

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible-NR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible-NR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible-SR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible-SR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Need Data
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to Eligible NR District
- \_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF294
2. Temporary Resource Number: 125
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Red Cross Hospital
6. Current Building Name: Salida Masonic Temple
7. Building Address: 140 W. 3rd St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Salida Masonic Temple Association, c/o McCormick, Robert H., P.O. Box 1205, Salida, CO 81201
- Parcel Number: 368132432281
- SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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

10. UTM Reference  
Zone 13 Easting 413408 Northing 4265457

USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.

Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

12. Lot (s): 14-19 Block(s): 32

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): Irregular

15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 157 X Width 73

16. Stories: 1

17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Stucco

18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
Gabled/Side Gabled

19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt/Composition

20. Special Features (enter all that apply):  
Porch, Chimney

21. General Architectural Description:

Long, one-story, rectangular, side gable roof building with gabled projecting addition on north. Walls are covered with textured stucco. Stuccoed chimney at east end with metal top. Concrete foundation with segmental arched basement windows. Inset porch with round arched entrance at center of building has slab door facing south and one facing east. Porch has carpeted steps, wrought iron railing, and concrete side walls. Small lanterns flank entrance. Also door toward west end of south wall, in slightly inset arched opening. Windows have flattened

segmental arches with plate glass windows. Several windows have been covered up on façade. West wall has large blind arch at center flanked by two plate glass windows. There is a plaque cornerstone reading "Salida Masonic Temple." There is a louvered vent and a Masonic emblem on the upper wall. The east wall also has a louvered vent.

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

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

Evergreen bushes along façade; concrete ramp with metal railings.

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

None

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction: Estimate**

**Actual** 1908-09

**Source of Information:** Salida Mail, 31 Dec. 1909

26. **Architect:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

**Source of Information:**

28. **Original Owner:** Dr. Frank N. Cochems

**Source of Information:** Salida Mail, 31 Dec. 1909

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

This parcel was vacant in 1904 according to the Sanborn map. The 1909 map shows the present building as a long 2 1/2-story building labeled "Red Cross Hospital." Between 1909 and 1914 an addition on the north was built, which was attached to the main hospital by a narrow connector.

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

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Health Care/Hospital

32. **Intermediate Use(s):** Health Care/Hospital

33. **Current Use(s):** Social/Clubhouse

34. **Site Type(s):** Hospital, Fraternal Lodge

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was completed in 1908-09 at a cost of about \$40,000 to house the Red Cross Hospital. The two-and-a-half-story building (addressed historically as 247 G street) had sixty-two rooms and sixty-five patients, more than twice the capacity of the old building at 123 G Street. It featured electric nurse-call buttons for patients. Nurse training also took place in the facility.

The Red Cross Hospital had been established in an existing building at 123 G street in 1902 by Dr. Frank N. Cochems. The Salida Mail reported that Dr. Cochems reportedly founded the private facility because "a number of years ago the people of Southern and Western Colorado and Northern New Mexico were sorely in need of a hospital in which the confidence of all would repose unreserved." It was described as "one of the most up-to-date hospitals in the West, and the good work it has done throughout its career can hardly be overestimated."

According to 100 Years in the Heart of the Rockies, the hospital "was ordered closed" in 1939. Following three years of remodeling which reduced the building to one-story, the building was dedicated as the Salida Masonic Temple in 1942. The Masons are a secret fraternal society that came to the American colonies in the 1700s. Lodges were established in such eastern cities as Philadelphia and Boston. Many early American governmental leaders were Masons, such as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The Salida Lodge Number 57 of the AF and AM had been organized in November 1883. When the Opera House at 129 W. 1st Street was completed in late 1888, the Masonic Hall was located on the second floor. The chapter then had about sixty members.

In 1909, J.W. DeWeese was the Worshipful Master of the Salida lodge and G.W. McGovern was the secretary. Charles Ankele was secretary in 1922-23, while E.E. Smith held that position in 1927-28. This building still houses the Salida Masonic Temple.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Mail, 10 August 1906, 31 December 1909, and Booster Edition, 21 October 1927; Russ Collman, Trails Among the Columbine (Denver: Sundance Publications, 1992), 192-194 (photo); Salida Record, 1 January 1904; Cynthia Pasquale, One Hundred Years in the Heart of the Rockies (Salida: Arkansas Valley Publishing Co., 1980), 63.

**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 medicine in Salida, having originally been built as the Red Cross Hospital in 1909. The building became the Salida Masonic Temple in 1942 after extensive remodeling, which diminished its architectural significance.

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

This building displays none of its historic character, and has been reduced from 2 1/2 stories to 1 story.

**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 outside the Salida Downtown Historic District. If included in the district this would be a noncontributing resource.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: N/A

**46. If the building is in an existing NRHP district, indicate contributing status:** N/A

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

**47. Photographic Reference(s):** 17: 13, 15, 17, 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.

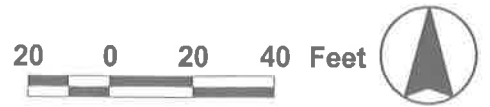
**53. Phone Number(s):** (303) 477-7597

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

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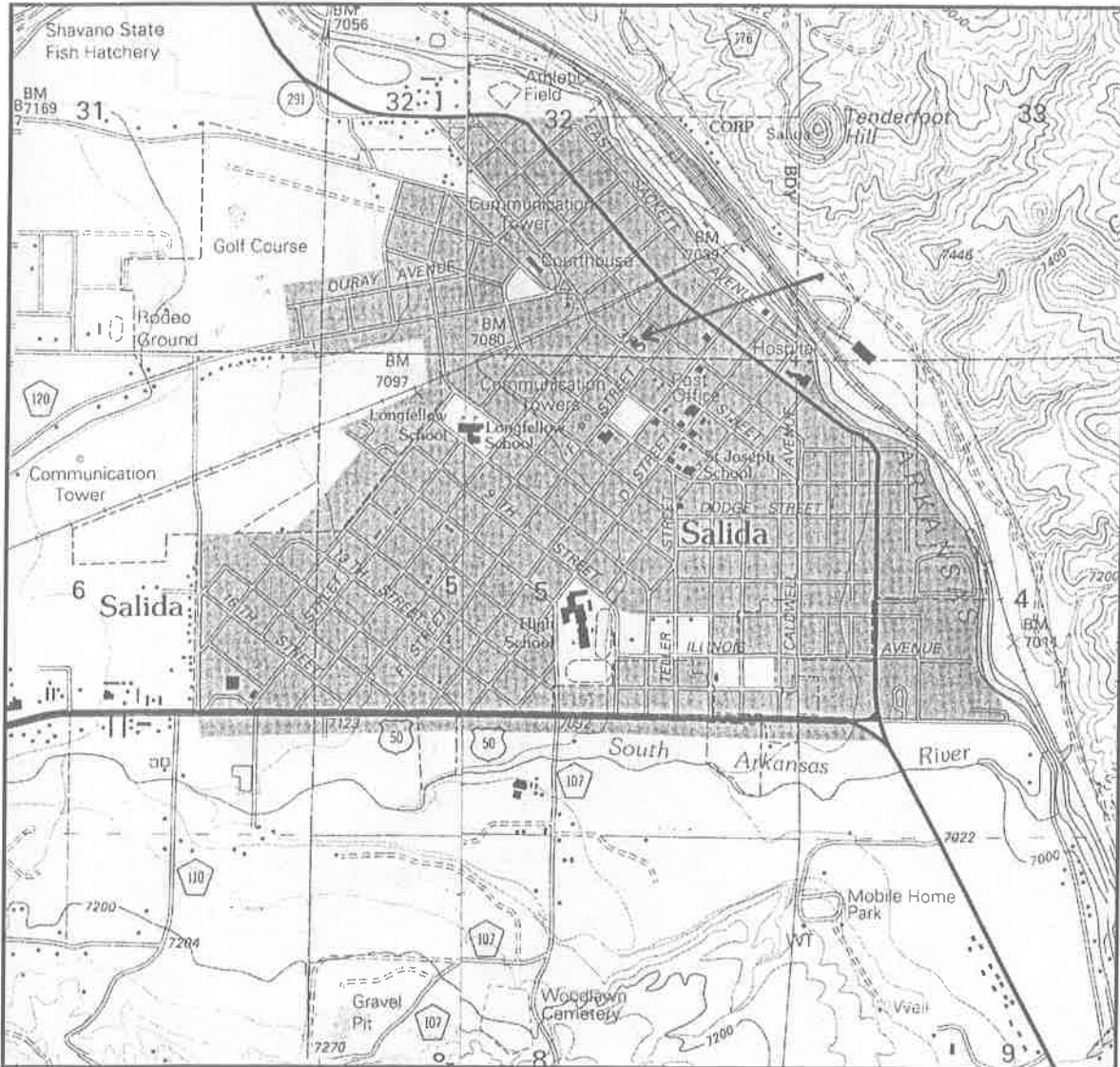


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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