

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.64
2. Temporary Resource Number: 83
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Union Block
6. Current Building Name: VZ Building
7. Building Address: 138 W. 1st St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Veazey Living Trust, 2527 N. Plumthicket, Wichita, KS 67226

Parcel Number: 368132405102  
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 413566      Northing 4265637

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

12. Lot (s): 19      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): Other
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 146      X Width 24
16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Brick
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):  
Decorative Cornice, Segmental Arch Windows

**21. General Architectural Description:**

Two-story buff brick commercial building with projecting metal cornice with moldings, brackets, paneled frieze, and foliate ornaments. Second story enframed by brick pilasters capped by brackets has four tall, narrow, segmental arched, 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with rusticated sandstone sills. The window heads have incised ornament and there are brick hood molds. First story has a single storefront with band of clerestory windows with metal band below clerestory. The first story cornice and lintel areas are stuccoed. There is an inset entrance with a door with large rectangular light and a transom flanked by plate glass display windows; walls adjacent entrance are

angled inward. There is wire-drawn orange-beige brick under the display windows. At the west end of the façade is a pedestrian entrance with an inset paneled and glazed door with transom.

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

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

N/A

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

130 and 132 W. 1st St.

#### 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 building was erected between 1888 and 1890 as the western third of the Union Block. The building had three separate stores originally on the first floor, and by the 1950s the upper story spaces were also separate. The building originally had a second story metal balcony. A two-story rear addition was erected between 1898 and 1904. Between 1914 and 1929 an off-center one-story addition extending toward the alley was built.

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

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Recreation and Culture

Domestic/Hotel

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

Domestic/Hotel

33. **Current Use(s):** Unknown Use

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

35. **Historical Background:**

**First Story.** The building was constructed between 1888 and 1890 as the west portion of the Union Block. A billiard parlor occupied this storefront during the 1890 to 1898 period. In 1904 and 1909 a second hand goods store was located here. City directories for 1903-04 through 1909 show a second hand store run by Ambrose Ramsey in this location. He carried a full line of new and second-hand furniture, household furnishings, hardware, tinware, crockery, and jewelry. Mrs. Lola Ramsey was the proprietor of furnished rooms on the second floor according to 1903-04 and 1905-06 city directories. Mr. Ramsey built the imposing Palace Hotel on Lower F Street; it was completed in 1909 and he was shown as its proprietor. The 1914 Sanborn fire insurance map shows a billiard parlor here. An unspecified store was shown here on 1929 and 1945 Sanborn maps. In 1961, Magnum Sporting Goods occupied this storefront; Irvin F. Oberle was the owner.

**Second Story.** The second story of the Union Block was originally used for lodging, according to 1890 and 1893 Sanborn fire insurance maps. The 1898 map labeled it as the Union Hotel, as did the 1903-4 and 1905-05 city directories. Both directories list Mr. and Mrs. T.N.B. Snyder as the operators of the hotel. An advertisement in the latter directory indicated that the establishment had twenty-four rooms, a large parlor with fire and books, and daily papers, hot and cold water, and electric lights. At that time beds went for 25 cents a night, and rooms from 35 to 75 cents. In August 1906, the Salida Mail described the Snyders' Union House Rooms: "Their rooms are light, cheery, clean and airy, and the place throughout bears a homelike appearance that meets the hearty approval of all their

patrons.”

In 1909, the Union House furnished rooms were managed by Mabel Button. The 1911-12 city directory listed this as the Union Rooming House, Sylvester Pollock, proprietor. The pattern continued into the 1920s, with furnished rooms maintained by Mrs. Gertrude Van Camp (1922-23) and Mrs. O.C. Holly (1927-28).

By the time of the 1951 city directory, it appears that the second floor had been divided into two separate lodging facilities. The eastern section was known as the Linza Hotel, operated by Mrs. Delia Linza. This section of the building was included in the western portion was the Denver Rooms, owned by Ralph Spina.

### 36. Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Walking Tours; Survey Form, 100 blk. W. 1st North, 1981; Salida Public Library, Donna Nevens Collection, Photograph of 134 W. 1st St., Salida; Salida Mail, 10 August 1906..

## 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:

. Period of Significance:

### 41. Level of Significance:

### 42. Statement of Significance:

This building is associated with the development of downtown Salida during the late nineteenth century and housed businesses such as a billiard parlor and a second hand store as well as furnished rooms on the second floor. The building displays Italianate style features popular for nineteenth century commercial buildings in Salida, including an ornate metal cornice and tall double-hung sash windows with incised ornament and brick hood molds.

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

The building displays moderate historic physical integrity. The cornice, brick wall, and windows of the upper story are intact, while the storefront has been modified.

## 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, 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): 5: 23; 6: 19.

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

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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

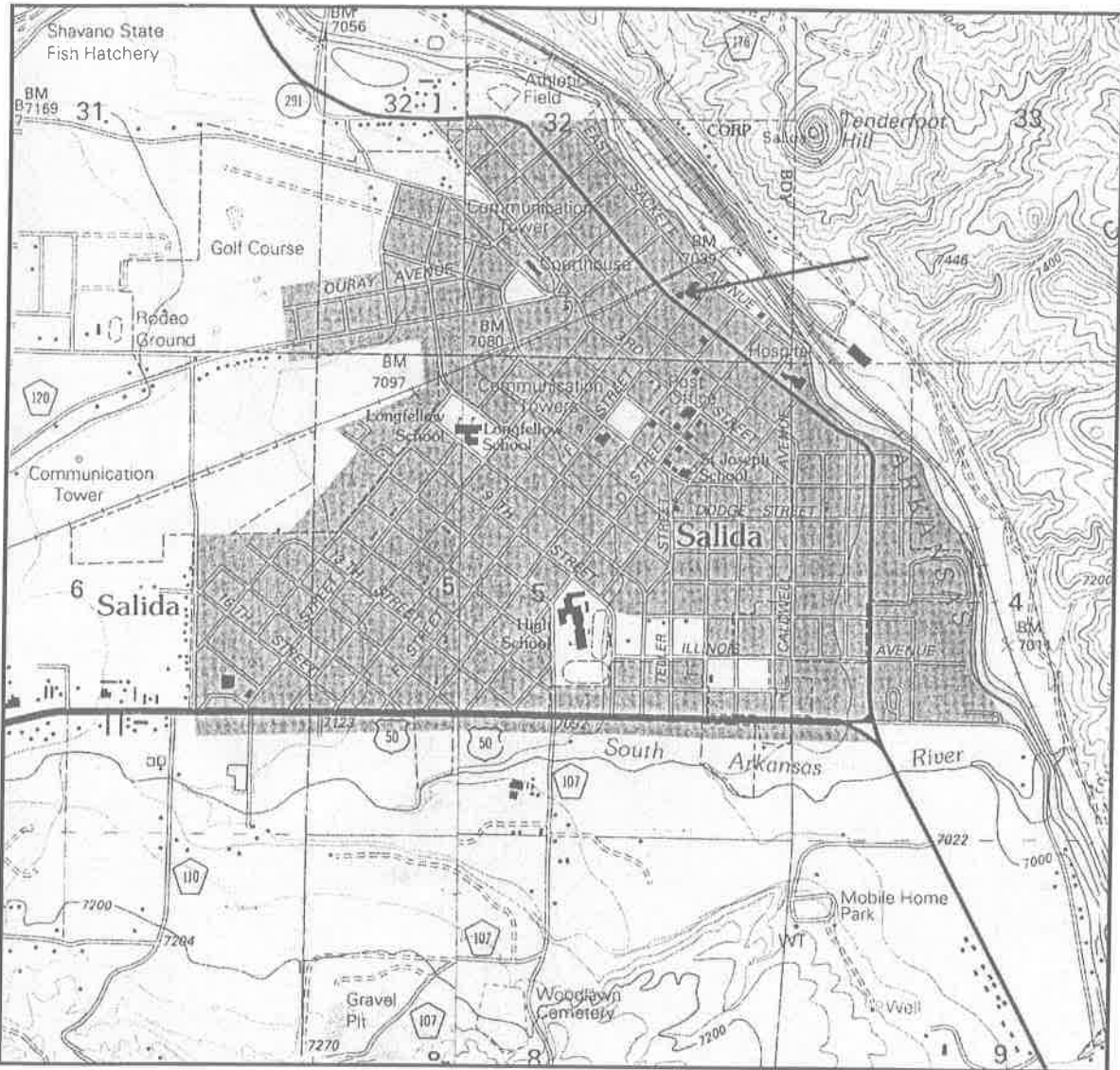


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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