

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.37
2. Temporary Resource Number: 11
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Davis/Thompson/Armstrong Drugs
6. Current Building Name: Lallier Pharmacy
7. Building Address: 143-47 F St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Rapports Associates, P.O. Box 399, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132422253  
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 413556 Northing 4265485

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 93 X Width 41
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):  
Segmental Arch Windows, Chimney
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story rectangular stuccoed commercial building with flat roof. Parapet and cornice have been stuccoed. Second story of façade (west) has four tall, narrow, segmental arched double-hung sash windows with tooled stone hood molds with keystones and stone sills. Walls of façade are enframed at corners; one pier is topped by a corner bracket. First story storefront has inset angled corner entrance at southwest with double metal frame doors, transom, and sidelights. Corner pier is clad with red brick and vertical wood. Plate glass display windows with red wire-drawn brick below windows. Hanging sign at corner above entrance. Second story of south wall has four pairs

of segmental arched windows with hood molds and a single center window. The windows have stuccoed hood molds and tooled stone sills (one replaced). First story of south wall has two doors toward the east end: one is flat arched and the other has segmental arched transom with hood mold and paneled and glazed door. At rear of building is one-story projection with shed roof. Metal and stuccoed chimneys at rear.

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 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 retained its rectangular footprint on Sanborn maps of 1890-1945. The one-story rear projection was not shown on the 1945 Sanborn map.

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

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Restaurant/Bar

Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store

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

33. **Current Use(s):** Health Care/Medical Business/Medical Office

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

35. **Historical Background:**

Sanborn maps indicate that this building was erected between 1888 and 1890. The previous building at this location burned in the fire of January 1888, and the Sanborn map of 1888 shows a vacant lot. The present building appears on the 1890 map, when the building housed a saloon (143) and a meat store (147). The meat store was listed in the 1903-04 city directory as Max Lessing Meats. Lessing was also chief of the fire department. He advertised "only the choicest meats, both salt and fresh. Oysters and clams in season can be had at this market." By 1909 the business was known as the Enterprise Meat Market, still operated by Max Lessing.

The saloon was replaced by a drugstore that was established in 1897 by R.F. Davis, who was succeeded by E.D. Thompson in 1900. Thompson was a graduate of Northwestern University. He operated a drugstore in Chicago before moving to Colorado in 1894. He lived in Denver before moving to Salida in 1900. Thompson sold drugs, oils, patent medicines, wines, liquors, toilet articles, stationery, rubber goods, sponges, and cigars. His soda fountain was called "a thing of beauty--perhaps the finest in this section of Colorado." In August 1901 George W. Armstrong bought Thompson's drugstore. He enlarged and remodeled the store. Armstrong advertised drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, and perfumes. A biography of Armstrong published about 1905 called him "one of the leading merchants of Salida." Armstrong was a native of New York, where he attended school and worked in a bank. In 1864, he crossed the plains to Colorado, where mined for a year before returning to New York. He engaged in a mercantile business before coming back to Colorado in 1877 and took up mining in Central City.

Unsuccessful in his mining ventures, he walked to Denver looking for work, arriving with ten cents in his pocket. Armstrong worked for the wholesale grocery of J.S. Brown & Co. in Denver. In 1880 he opened a grocery in West Denver and was elected to the city council. In 1882 he had started a general store in Montrose County, which expanded with branches in Gunnison County, Debeque, and Parachute. In 1910, Armstrong's drugstore business was purchased by W.C. Alexander, who then operated a drug and jewelry business together.

The 1914 Sanborn map shows a grocery and meat store in 143 F St. and a drugstore in 147 F St. The 1922-23 and 1927-28 city directories list W.R. Crylie Meats in 143 F and Waggener's Pharmacy (C.Y. Waggener, proprietor) in 147 F St. By 1930-31 the drugstore had been replaced by Safeway Stores, Inc., Gilbert A. Griffith, manager. The 1945 Sanborn map shows a store and a drugstore in the building. In 1951 and 1961 a pharmacy known as Alexander's, Inc. was operating here. Jack Long owned the business. Today, Lallier's Pharmacy is located in this building.

### 36. Sources of Information:

Salida Semi-Weekly Mail, 5 June 1900, 3; Salida Mail, Booster Edition, 21 October 1927; Judy Cook, Transcription of Progressive Men of Western Colorado, George W. Armstrong; Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Walking Tours; Salida Record, 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 Salida after the fire of January 1888. The building housed several early businesses, including a saloon and a meat market, and most notably has housed a drugstore for much of its history. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic physical integrity.

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

The application of stucco to the exterior of the building has covered up most of its historic materials and has obscured many of its architectural details. In addition, the storefront of the first story has undergone major alteration.

## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: Not eligible

45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss. N/A

The building is 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

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 12: 9, 11, 13; 13: 29

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

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

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

**Address:** 3635 W. 46th Ave.

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

**Colorado Historical Society-Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**  
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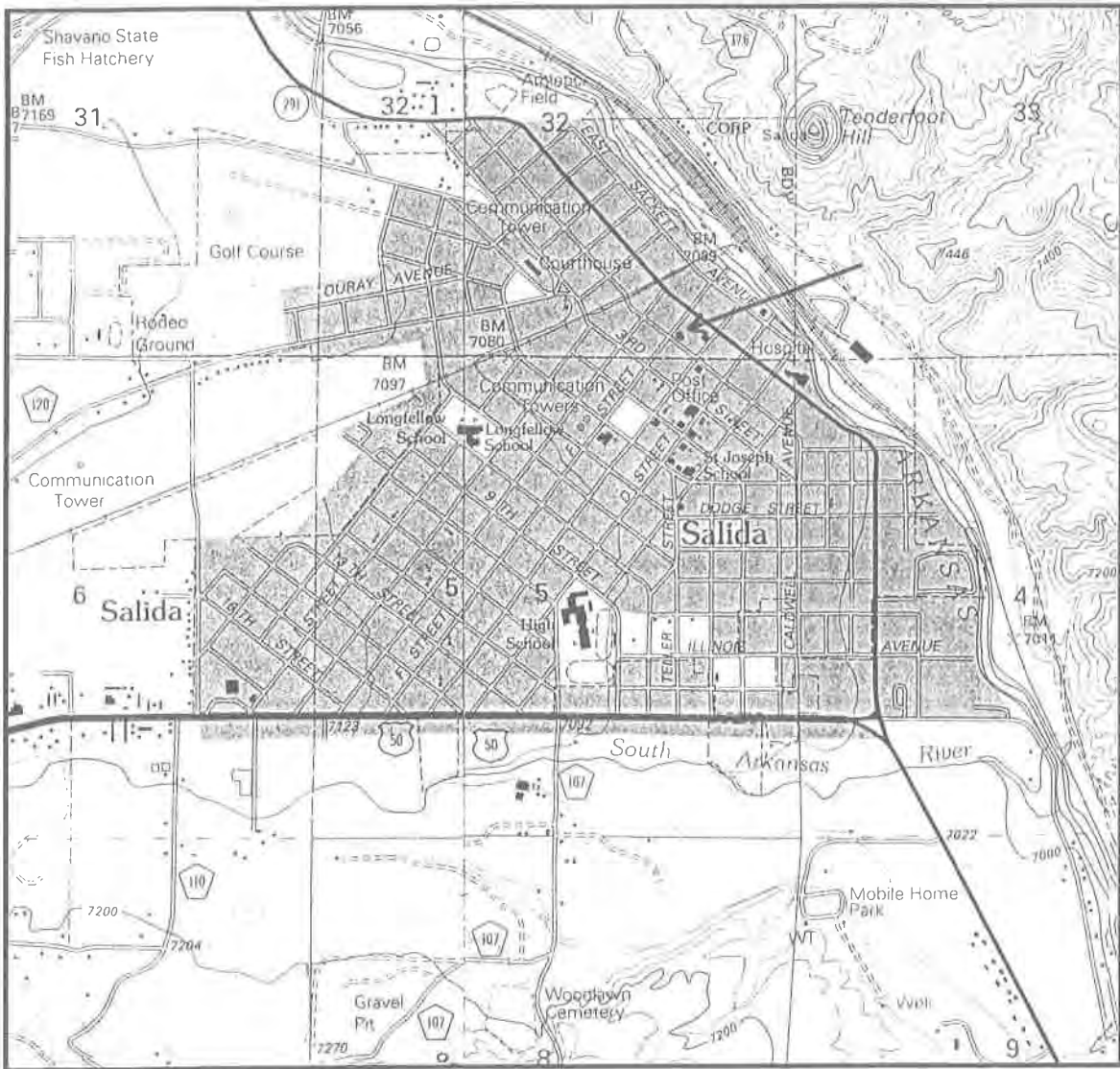
147 F Street, 5CF406.37

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**Downtown Salida Historic Buldings Survey  
USGS Location Map**

143-47 F St. 5CF406.37



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