

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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**Parcel Number:** 368132431363  
**SHF Grant Number:** 2001-02-004

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. **Resource Number:** 5CF406.124
2. **Temporary Resource Number:** 108
3. **County:** Chaffee
4. **City:** Salida
5. **Historic Building Name:** People's Paint and Wall Paper Co.
6. **Current Building Name:** The Mountain Mail
7. **Building Address:** 121 E. 2nd St.
8. **Owner Name and Address:** Baranczyk, Merle J. and Mary K., 6945 Co. Rd. 111-C, Salida, CO 81201

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. **P.M.** N.M. **Township** 50N **Range** 9E  
1/4 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 **of Section** 32
10. **UTM Reference**  
**Zone** 13 **Easting** 413551 **Northing** 4265433
11. **USGS Quad Name:** Salida East, Colo.  
**Year:** 1994 **Map Scale:** 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. **Lot (s):** 8 **Block(s):** 31  
**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 139 X Width 24
16. **Stories:** 1
17. **Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):**  
Wood/Vertical Siding
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):**  
None
21. **General Architectural Description:**  
One-story rectangular building with flat roof with overhang above facade with paneling covering fascia at slant. Textured stucco on slightly projecting piers. No openings on one-story part of building. Off-center band of single-light windows at north end.
22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** No Style
23. **Landscaping or Special Setting Features:**

N/A

4. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:  
125 and 129 E. 2nd St.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate 1893-1898 Actual  
Source of Information: Sanborn Maps, 1893 and 1898
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 appears on 1898 through 1945 Sanborn fire insurance maps. The rear portion seems to have been reconfigured between 1898 and 1904; a separate paint shop building was constructed to the rear during that period.
30. Original Location: Yes Date of Moves

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Department Store/Grocery Store
32. Intermediate Use(s) Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store
33. Current Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Professional  
Site Type(s): Commercial Building
35. Historical Background:

A bake house (set back from the street) is the only structure shown on this parcel on the 1893 Sanborn fire insurance map. The front part of this building was erected in front of and attached to the bake house at the street line between 1893 and 1898. The 1898 Sanborn identifies the building as a grocery store.

By 1904, the building housed a paint and wallpaper store with a tin shop in the rear and a paint shop in a separate building to the rear. The 1905-06 city directory lists the People's Paint and Wall Paper Company at 121-23 E. 2nd Street. James L. Pearce and John F. Erdlen were the proprietors. William G. Morris provided tin and sheet iron work. The shop carried wallpaper, moldings, oils, varnishes, paints, and glass, and offered sign writing, paper hanging, painting, and decorating. The paint and wall paper store of Robert N. Pherson was listed here in the 1911-12 city directory. A paint and wallpaper store was still located here according to the 1914 Sanborn map.

By 1922-23, the plumbing and heating shop of Eugene W. Tucker was housed in the building. He was listed here in the 1930-31 city directory and the building was identified as a tin and plumbing shop on the 1945 Sanborn fire insurance map. The 1951 and 1961 city directories show Salida Plumbing and Appliance Company here; Edward H. Mahe was its president. This building was apparently part of the Salida Mountain Mail office at the time the Salida Downtown Historic District nomination was prepared in 1983.

36. Sources of Information:  
Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Downtown Historic District National Register Nomination Form, 27 November 1983.

#### 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 development of downtown Salida during the 1890s and housed businesses such as a grocery, a wallpaper and paint store, and a plumbing and heating shop. Alterations to the building have diminished its architectural significance.

**43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:**

The façade of the building has been completely remodeled and the building lacks historic physical integrity.

**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 an existing National Register district, 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:** Noncontributing

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

... Photographic Reference(s): 19: 10; 21: 17.

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

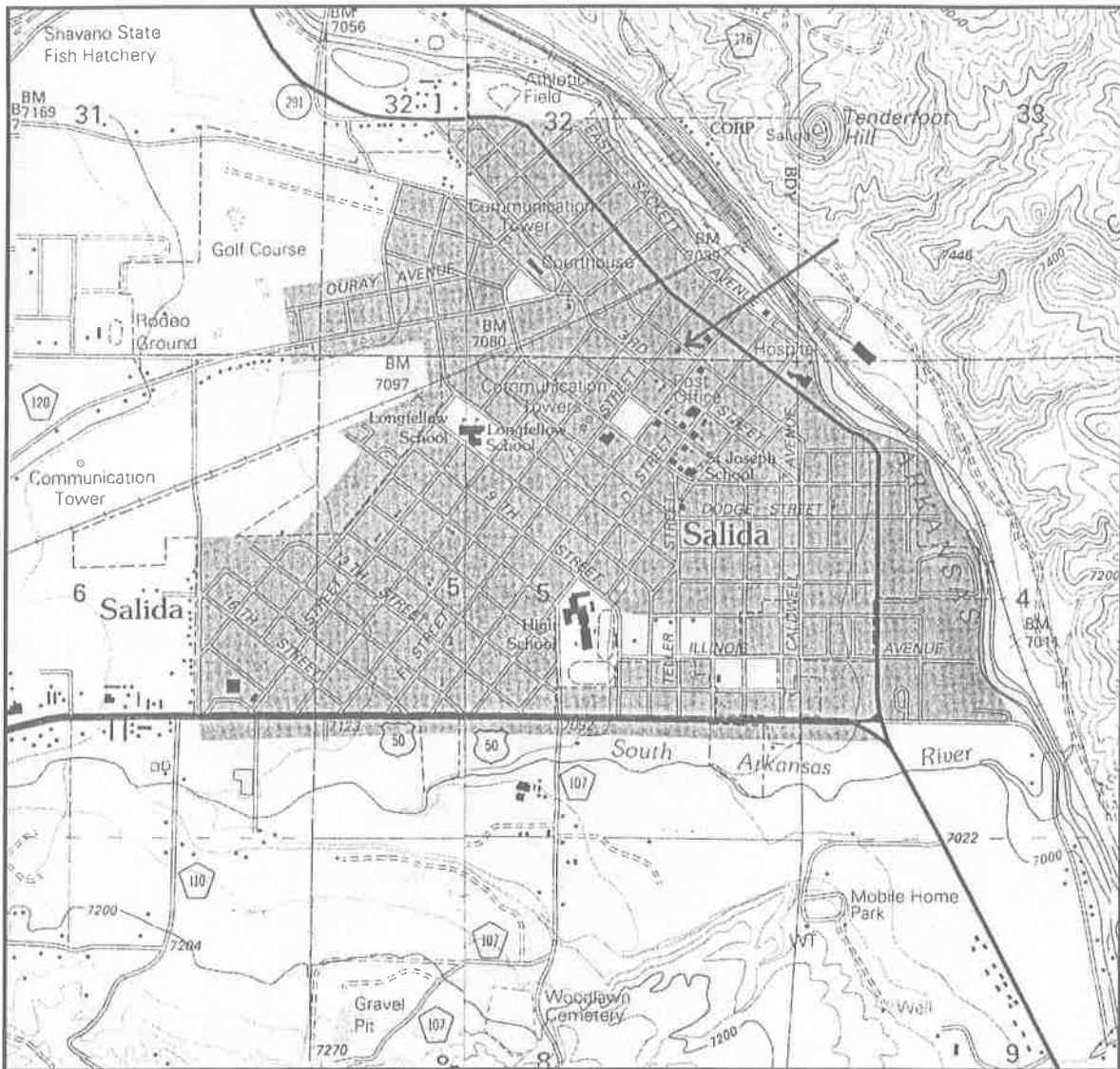


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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