

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.72
2. Temporary Resource Number: 114
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Salida Elks Home
6. Current Building Name: Salida Elks Lodge
7. Building Address: 148 E. 2nd St.
8. Owner Name and Address: BPO Elks Lodge 808, E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 459, Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132422163
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 413623 Northing 4265452

USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.

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

12. Lot (s): 24-26

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 128 X Width 69

16. Stories: 2

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

Brick

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

Hipped/Cross Hipped

19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Ceramic Tile

20. Special Features (enter all that apply):

Porch, Chimney

21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story orange-red brick fraternal lodge with low hipped roof with widely overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. Tile roofing and raised white sandstone foundation. Symmetrical façade with projecting central porch topped by low balustrade. Porch has square brick columns with stone trim and decorative sculptural brickwork in form of torches with stone trim. Solid balustrade with stone trim. Cornice of porch has dentiled frieze. Porch is topped by short brick piers with balustrade between piers. Concrete stairs with metal railings and slanted top brick sidewalls with concrete trim.

Raised stone foundation has 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with security bars flanking porch. First story has large 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with stone sills flanking porch. Center entrance with flush panel wood door with small light. Large rectangular stained glass transom ornamented with "BPOE 808" and "Elk." Sidelights have pebble glass. Entrance to basement under porch. Gray granite cornerstone on east inscribed "Elks Home AD 1910." Upper story features round arched window with gauged brick surround with stone keystone and springers facing balcony. Arched transom with glass clock above window. Flanking balcony are sash and transom windows.

East wall, second story, has one sash and transom window with stone sill at south end, full-height brick chimney, five bricked in windows, and one double-hung sash window at north end. First story has multi-light window and double-hung sash window south of chimney. Projecting one-story enclosed porch with hipped roof, tile roofing, dentiled cornice, brick columns, and raised stone foundation. Porch has tripartite windows with divided transom, with different shade of brick below windows. North of this is a modern projecting one-story brick addition with flat roof with widely overhanging eaves and three tripartite windows. Three large panels of glass blocks below tripartite windows. Entrance to basement on south wall of the addition has ramp and railings.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/Classical Revival

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

Set back slightly on corner lot. Lawn on either side of stairs. Flagpole and pole with hanging sign in front of building.

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

None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction: Estimate**

Actual 1910

Source of Information: Cornerstone

Architect: Unknown

Source of Information:

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

Source of Information:

28. **Original Owner:** BPO Elks, Salida Lodge 808

Source of Information: Cornerstone

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

The 1914 through 1945 Sanborn fire insurance maps show this resource. It originally was a two-story rectangular building with open porches on the south and east walls. Between 1914 and 1929, a small one-story addition was added to the rear near the west end. The addition to the east and north occurred after 1945.

30. **Original Location:** Yes

Date of Moves

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Social/Clubhouse

32. **Intermediate Use(s):** Social/Clubhouse

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

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

35. **Historical Background:**

This building was erected in 1910 as the Salida Elks Home, a function it continues to serve today. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) was founded in New York in 1868, evolving from a drinking society called the Jolly Corks led by Charles Vivian. The Elks focus on charity and patriotism, assisting victims of natural disasters and supporting the national observance of Flag Day.

The Salida chapter of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) Number 808 met earlier in the McKenna Building on F Street. Leaders of the group in 1903-04 were W.S. Buchanan (Exalted Ruler) and W.D. Erwin

(Secretary). W.C. Alexander (Exalted Ruler) and W.D. Erwin (Secretary) led the group in 1905-06. In 1909, the Exalted Ruler was C.S. Kramer and the Secretary was W. Scott Carroll.

In the summer of 1909, the Elks determined to acquire their own home. They initially decided to buy and remodel the building at the rear of the First National Bank on E. 2nd Street. This building was purchased in November 1909 and plans for its remodeling were drawn up by a Mr. Hubbard, the mechanical draftsman for the Ohio Colorado Smelting and Refining Company in Salida.

For some reason not determined, the Elks abandoned the approach outlined above in favor of constructing a new building at the northwest corner of E. 2nd and E streets. The building committee was composed of Frank B. Churcher, Robert P. Rubin, and John W. Carroll. None of the newspaper articles examined noted the name of the architect or builder. The building was dedicated on 29 December 1910. The total cost of the land and building was about \$33,029, with furniture and fixtures adding another \$13,039.

The Salida Mail gave lengthy coverage to the dedication of the new Elk's home. The newspaper noted the five foot white sandstone foundation, the red pressed brick walls, and the cornerstone of Salida granite. The main entrance was surmounted by leaded, colored glass with a design of an elk's head in the center. Above the second floor balcony was a three-foot diameter glass clock face showing eleven o'clock which could be illuminated from behind by electric light. One of the dedication speakers explained the symbolism: eleven o'clock is "the majestic hour when all Elks turn away from the thought of business life and the living to the thoughts of the dead and departed ones." An extensive discussion of the interior rooms and furnishings was provided by the newspaper, which noted the ample use of oak in wainscoting, paneling, and the main staircase, a ten foot fireplace with a tile hearth, and a 60'X40' lodge room on the second floor with a domed ceiling, orchestra balcony, and a maple floor ("the finest dancing floor in Salida").

By late 1927, the Elks still had about \$5,000 of indebtedness remaining from construction of the new building. At that time the local chapter had about 481 members.

^^ Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Mail, 30 November 1909, 21 January 1910, 30 December 1910 (photo), Booster Edition, 21 October 1927; "Elk's Home, Salida, Colorado," postcard, number 4143, c. 1914.

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 significant for its association with the history of fraternal organizations in Salida, having been erected in 1910 as the Elks Lodge and continuing to serve in that role today. The Elks are the last of the fraternal organizations with quarters in Salida. The building represents Classical Revival elements through its symmetrical façade, brick porch columns ornamented with torches and dentiled frieze, and corniceline balustrade. This building appears to be eligible for the State Register of Historic Places and may also be eligible to the National Register for its social history when its addition becomes historic.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

This building displays a fair amount of historic integrity, although the side porch has been enclosed and an addition to the east and north was built after 1945. The front door is not historic.

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): 13: 11, 13, 15, 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

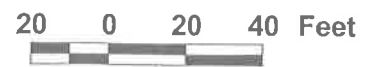
NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

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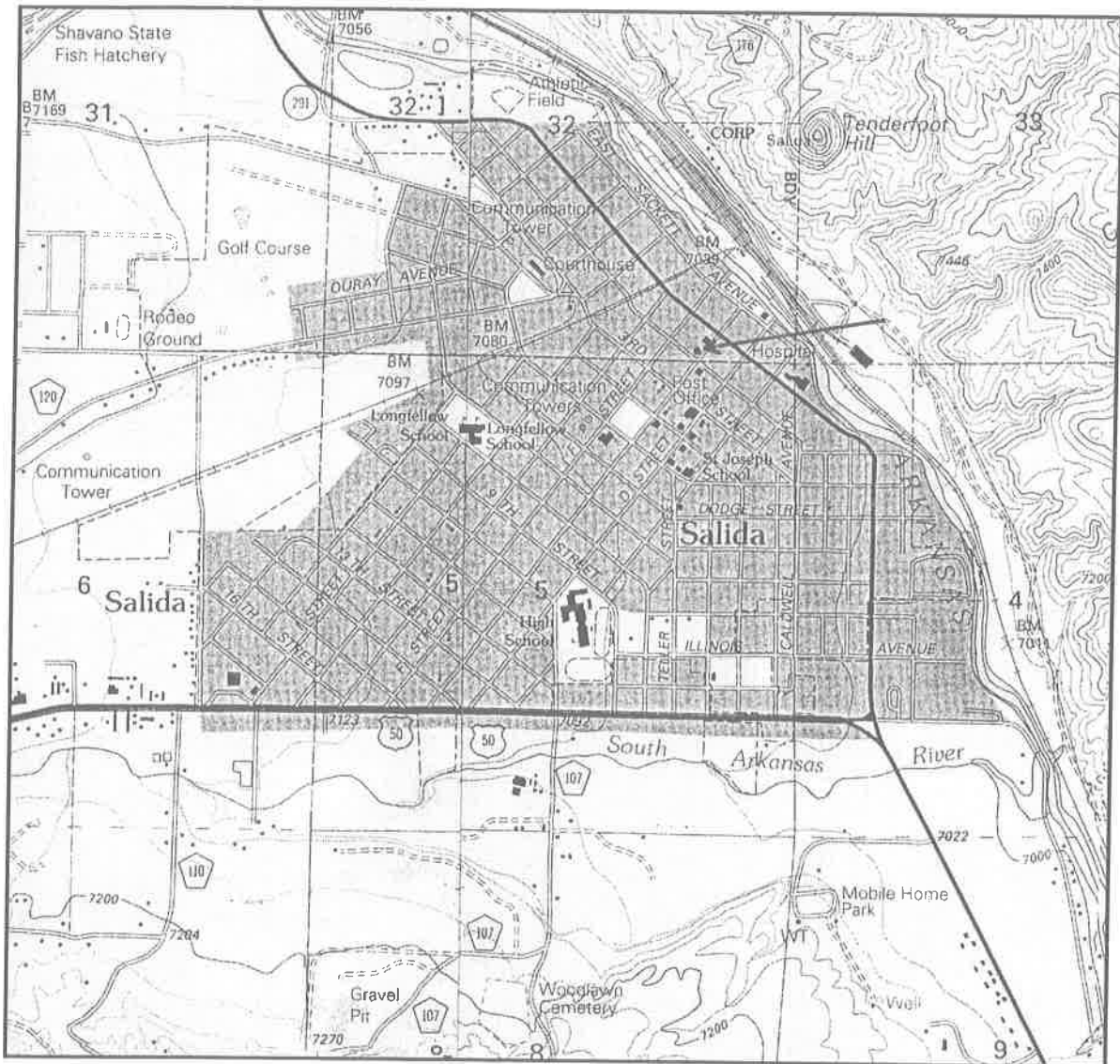


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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map**

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