

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.36
2. Temporary Resource Number: 13
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Jones Block/Knights of Pythias Block/First National Bank
6. Current Building Name: Knights of Pythias Block/Mountain Spirit Winery
7. Building Address: 201 F St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Hill, Wesley H. & Nancy L., 840 Oak St., Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132431399
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 413538 Northing 4265461

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

12. Lot (s): 11-13 (part) Block(s): 31
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 66 X Width 27

16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Brick Stone/Sandstone

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

21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story brick and stone commercial building with rectangular plan and beveled corner facing intersection. Flat roof with wide projecting cornice ornamented with swags and moldings. Beveled corner of cornice has clock and name plaque "K of P." Walls are built of buff colored brick and red sandstone, with sandstone foundation. Under cornice is band of buff brick enframed by moldings.

Flat lintels of second story transoms form part of wide continuous course of rock-faced stone. Narrow rock-faced

band of stone forms lintels of double-hung sash windows, and there is a continuous sill course of stone. The beveled corner has one window, the west wall has four windows, and the north wall has three paired sets of windows and three single windows.

There is a storefront cornice with moldings and dentil course extending from the west wall to part of the north wall; the cornice has a low pediment above the entrance. The first story of the beveled corner includes a wood door with large rectangular light with sidelights and a transom sheltered by a curved fabric awning. The entrance area has stone steps with wrought iron railings. The first story of the west wall has two plate glass windows with a continuous tooled stone sill; stone piers divide the windows and there is rock-faced stone beneath the windows. The north wall has four large plate glass windows with tooled stone sill course toward the west end of the building. There is a tall central window on the north wall with a round arched transom and a wood panel beneath the window. At the east end of the building is an entrance to the upper story that is flanked by stone pilasters supporting an entablature with low pediment and a frieze inscribed "Knights of Pythias." The entrance has double paneled and glazed doors facing steps and a covered transom. A storefront adjacent this entrance has an off-center paneled and glazed door with covered transom, a small plate glass display window with paneled kickplate, and clerestory windows. The pediment of the adjacent entrance is connected to the storefront cornice.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style

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

N/A

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

None

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate Actual 1895

Source of Information: Sanborn maps, 1894 Photo in Fry, 140

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):**

In 1893 this lot was labeled "ruins of fire" on the Sanborn map. The present building, labeled "bank" with a lodge hall on the second floor, appears on the 1898 Sanborn map. The building originally had a pass-through to the east. By 1914, an office space was shown at the rear of the building, addressed 111 E. 2nd.

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Social/Clubhouse
Commerce and Trade/Financial Institution

32. **Intermediate Use(s)** Social/Clubhouse
Commerce and Trade/Business

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

34. **Site Type(s):** Fraternal Hall and Commercial Building

35. **Historical Background:**

This site was where the disastrous fire of January 1888 started in Salida. At that date, Peter Mulvany was completing a three-story brick hotel on the site. A workman dropped a spark into a pile of shavings and within minutes the building was engulfed in flames. The fire soon spread to neighboring buildings, and the heat was so intense that buildings seemed to melt. Losses were estimated at \$175,000, with nearly 60 businesses suffering

losses. The fire led to greater construction of brick buildings in the downtown district.

This building, erected in 1895, housed a fraternal hall of the Knights of Pythias on the second story and the First National Bank on the first story. The building was referred to as the Jones Block in early city directories, presumably after one of the founders of the First National Bank, E.B. Jones. The First National Bank of Salida occupied the main storefront from the time the building opened until 1934, when it moved to 200 F St. In 1889 the "Salida News reported that the First National Bank would open in January 1890. The bank was the successor of the Continental Divide Bank. L.W. and D.H. Craig, operators of a pioneer dry goods firm in Salida, started the private Continental Divide Bank, in 1885. They incorporated as the First National Bank in the latter part of 1889. Stockholders were among the most prominent businessmen in the community. Officers and directors included: L.W. Craig, president; E.B. Jones, vice president; Frank O. Stead, cashier; and L.W. Craig, E.B. Jones, J.G. Hollenbeck, E.R. Naylor, B.H. DeRemer, A.M. Alger, and J.B. Bowne, directors. In 1894 D.H. Craig became a director and in 1895 cashier, a position he continued to hold for many years. By 1900, the bank was called "without question Chaffee county's leading financial institution." Robert Preston, who was president of the bank by 1900, bought controlling interest in the institution in 1903, and the Preston family retained control for many years. In 1902 the bank was described as being conducted along "conservative yet liberal banking lines." By the 1920s it was the county's oldest financial institution. The bank later became a Thatcher bank and then a branch of Pueblo Bank & Trust.

Salida had a large number of fraternal organizations. The Knights of Pythias was an international fraternity founded in Washington, D.C. in 1864 by Justus H. Rathbone. The primary goals of fraternal groups were to promote friendship and relieve suffering. Principles of the K. of P. included friendship, charity, and benevolence. The organization sought moral uplifting and purification of society. Strict morality, absolute truthfulness, honor, and integrity were required of its members. The organization began during the Civil War and was the first American order ever chartered by an act of Congress.

Members of the organization in Salida were primarily railroad employees. In 1889 the "Salida News Holiday Edition" recorded, "Iron Mountain Lodge No. 19, Knights of Pythias, is a very popular benevolent society in Salida. It has a very large membership among the people of Salida, and its meetings are always well attended." Members of the organization met at the Odd Fellow's Hall before they erected their own building. The upstairs of the building reportedly remains much as it was during the time it was a fraternal lodge.

By 1914 an office space at the rear of the building facing 2nd Street had been created. For many years, this was the office of Charles F. Johnson, Realty. Johnson was also secretary-treasurer of the Salida Granite Corporation in the 1920s. He was born in Indiana in 1856 and moved to Colorado in 1878. In 1888 he moved to Salida, where he became a civic leader and successful businessman. He was elected city clerk and recorder four times and also served as county treasurer.

Koster Insurance and Salida Finance were housed in this building from 1934 to 1986. Harold R. Koster established a real estate, insurance, and loan business in 1923 and the Salida Finance Co. in 1949.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida Semi-Weekly Mail, 5 June 1900, 4; Salida Mail 10 August 1906; Salida News, Holiday Edition, 1889, 13; Progressive Men of Western Colorado, Transcribed by Judy Crook; Denver Public Library, Western History Dept., Clipping Files; Salida Mail, Booster Edition, 21 October 1927, 8; Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Walking Tours; Survey Form, 201 F St., 1981; Salida Record, 19 September 1902 and 1 January 1904, 4-5.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local Landmark Designation: No Date of Designation:
Designating Authority:

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- X 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;
 - X 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).
Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance: Commerce
Social History
Architecture

40. Period of Significance: 1895-1934

41. Level of Significance: Local

42. Statement of Significance:

This building, erected in 1895, served as the longtime home of the First National Bank of Salida and the Salida Knights of Pythias. The building is associated with the development of downtown Salida during the 1890s, having been one of the pivotal corner buildings in the commercial district. The First National Bank was the oldest and most successful bank in the city's history. The Knights of Pythias was one of the many fraternal organizations in Salida; most of its local members were railroad workers. The building is one of the best preserved within the commercial district, and is especially notable for its brick and stone composition, cornice with swags and clock, beveled corner, first story cornices with pediments, stone courses, and double-hung sash windows with transoms.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The building maintains excellent historic physical integrity. Alterations include slight modifications to the entrance area and bricking up of the basement windows.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: Eligible

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

This building is located 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): 19: 2, 4, 6

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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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
Sketch Map

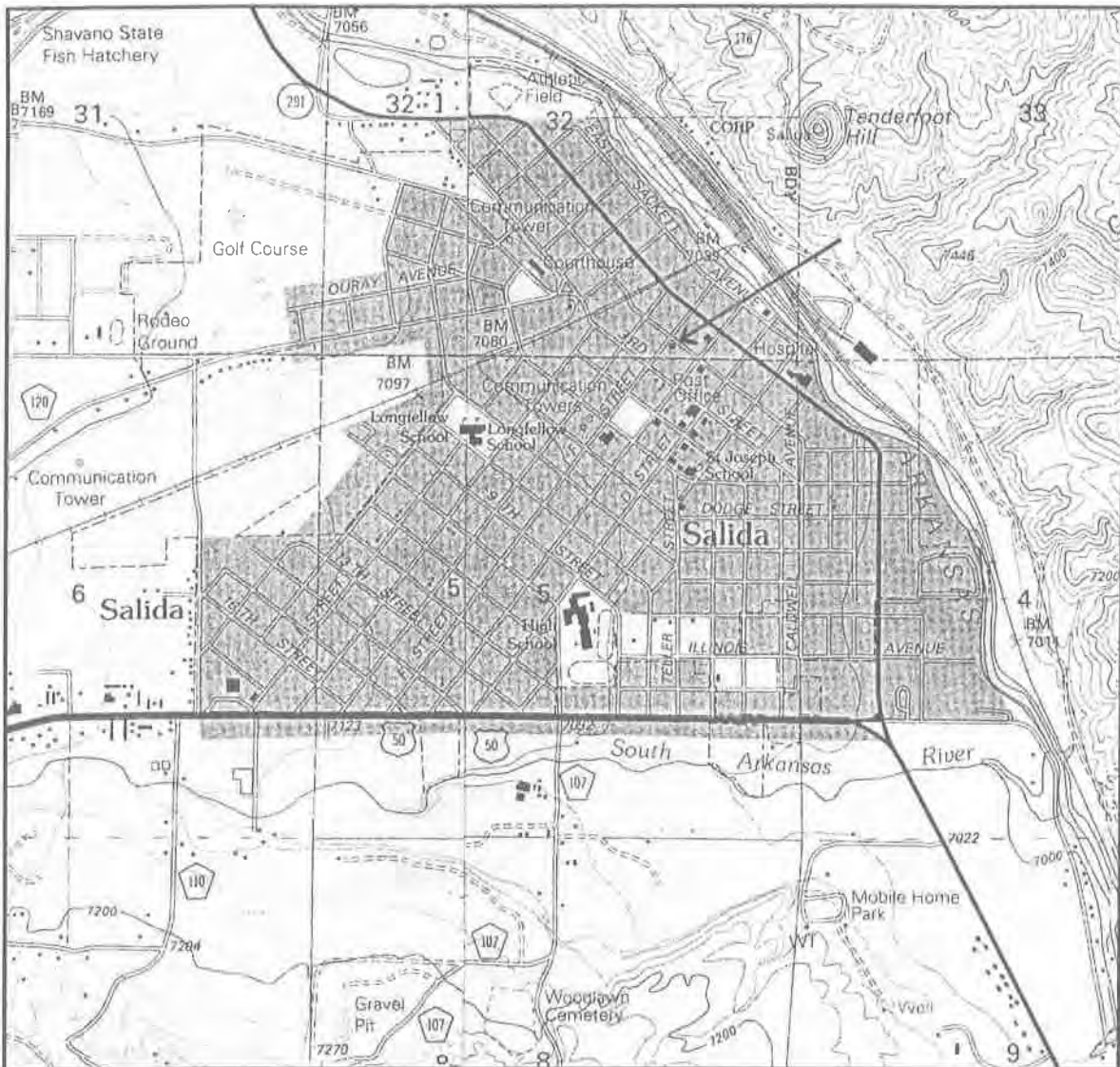


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map

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