

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.76
2. Temporary Resource Number: 134
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name:
6. Current Building Name:
7. Building Address: 130 W. Sackett Ave.
8. Owner Name and Address: Hayes, David Allan, 130 W. Sackett, Apt. 6, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132400039
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 413634 Northing 4265721

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

12. Lot (s): N/A Block(s): N/A
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 101 X Width 44
16. Stories: 1
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):
None
21. General Architectural Description:

One-story rectangular multi-unit dwelling with flat roof, stepped down toward rear. Stucco on walls, including projecting cornice. Louvered vent near west end of façade. Six entrances on façade; most are flush panel with rectangular light in upper part. Wood screen doors with multiple lights. Most windows are tall 1/1-light double-hung sash with segmental arched lintels. Two windows at west end have wide nonoriginal tripartite windows. West wall has a shed roof projection toward the north end. East wall has two projecting piers at top of wall.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** No Style
Landscaping or Special Setting Features:
Rock-faced Roman brick walls and planters, evergreen shrubs.

24. **Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:**
None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1906 Actual
Source of Information: Sanborn maps and city directories
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):**
The 1909 through 1945 Sanborn fire insurance maps show this building as a long rectangle. The building now has a more complex shape, suggesting additions after 1945.
30. **Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Business/Brothel
Intermediate Use(s) Commerce and Trade/Business/Brothel
33. **Current Use(s):** Domestic/Multiple Dwelling
34. **Site Type(s):** Cribs, Multi-family dwelling
35. **Historical Background:**

This building was constructed about 1906. The 1909 and 1914 Sanborn maps show this building divided into six units and labeled "female boarding," a Sanborn Map Company euphemism for a place of prostitution. This building is visible on 1926 and late 1930s overview photographs of Salida taken from Tenderfoot Hill.

These "cribs" were operated by Salida's most famous madam, Laura Evans, and she may have been the original owner. Accounts of her life indicate she acquired this building in 1906. This block of W. Sackett Avenue (then known as W. Front Street) was the town's Red Light District and contained a number of houses of prostitution. Railroad workers and travelers provided a large client base for the district. In the 1905-06 city directory, units in this building were numbered 1 through 6 W. Sackett Avenue, with each unit occupied by a single woman who listed no occupation.

Laura Evans operated brothels at 113 and 129 W. Sackett Avenue during the twentieth century. According to an account in *One Hundred Years in the Heart of the Rockies*, Ms. Evans married young, deserted her family, changed her name, and became a prostitute. She came west to Denver's Market Street and spent three years in Leadville, before settling in Salida in the late 1890s. She continued to operate her business until 1950, when the local District Attorney finally forced her to close.

Accounts of Ms. Evans' life in Salida are replete with numerous good works. During the influenza epidemic of 1918, she reportedly suspended operations and provided rooms for the sick and sent her girls to aid in nursing flu victims. During the Depression, food baskets and coal were provided to needy families. Abused women were given shelter. One Salida politician remarked: "I doubt if anybody will ever know how many people Laura helped. She was an entire Department of Social Services long before there was such a thing."

Laura Evans listed her occupation on census returns and in city directories as the keeper of a lodging house. After

her operations were closed down in 1950, she rented rooms to railroad workers. Ms. Evans died at 129 W. Sackett Avenue on 6 April 1953.

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 Pub. Co., 1980), 91-94; Eleanor Fry, *Salida: the Early Years* (Salida: Arkansas Valley Pub. Co., 2001), 220-21; U.S. Census Bureau, *Census of Population, 1920*, manuscript returns, Chaffee County, Colorado, enumeration district 9; Russ Collman, ed., *Trails Among the Columbine* (Denver: Sundance Publications, 1992), 246-47 (photo) and 264-65 (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 history of prostitution in Salida and with its most famous madam, Laura Evans, who owned the building. The building is representative of buildings housing multiple small cribs in red light districts in Colorado.

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

Alterations have diminished the historic physical integrity of the building. The character of the building has been altered with stucco and nonoriginal doors and windows.

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 in an existing National Register 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):** 2: 16A, 18A, 20A, 22A.

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

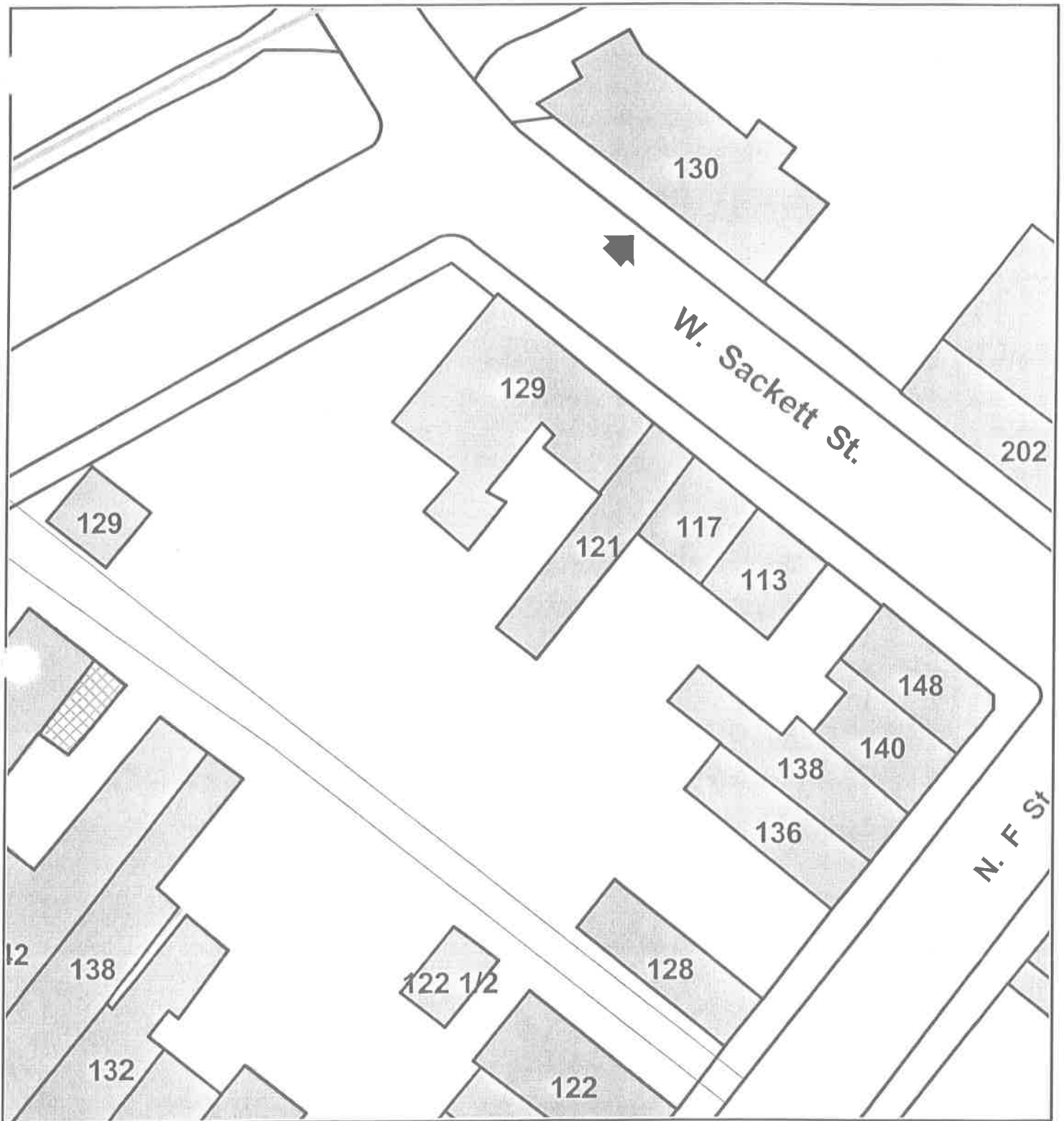
51. **Organization:** Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

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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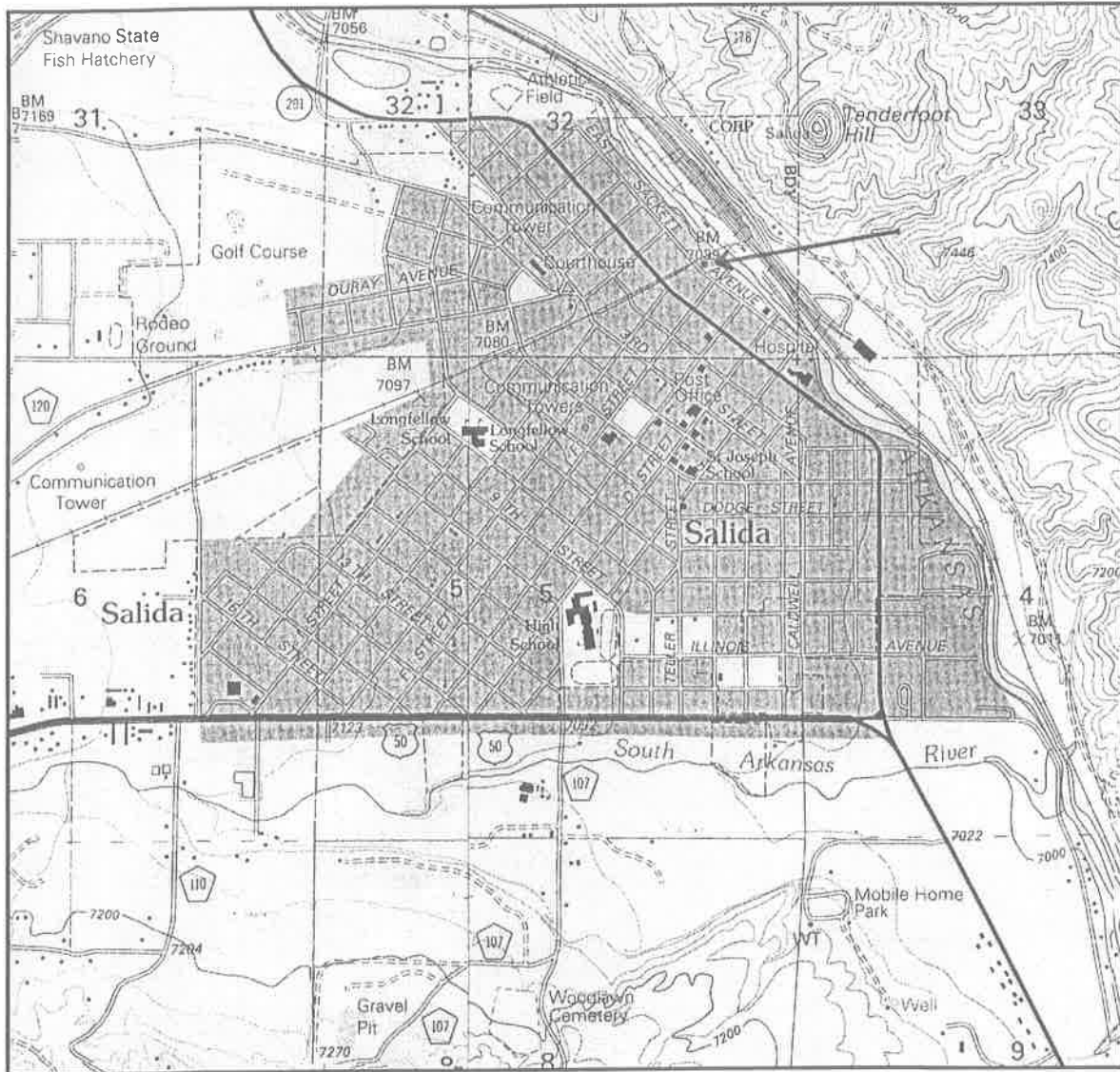


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map

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