

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.15
 2. Temporary Resource Number: 9
 3. County: Chaffee
 4. City: Salida
 5. Historic Building Name: Disman-Alger Block
 6. Current Building Name: Fresh Ideas Shops
 7. Building Address: 134 F St.
 8. Owner Name and Address: Barkett, V. Michael, Profit Sharing Plan, 16150 Co. Rd. 220, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132421236
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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

10. UTM Reference
 Zone 13 Easting 413530 Northing 4265527

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

12. Lot (s): C-D Block(s): 21
 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 116 X Width 49
 16. Stories: 2
 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:

Two-story rectangular commercial building with flat roof. Building is enframed by slender metal two-story square columns that are stamped "Denver Architectural Iron Works" and are fluted and ornamented with rosettes and feathers. Second story of façade is stuccoed. Second story has six bays where windows have been filled in and replaced with shorter casement and plate glass windows and a center blank bay. Modern signband across façade above storefront. Inset center entrance with metal frame glazed doors, glazed overdoor, and divided sidelights on north and second entrance on south. Fabric awning above metal frame plate glass display windows. Narrow

painted wire-drawn brick under windows. Rear wall is stuccoed and has multi-light windows.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** No Style

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

N/A

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

None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate Actual 1889-90

Source of Information: Salida News, Holiday. Ed., 1889 and West. Arch., 40.

26. **Architect:** D. Chenoweth

Source of Information: West. Arch. & Bldg. News, 3 May 1890, 40.

27. **Builder/Contractor:** J.T. Johnson

Source of Information: West. Arch. & Bldg. News, 3 May 1890, 40.

28. **Original Owner:** Disman & Alger

Source of Information: West. Arch. & Bldg. News, 3 May 1890, 40.

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

This building appears as a rectangular block divided into two stores on the first story and with a separate tin shop at the rear on the 1890 Sanborn map. The building is identified as the "Disman-Alger Block." Between 1890 and 1893 the building received a one-story addition across the rear behind one store (138), and the tin shop was connected to the other store (134). Between 1914 and 1929 the tin shop was incorporated into the building at the rear, leaving a continuous rear wall.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

33. **Current Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store

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

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was erected during 1889-90 and was known as the Disman-Alger Block. A drawing of the building appeared in the Salida News Holiday Edition of 1889. Information about the building was published in 1890 in Western Architect and Building News: "For Alger & Disman: two-story brick block, 50 X 75; two store rooms in first story, eleven office rooms in second story, entire front iron and plate glass, galvanized iron cornice, cost \$8,500." The architect was D. Chenoweth and the contractor was J.T. Johnson. A.M. Alger and Ben Disman were two of Salida's oldest and most successful businessmen. Both had arrived in the city in the early 1880s. Alger's was described as the oldest and most comprehensive drugstore in Salida in 1900. Ben Disman opened a clothing store in 1884 and was the city's leading dealer in men's furnishings. Both men had their businesses in other buildings (Alger in the Craig-McGovern Block and Disman in the Central Block) and erected this building after the fire of Jan. 1888 to house other businesses.

The 1890 Sanborn map shows a crockery and stove store in 138 F and a notions store in 134 F. By 1898, the notions shop also sold clothing. By 1903-04, the city directory listed the Bateman Hardware Company at 134 F. The company was operated by G.F., F.L., and W.C. Bateman, and offered hardware, plumbing, crockery, lamps, glassware, tin and sheet iron work, Hercules powder, and mining supplies. The company had been founded when Salida was laid out and was considered a pioneer enterprise. The history of the company was intertwined with that of the city. George F. Bateman and his son, Fred, had come to Salida from Pueblo and opened a tin shop. The tin shop added hardware and became G.F. Bateman & Son. In 1894, the youngest son, Walter, entered the business,

and it became Bateman Hardware Co. The company moved to 119 F Street by 1905. The other storefront contained the post office (Frank O. Stead, postmaster) and Hull & Wise newsstand and cigar store (Minnie E. Hull and Harry O. Wise, proprietors). Among the professionals occupying the upstairs offices were: W.S. Brown, physician; Frank N. Cochems, physician in charge of the Red Cross Hospital; Frank M. Russell, dentist; and Thomas Shaffer, physician and assistant surgeon at the Red Cross Hospital.

By 1909, Hall & Hall Ladies' Furnishing Goods shared the 134 F storefront with Mrs. Minnie Swaim, milliner. The Post Office Bookstore was located in 138 F. By 1914, the building was being utilized by a jewelry store (138) and a drugstore (134). The 1922-23 city directory indicated that Alexander's Drug and Jewelry Store operated here. The same business was listed at this address in 1927-28. William C. Alexander moved to Salida in 1901 from Texas and bought out the jewelry store of P.T. Shirkey & Son. In 1910 he bought the drug business of G.W. Armstrong. Alexander was a doctor of ophthalmology and had previously operated a jewelry store in Dallas. W.C. Alexander was elected mayor of Salida in 1917 and in 1927. The Alexander Drug & Jewelry Store was also listed here in 1930-31, while Edward O. Churchill, cigars and barber was occupying the other store space. By 1951, F.W. Woolworth, managed by Herbert Putnam, was located in this building. The upstairs rooms continued to house offices, including several doctors.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida News, Holiday edition, 1889, 11; Salida Mail, 3 January 1899, 5 June 1900, 4, 31 December 1909; Salida Mail, Booster Edition, 21 October 1927; Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Western Architect and Building News, 3 May 1890, 40; Survey Form, 134 F St., 1981; Salida Walking Tours; Salida Record, 19 September 1902 and 1 January 1904.

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 after the fire of 1888, and housed several early stores and professional offices. The building was erected by Salida pioneers Ben Disman and A.M. Alger, and represented the work of Architect D. Chenoweth. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

An 1889 drawing in the "Salida News" shows the building's original design. A center pediment contained the date of the building, 1889, and there was an elaborate cornice underneath. The second story had large double-hung sash windows in all of the panels evident today, including the center one. The windows were divided by pilasters. There was a center entrance to the second story, flanked by two storefronts with center double doors. There was a shopfront cornice, and the display windows extended from the cornice to paneled kickplates. Columns flanked the display windows and entrances. This building is now a noncontributing resource in the district.

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 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

III. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 13: 33; 14: 6A.

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

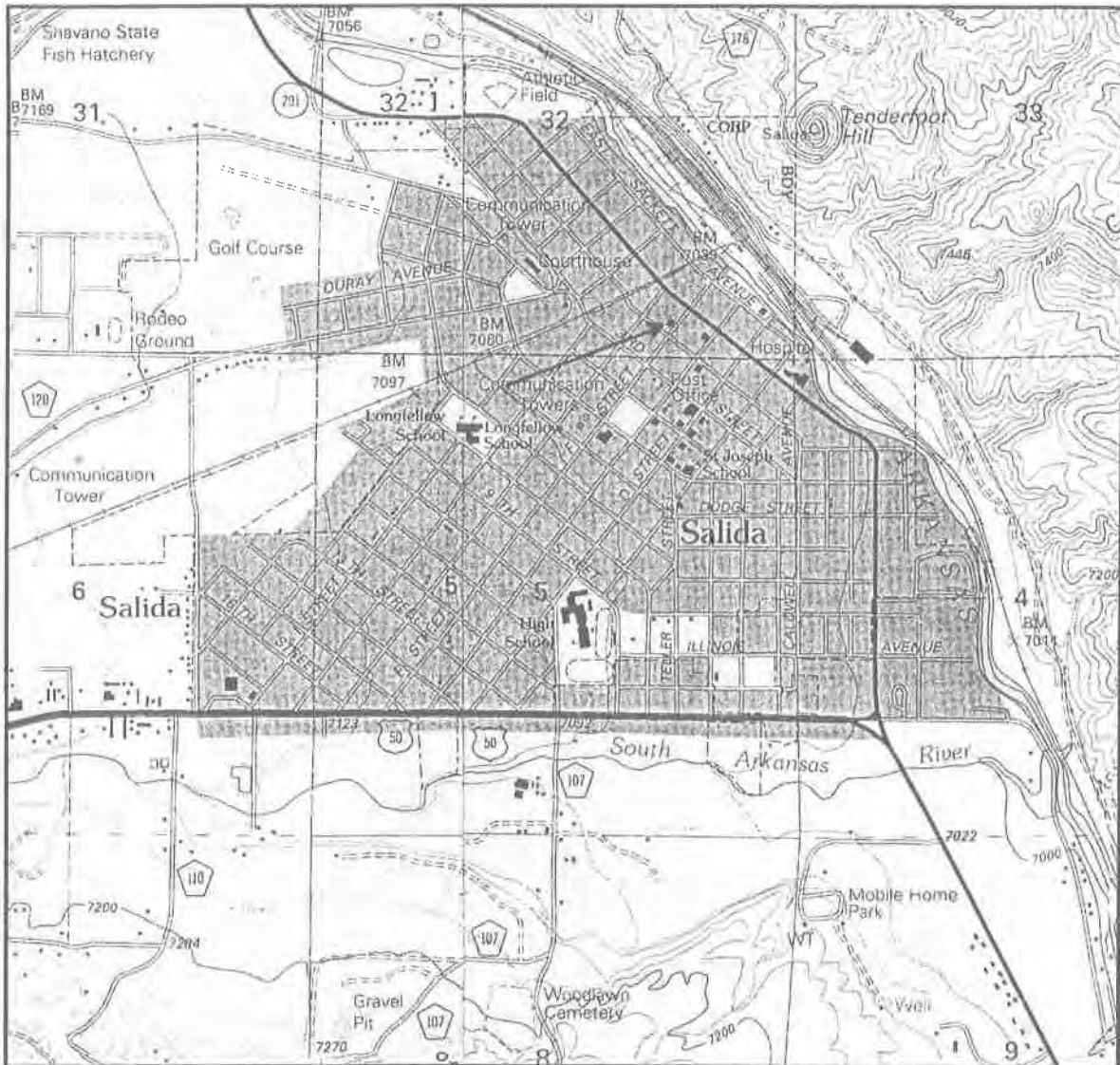


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map

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