

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.122
2. Temporary Resource Number: 130
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Laura Evans House
6. Current Building Name:
7. Building Address: 113 W. Sackett Ave.
8. Owner Name and Address: Moore, Elliott Paul, P.O. Box 1908, Socorro, NM 87801

Parcel Number: 368132405361
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E
1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32

10. UTM Reference
Zone 13 Easting 413633 Northing 4265675

11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.
Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

12. Lot (s): 4 Block(s): 5
Addition: Salida Original Townsite Year of Addition: 1880

13. Boundary Description and Justification:
Boundary includes the building and the urban parcel on which it is situated.

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 32 X Width 30

16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Stucco

18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):
Flat

19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt

20. Special Features (enter all that apply):
Segmental Arched Windows

21. General Architectural Description:
Two-story rectangular dwelling with flat roof. Walls thickly clad with stucco, including cornice. Second story has four evenly spaced segmental arched 2/2-light double-hung sash windows with wood sills. First story has two central paneled and glazed doors flanked by 1/1-light double-hung sash windows. Nonhistoric lanterns above entrances. Brick steps with pipe railings.

22. Architectural Style/Building Type: No Style

23. Landscaping or Special Setting Features:

N/A

24. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:

None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate 1883-86 Actual

Source of Information: Sanborn ins. maps, 1883 & 1886

26. Architect: Unknown

Source of Information:

27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: Unknown

Source of Information:

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

This building is not present on the 1883 Sanborn map, but does appear on the 1886 Sanborn map. The building is rectangular, with a passageway on the first story on the west side of the building. A small porch is shown on the south. By 1890, the porch had been removed. Between 1893 and 1898 a two-story rear addition was constructed. The building was stuccoed between the late 1930s and 1960.

30. Original Location: Yes Date of Moves

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use(s): Domestic

Intermediate Use(s) Commerce and Trade/Business/Brothel

33. Current Use(s): Domestic

34. Site Type(s): Dwelling, Bordello, Boarding House

35. Historical Background:

This building is not shown on the 1883 Sanborn map, but does appear on the 1886 map, when it is indicated as a dwelling, with a passageway on the first story. This block of West Sackett Avenue was Salida's Red Light district, and contained several houses of prostitution. Railroad workers, travelers disembarking from trains at the nearby station, and other visitors to the downtown area provided a large group of clients for the district. By 1890 this building was identified as "female boarding," like the other buildings in the area. The 1905-06 city directory indicated that Salida's famous madam, Laura Evans, resided here as mistress of the house with several female "boarders." According to Cynthia Pasquale in *One Hundred Years in the Heart of the Rockies*, Laura Evans married young, deserted her family, changed her name, and became a prostitute. She moved west to Denver's Market Street and spent three years in Leadville before moving to Salida in the late 1890s. She opened her own parlor house about 1900 on West Sackett Ave. In about 1906 she acquired a row of cribs across the street from this building. By 1927-28 Mrs. Margaret Weber was providing furnished rooms here.

36. Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Cynthia Pasquale, *One Hundred Years in the Heart of the Rockies* (Salida: Arkansas Valley Publishing Co., 1980), 91-94; Eleanor Fry, *Salida: The Early Years* (Salida: Arkansas Valley Publishing Co., 2001), 220-21.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local Landmark Designation: No Date of Designation:

Designating Authority:

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
 - B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
 - C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (See Manual).

X Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

40. Period of Significance:

41. Level of Significance:

42. Statement of Significance:

This building is associated with the history of prostitution in Salida and with the city's Red Light district along this block of West Sackett Avenue. The building's historic character is still apparent despite the stucco on the exterior.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The building has undergone moderate alterations due to the stuccoing of the walls. The fenestration is unchanged and the original 2/2-light double-hung sash windows of the upper story are still present, as well as the two entrances on the first story.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: Not eligible

45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss. N/A

This building is located within the Salida Downtown Historic District.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: N/A

46. If the building is in an existing NRHP district, indicate contributing status: Contributing

.I. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 2: 36; 3: 22.

Negatives Filed At: City of Salida

Photographer: Roger Whitacre

48. Report Title: Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02

49. Date(s): September 2002

50. Recorder(s): R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

51. Organization: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

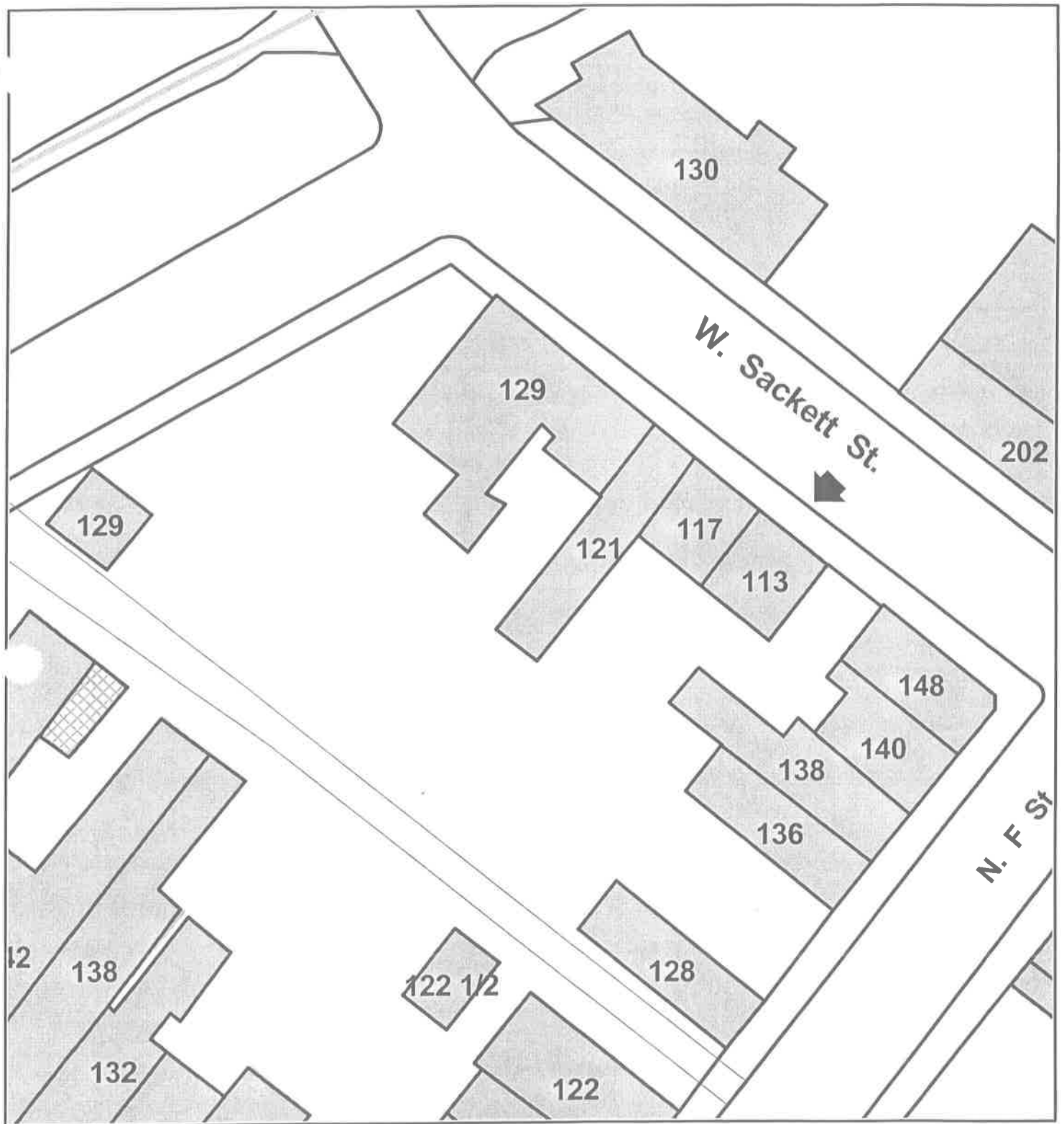
52. Address: 3635 W. 46th Ave.

53. Phone Number(s): (303) 477-7597

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
Sketch Map

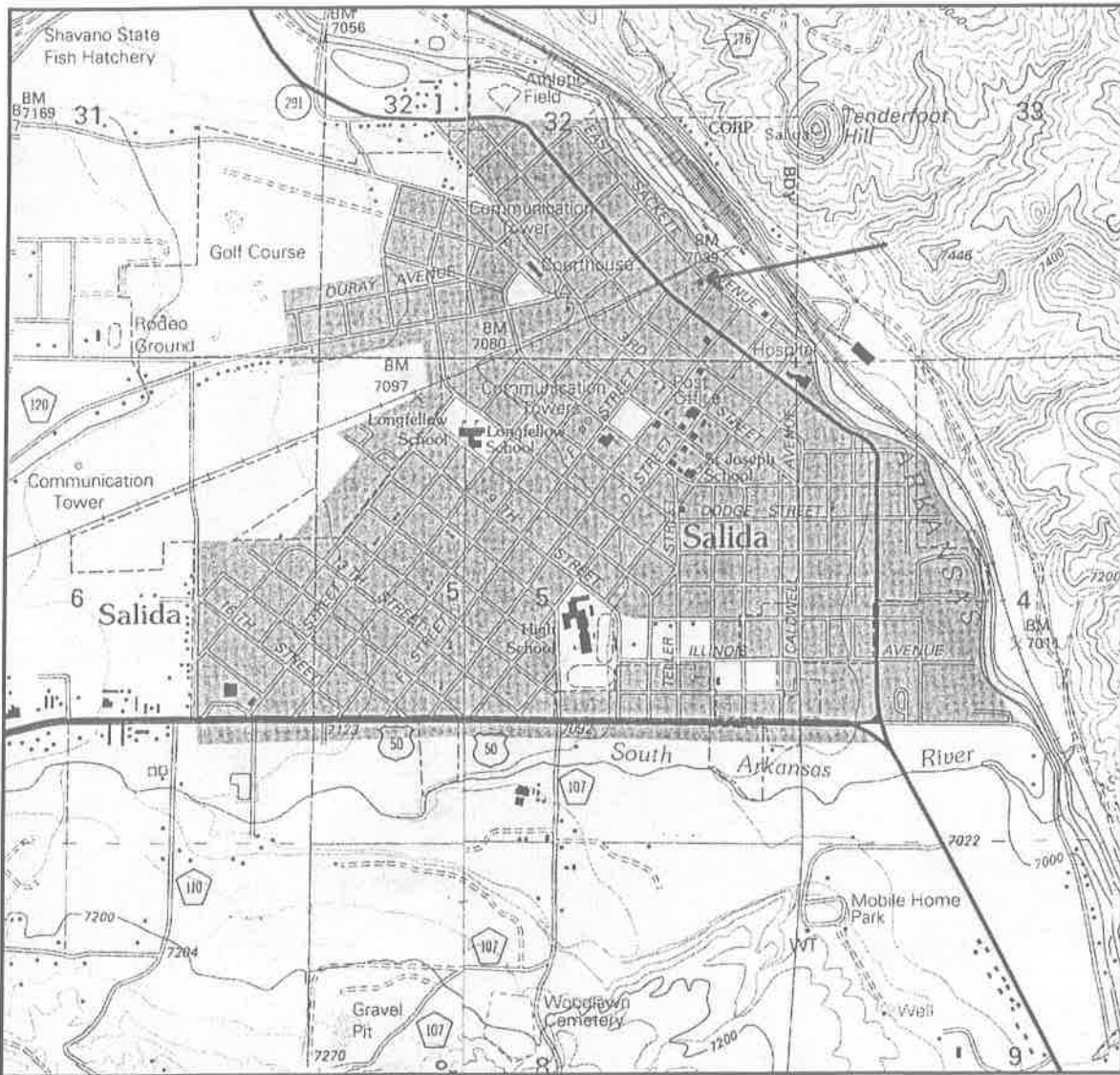


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USGS Location Map

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