

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource Number: 5CF406.61
- 2. Temporary Resource Number: 77
- 3. County: Chaffee
- 4. City: Salida
- 5. Historic Building Name:
- 6. Current Building Name: Laughing Ladies Café
- 7. Building Address: 128 W. 1st St.
- 8. Owner Name and Address: Desmarais, Louise D., 247 E. Sackett, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132405105
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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

10. UTM Reference
Zone 13 Easting 413578 Northing 4265617

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

12. Lot (s): 22 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 71 X Width 26
- 16. Stories: 1
- 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Brick 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):
None

21. General Architectural Description:
One-story rectangular commercial building with flat roof, stepped down toward rear, and brick coping composed of row of brick on end. Hanging sign above storefront. Upper wall of façade is stuccoed and inscribed to resemble stone. Fabric awning shelters storefront. Clerestory windows under awning. Central, slightly inset entrance with door with oval light, transom, and sidelight. Large multi-light windows flank entrance. Brick below windows.

22. Architectural Style/Building Type: No Style

23. Landscaping or Special Setting Features:

Lampost, small tree, and bench in front of building.

24. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:

None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate 1888-1890 Actual

Source of Information: Sanborn maps, 1888 and 1890

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 parcel was vacant in 1888, according to the Sanborn map. In 1890 the present building is shown, divided into two stores. The building originally had a small iron-clad projection at the rear of the west side of the building. Since 1981 the façade of the building has been remodeled, with the clerestory windows, awning, multi-light windows, and door with oval light added.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Restaurant
Commerce and Trade/Restaurant/Bar

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

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

34. Site Type(s): Commercial Building

35. Historical Background:

This building was erected between 1888 and 1890, according to Sanborn fire insurance maps. The Sanborn maps for 1890 through 1929 show the building divided into two narrow storefronts, with the east one numbered 126 W. 1st and the west one 128.

A saloon was located in the east storefront (number 126) in 1890. The storefront was vacant in 1893 and 1898. An assay office was located here according to 1904 through 1914 maps. Louis C. DuBois (1903-04), Stanley B. Weld (1905-06 and 1911-12), W.L. Philbin (1909), and Ernest K. Giffen (1922-23) had their offices in this space. Mr. Philbin came to Salida in 1905 as an assayer for the smelter and later opened his own assay office. He later ran a retail shoe business, and, in 1927, operated the Rainbow Hotel. An unspecified store was housed here in 1929.

The west storefront held a restaurant in 1890 and 1893. The space was vacant in 1898. A barber shop was located here in 1904 through 1914. Barbers at this location included: Nathan R. Samuels (1903-04), Nicholas P. Warren (1905-06), Chris Mason (1909), and Mason and Son (Chris C. and Frank L.). In 1922-23, Hugh D. McKelvey had his jewelry store here. An unidentified store was in this storefront in 1929.

The 1945 Sanborn map shows a restaurant occupying the entire space of the building. The 1951 and 1961 city directories list Leo Café at this address. Emil Leo was shown as the owner in 1951 and Mrs. Flora Leo in 1961.

Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Mail, "Booster Edition," 21 October 1927.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

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 first decade after the city was founded and housed businesses such as a restaurant, a saloon, a barbershop, and an assay office. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic physical integrity.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The building has undergone a variety of alterations since 1981, including addition of clerestory windows, an awning, multi-light windows, and a door with oval light. The building does not reflect its appearance during the historic period of the district.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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): 5: 17; 6: 29, 31.**

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

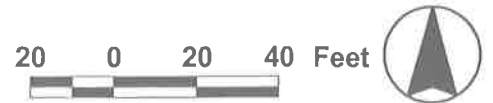
NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
Sketch Map

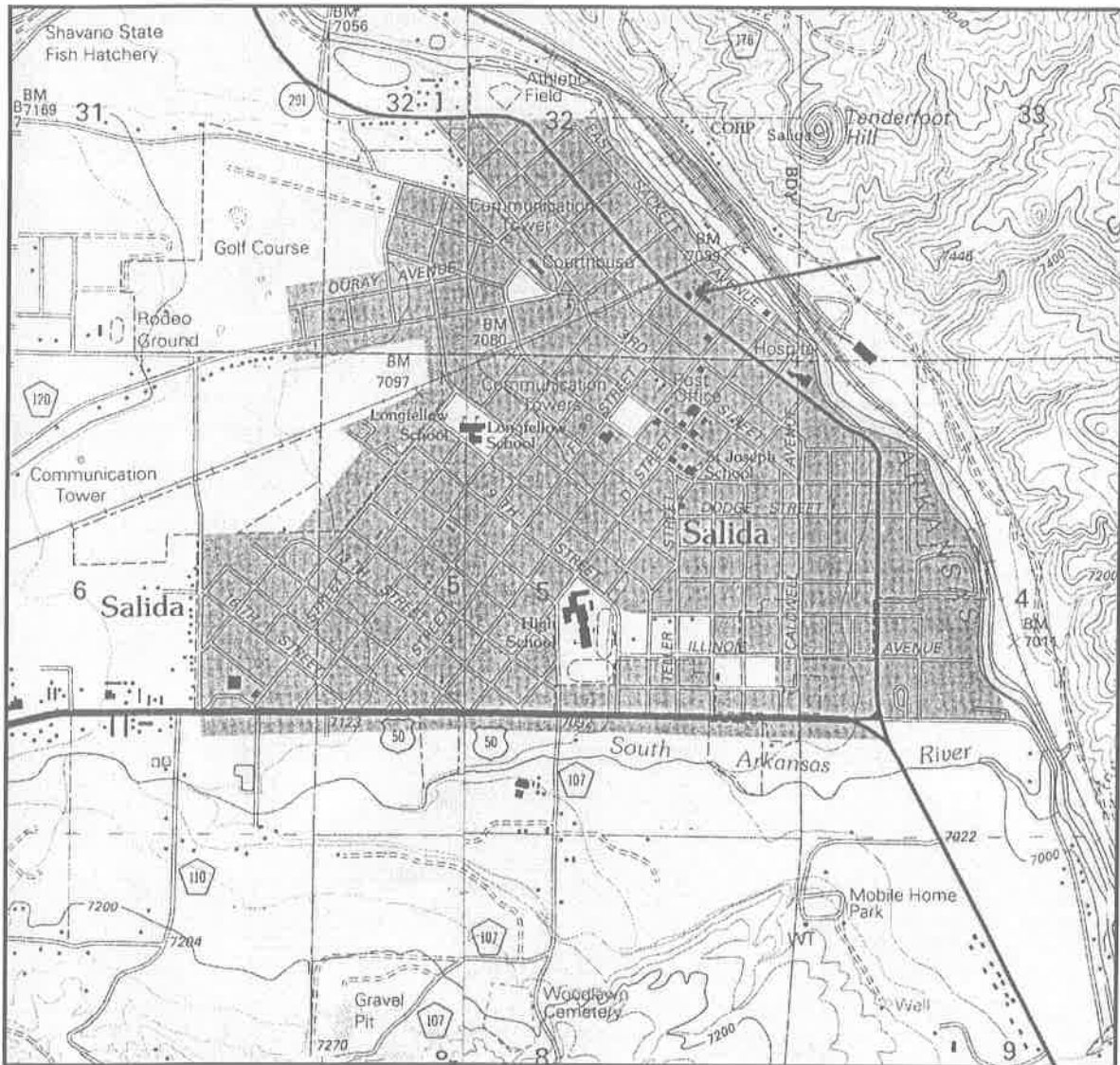


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map

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