

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
**Architectural Inventory Form**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to Eligible NR District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. Resource Number: 5CF1577
- 2. Temporary Resource Number: 116
- 3. County: Chaffee
- 4. City: Salida
- 5. Historic Building Name: First Church of Christ, Scientist
- 6. Current Building Name: Salida Police/Council Chambers
- 7. Building Address: 125 E. 3rd St.
- 8. Owner Name and Address: City of Salida, P.O. Box 417, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 380705150265  
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. N.M. Township 49N Range 9E  
1/4 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5

10. UTM Reference  
Zone 13 Easting 413503 Northing 4265321

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

12. Lot (s): 1-3 (part) Block(s): 50  
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 54 X Width 39
- 16. Stories: 1
- 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Stucco
- 18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
Gabled/Front Gabled
- 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 stucco building with front gable roof with composition roofing and overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. Front gable face is pedimented and has small window with shed hood. Square piers at ends of façade project above eaves of gable. Large pediment above center entrance, which has door with rectangular light and sidelight. Transom has x-shaped tracery. Flanking entrance are stuccoed piers with lanterns supporting pediment. Concrete stoop and pedestrian ramp with metal railing. Flanking entrance are paired windows to the west and a plate glass window to the east. Granite cornerstone at northwest corner of building.

East wall has paired double-hung sash windows toward north, center door with transom facing ramp with metal railings, paired double-hung sash windows with divided transom, and single window. Rear wall has two double-hung sash windows and small window with hood at apex of gable. West wall has paired double-hung sash windows toward north end, two paired double-hung sash windows with divided transoms near center, and entrance on south end with double-hung sash window adjacent.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/Classical Revival

23. **Landscaping or Special Setting Features:**

Flagpole at northeast corner

24. **Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:**

None

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction: Estimate** **Actual** 1924

**Source of Information:** Salida Mail, 7 July 1948

26. **Architect:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

28. **Original Owner:** First Church of Christ, Scientist

**Source of Information:** Salida Mail, 7 July 1948

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

This building is depicted as a rectangle on 1929 and 1945 Sanborn fire insurance maps. A 1946 photograph of the building shows walls of ornamental concrete block or stone; it was stuccoed after that date.

30. **Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves**

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Religion/Religious Facility/Church

32. **Intermediate Use(s):** Religion/Religious Facility/Church

33. **Current Use(s):** Government/Correctional Facility/Jail

Government/City Hall

34. **Site Type(s):** Public Building

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was constructed as the First Church of Christ, Scientist in 1924. This parcel is indicated as vacant on the 1914 Sanborn fire insurance map, while the building is shown on the 1929 edition.

As early as 1907, a small group of Christian Science believers met in private homes. In 1909, the church and Reading Room were housed in a commercial building at today's 131 E. 2nd Street. A 1948 Salida Mail article reported that members had held services for twelve years in the "cottage chapel" on E. 3rd Street; it had the same address as this building. In 1923, the Salida Mail reported that the First Church of Christ, Scientist, would build a brick church on E. 3rd Street on the site of its reading room. The newspaper reported that plans had been received in June: "The structure will be of light brick and will be 38X50 feet. It will seat 150 people." This building was erected to house the growing congregation. The church was still listed here in the 1951 city directory. The building now houses the Salida Police Department and Municipal Court.

36. **Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Mail, 22 June 1923, 1, 7 July 1948; Russ Collman, *Trails Among the Columbine* (Denver: Sundance Publications, 1992), 230 (photo).

#### 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 religious history of Salida during the early twentieth century, having been erected as a church in 1924. The building's utilitarian design displays classical details, including the pedimented gable and pediment above the front entrance.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The building has undergone moderate alteration, including the application of stucco to the walls, the alteration of a façade window to plate glass, and replacement of the original double doors on the façade, as well as the construction of ramps. The historic character of the building is still evident, however.

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: Not eligible

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

This building is located outside the Salida Downtown Historic District. If the building were included in the district it would be a contributing resource.

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

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

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 15: 33, 35, 37; 16: 11A.

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.

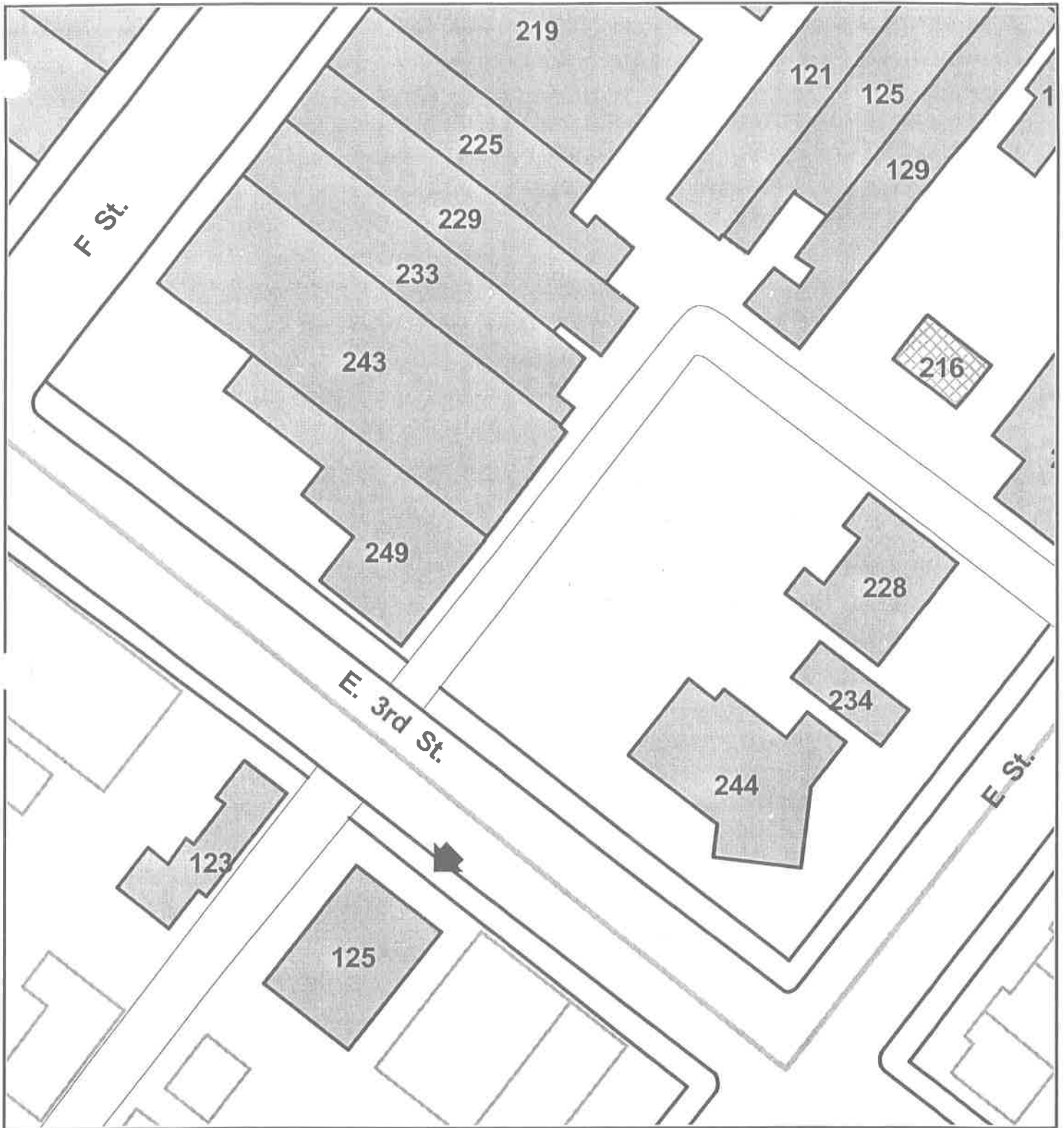
52. Address: 3635 W. 46th Ave.

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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Sketch Map

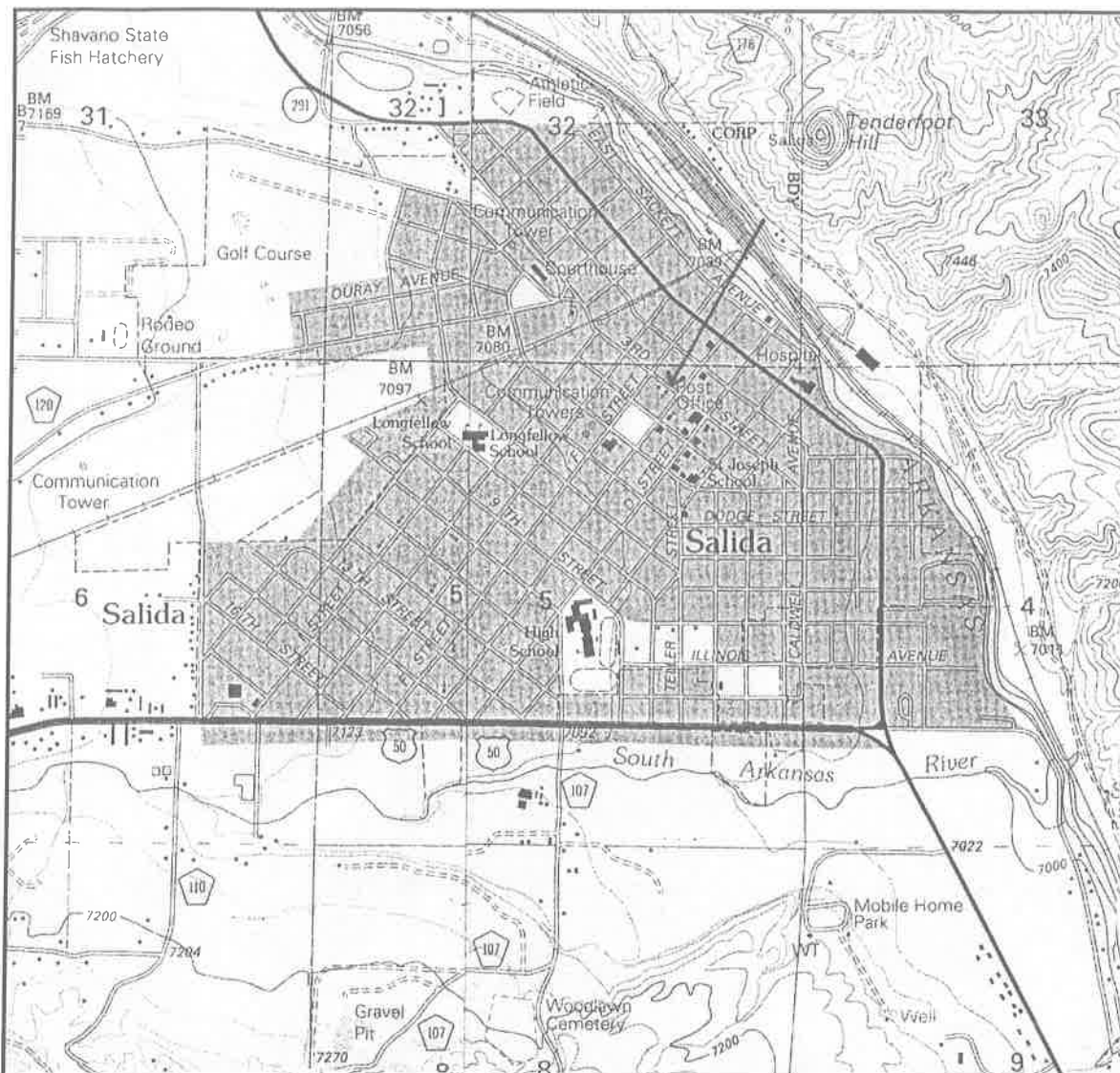


125 E. 3rd Street, 5CF1577



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

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Mosaic of extracts from U.S. Geological Survey, "Salida East, Colo.," and "Salida West, Colo.," (Denver, Colo.: U.S. Geological Survey, 1994).

