandalay School Building in its present location. It serves as a great pleasure and satisfaction to organizations and to people of the community. We wish to assure you also of our deepest gratitude for your help and of our fullest and heartiest cooperation in every way.

Sincerely Yours,

Harry E. Thomas
Treasurer, Mandalay Community Center