

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.39
2. Temporary Resource Number: 8
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Gill Bakery, Enterprise Bakery
6. Current Building Name: Gambles
7. Building Address: 135 F St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Cook, Raimon E., William E. & Robert S., P.O. Box 523, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132422223  
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 413568 Northing 4265499
11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.  
Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot (s): 14-17 (part) Block(s): 22  
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 91 X Width 26
16. Stories: 2
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):  
Segmental Arch Windows, Decorative Cornice
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story, rectangular, painted brick commercial building with projecting metal cornice with brackets, including corner brackets, two rows of dentil molding, and block dentils. The second story has four tall, narrow, segmental arched double-hung sash windows with hood molds with keystone ornaments and smooth sills. The spandrel between the second story sills and the windows of the storefront is covered with a wide sign band with diagonal siding. There is a fabric awning above the storefront. The single storefront has a center entrance with an inset wood door with large rectangular light and transom. The walls adjacent to the door are angled inward and have

plate glass and brown brick. Large plate glass display windows flank the entrance area and have brown brick kickplates. A fluted column separates the storefront from the entrance to the upper story on the south. The entrance has a paneled and glazed door surmounted by a transom.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late Victorian/Italianate

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

N/A

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

None

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1888 Actual

**Source of Information:** Fry, Salida: The Early Years, 81 and Sanborn maps.

26. **Architect:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

28. **Original Owner:** Frank W. Gill

**Source of Information:** Fry, 81

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

This site was vacant in 1888 following the fire. The building was probably built in 1888. The building appears on the 1890 Sanborn map, including a one-story section at the rear. The rear section was revised between 1898 and 1904 to include a projecting bay housing an oven.

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/Restaurant

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

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

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was erected by Frank W. Gill following the fire of January 1888. The newspaper reported following the fire that "Frank Gill will build a two-story brick [sic] as soon as he can get the materials." Gill opened the bakery in 1884 and operated it until 1922, at which time it was called "one of the oldest business institutions in the city." The 1903-04 city directory indicates that this building was known as the Enterprise Bakery, operated by Gill. Gill's name had appeared in the 1887 State Business Directory for Salida as a baker. In 1889 the "Salida News" reported: "F.W. Gill, the baker, has built up an excellent business by furnishing the people of this community with the very best in his particular line. He also carries a very complete stock of confectionery, cigars, tobacco, and fancy groceries." Gill's two brothers worked in the business with him. After Gill sold his business in 1922, it was reported that he had property interests in Salida and had earned enough to retire on. Mr. Gill never married.

The 1927 city directory indicated that Harry West, baker, occupied the building. He was one of only two bakers advertised in the directory that year. The 1945 Sanborn map indicated that the building housed a restaurant. The 1951 city directory listed the Indian Grill, operated by Earl Stevison, at this address. By 1961 Gambles had taken over the building. Stanford and Raimon Cook had started the store next door (127-131) in 1943. Bertin Gamble in partnership with Phil Skogmo developed more than 4,000 stores in 38 states and Canada. The first Gamble-Skogmo store opened in Minnesota in 1925. The Gambles store continues to occupy the building.

##### Sources of Information:

Salida News, Holiday Edition, 1889; Colorado Illustrated Business Directory, 1887-88; Eleanor Fry, Salida: The Early Years (Salida: Arkansas Valley Publishing Co., 2001), 81; Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories;

Sanborn Insurance Maps; Survey Form, 127 F St., 1981; Salida Walking Tours; Salida Mail, 1 Sept. 1922, 1.

## 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 Salida following the fire of January 1888 and was probably built in that year. The building was erected by F.W. Gill, who housed his Enterprise Bakery in the building for many years. The building is representative of the commercial blocks erected with Italianate influences during the late nineteenth century in Salida, and is notable for its ornate cornice, second story segmental arched windows with hood molds, and secondary entrance.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

This building maintains good historic physical integrity. Alterations include the wide sign band across the façade and the brick below the display windows, as well as the painted brick façade.

## 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 a contributing resource 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: Contributing

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 12: 5, 17

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

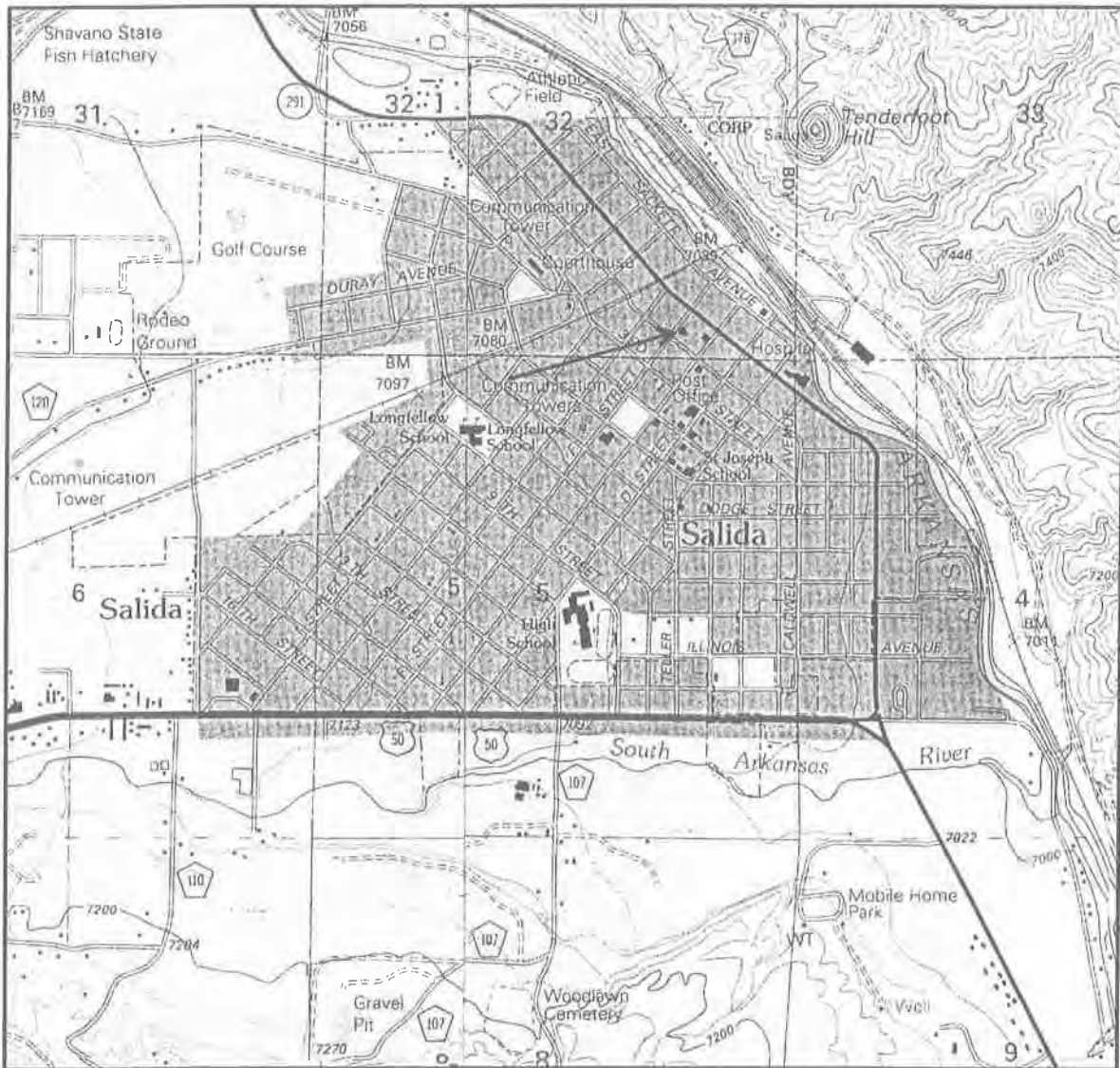


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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