

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.93
2. Temporary Resource Number: 109
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name:
6. Current Building Name: The Mountain Mail
7. Building Address: 125 E. 2nd St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Baranczyk, Merle J. & Mary K., 6945 Co. Rd. 111-C, Salida, CO 81201

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

## 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 413558 Northing 4265428
11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.  
Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot (s): 7 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 137 X Width 26
16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Stucco 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):  
Segmental Arch Windows
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story rectangular commercial building with flat roof (second story suggests there was a corbelled brick cornice). Upper story features two segmental arched window openings, each with paired 1/1-light double-hung sash windows. Projecting hood across façade with vertical paneling at slant covering fascia. Vertical paneling covers transom area. Stuccoed piers divide façade into two bays. West bay of first story has double metal frame glazed doors with sidelights. East bay has band of single light windows.

22. Architectural Style/Building Type: No Style

3. Landscaping or Special Setting Features:

N/A

24. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:

121 and 129 E. 2nd St.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate 1890-1893 Actual

Source of Information: Sanborn Maps, 1890 and 1893

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 the 1890 through 1945 Sanborn fire insurance maps. It initially is shown as a two-story building with a full width one-story rear porch. This porch disappears between 1898 and 1904; a similar porch was built on the building between 1909 and 1914.

30. Original Location: Yes Date of Moves

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store  
Domestic

32. Intermediate Use(s) Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store  
Domestic/Hotel

33. Current Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Professional

34. Site Type(s): Commercial Building

35. Historical Background:

According to Sanborn fire insurance maps, this building was constructed between 1890 and 1893. Maps and city directories from 1893 through at least 1951 show that the building was divided into two parts on the first floor, generally addressed as 125 and 127 E. 2nd Street. A variety of businesses were located in this building over the years, with no long-term tenants. In 1893 and 1898, the west section housed a millinery while the east part was used as a dwelling.

The 1904 Sanborn map showed a wallpaper store at number 125 and a second hand store in number 127. Ramey Brothers (painting, paperhanging, and wall paper) was listed at 125 in the 1903-04 city directory. The proprietors were Cornelius E. and George L. Ramey. The 1905-06 city directory lists the Chaffee County Machine Shop at 125 E. 2nd Street. Charles Briggs was the owner of the firm, which manufactured novelties and all kinds of machinery and repaired safes, cash registers, and bicycles. Mrs. Adelia Wilson offered furnished rooms on the upper floor, which was known as the Burrington Block. Mrs. Meda Mahan, a dressmaker, lived and pursued her trade on the upper floor.

In 1909, a sewing machine store (the Singer Sewing Machine Company) was in number 127. The office of George E. Baldwin, justice of the peace, was located in number 125 in 1909 and 1911-12. The Salida Wall Paper Company occupied number 127 in 1911-12. A.H. Nordstrom and Mrs. Mary Henri were the owners, with Julian Henri as the manager.

The 1914 Sanborn map reported an office in number 125 and a wall paper and paint store in number 127. The wall paper store of John O. Pearce was housed in number 127 according to the 1922-23 city directory. In 1927-28 the

shoe repair store of F.P. White was housed in number 127. The 1929 Sanborn map, showed two unidentified stores.

In 1930-31, Bernard Bement offered furnished rooms (presumably including the second floor), and W. Val Benedict's shoe repair shop was in number 127. The 1951 city directory showed the Chandler Fixit Shop at number 125 (Clyde C. Chandler, owner) and Jack's Barber Shop at number 127 (Jack Merica, owner). The addresses are not listed in the 1961 city directory; this building having become part of the Salida Mountain Mail newspaper operation by that time.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps.

**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 early 1890s and has housed a variety of businesses, including a millinery, a paint and wallpaper store, and a machine shop, as well as furnished rooms. Alterations to the building have diminished its architectural significance.

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

This building lacks historic physical integrity due to the remodeling of its façade; it retains two arched openings with paired double-hung sash windows on the upper 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 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**

**47. Photographic Reference(s):** 19: 12.

**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

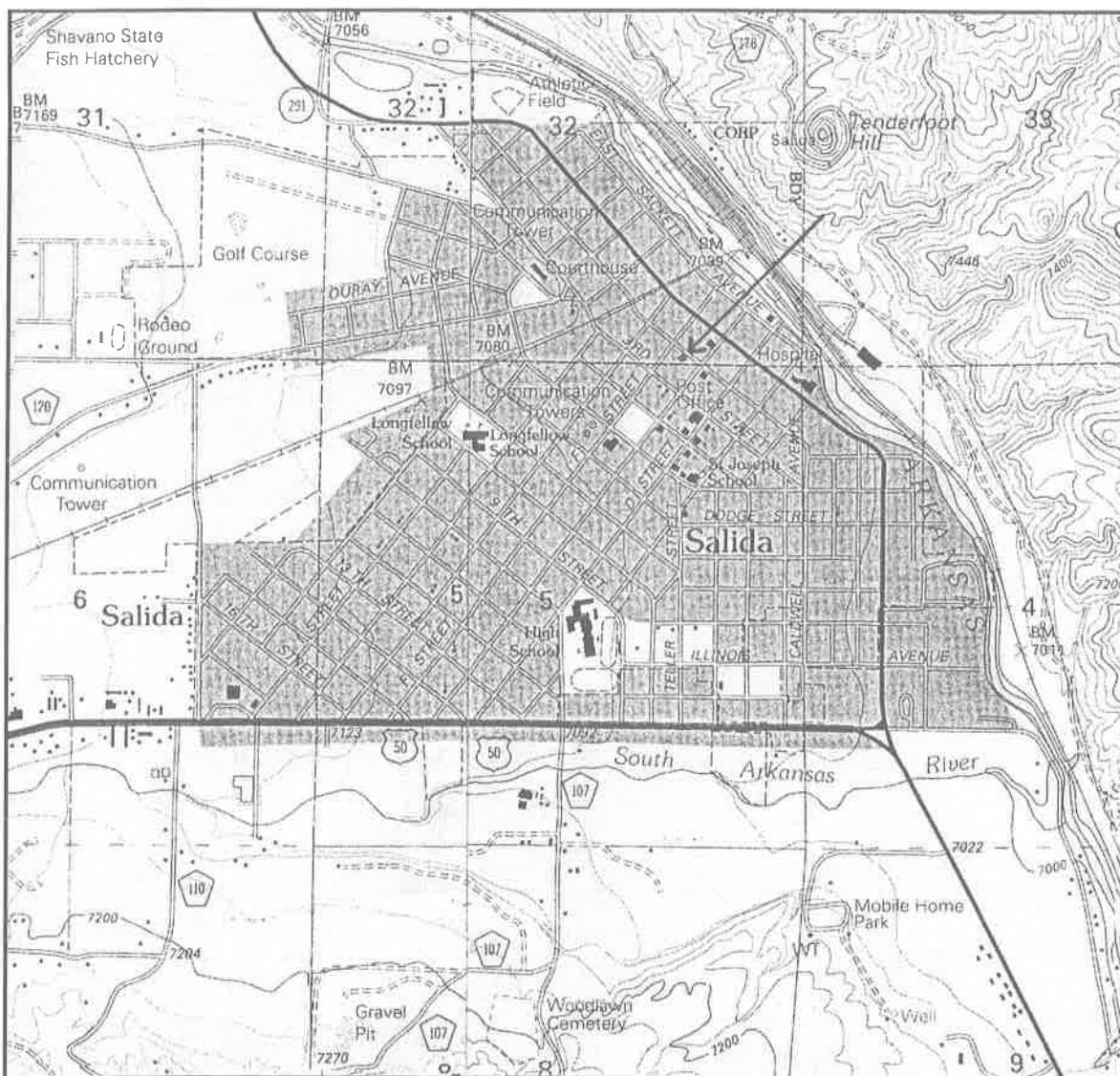


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02  
USGS Location Map

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