

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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\_\_\_\_\_ Need Data  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to Eligible NR District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF2249  
2. Temporary Resource Number: 35  
3. County: Chaffee  
4. City: Salida  
5. Historic Building Name: McNichol House and Rooms/Teller House  
6. Current Building Name: N/A  
7. Building Address: 233 E. First Street  
8. Owner Name and Address: Mehos, John G. and William G.; Mehos Living Trust William 1, 2, and 3
- Parcel Number: 368132423277  
SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E  
SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32
10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413740 Northing 4265441  
1. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
12. Lot (s): NWly. 5 ft. Lot 3; all Lots 4 & 5; & SEly 7 1/2 ft. Lot 6  
Addition: Salida Original Town Block(s): 23  
Year of Addition: 1880
13. Boundary Description and Justification:  
Boundary includes the building and the parcel on which it is located.

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Rectangular  
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 64 X Width 26  
16. Stories: 2  
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Wood/Vertical Siding  
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
Hipped  
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Metal  
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):  
Porch, Chimney, Flared Eaves  
21. General Architectural Description:  
Two-story building with low hipped roof clad with standing seam metal; roof has center deck, two stucco chimneys on east, and flared overhanging eaves. Walls are clad with vertical panel siding. Symmetrical façade with center, gabled roof, projecting porch with square, tapered column supports atop paneled pedestals shelters center door. Flanking porch are tripartite metal frame windows with casement windows flanking plate glass and brick sills. Two similar windows on second story aligned above first story windows. East wall has one tripartite window on the second story and full-height chimney. One-story projection partially visible at rear.  
22. Architectural Style/Building Type: No Style

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

Level site with grass, evergreen bushes next to building, and lilac bush at northeast corner.

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

Small frame shed roof shed outbuilding behind the dwelling has vertical board siding.

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

**25. Date of Construction:** Estimate 1888-90 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 is shown on the 1890 Sanborn map as a single-family dwelling. The house is not shown on the 1888 map. The house also appears in an 1891 photograph of Salida. Between 1890 and 1893 a one-story projection was added to the rear and two small sheds were built on the alley. Between 1914 and 1929 a garage was built on the alley, and one of the sheds was removed. A 1937 photograph shows the brick building with a hipped roof porch extending almost the full width of the front and had turned spindle supports with elaborate brackets. A center door had a segmental arch transom. Flanking the entrance were paired segmental arch double-hung sash windows set in a segmental arch aperture. Similar windows were aligned above on the second story flanking a single segmental arch window. A later (c. 1946) photograph showed the building with the same windows, but with current gabled roof porch. The brick was either painted or stuccoed. An assessor card notation indicates four apartments "completely modern."

**30. Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves:** N/A

**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**31. Original Use(s):** Domestic/Hotel

**32. Intermediate Use(s):** Domestic/Multiple Dwelling

**33. Current Use(s):** Domestic/Single Dwelling

**34. Site Type(s):** House, Apartments/Multi-family Residence

**35. Historical Background:**

The 1903-04 city directory indicated that Ada Jane McNichol (b. 1874) lived here and offered furnished rooms for rent in this building. Her family included her husband Alexander McNichol, an engineer with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and their two daughters. A nurse, Ella Nelson, roomed with them in 1903. Originally from Pennsylvania, Mrs. McNichol died in August 1905 at the age of thirty-two from blood poisoning. Mr. McNichol and his children continued to live here following her death. In 1906 the house included two boarders: Nora Duffy and Toff Wicks, who worked as a fireman for D&RG. Mr. McNichol was born in Schuyler, Nebraska on August 10, 1871. When he arrived in Salida 1894, where he immediately began working for the railroad, first as a fireman and then as an engineer. Alexander McNichol and three other men died in a train wreck near Pando in September 1907, at the age of thirty-six. The train engineered by Mr. McNichol went out of control after the air brakes failed. He had only recently returned to work after remarrying and going on an extended wedding trip in the East. The funeral was held in this house and conducted by the engineers' lodge of which Mr. McNichol was chief. He was lauded as a devoted husband and father, "quiet and unassuming." Mr. McNichol was buried alongside his wife, father, and a brother in Fairview Cemetery.

Following her husband's death, Mrs. Ellen McNichol continued to live here and offered furnished rooms for rent. The 1911-12 city directory listed Mrs. McNichol under furnished rooms. She was born in Guyes Mills, Pennsylvania in 1871. There were six people renting rooms in 1911-12, including a clerk at the Crews-Beggs Mercantile Co., an engineer, two firemen, and a restaurant owner. By 1920, Ellen McNicol had married Thomas J. Teller (b.1867), and

they continued to live at this address. Thomas was employed as a truck driver at the Salida Fruit Company. He was born in Jefferson, Nebraska. There were three lodgers living with the Tellers in 1920, including one German and one Canadian. In 1930, no lodgers lived with the Tellers, who continued to reside here. Thomas Teller died in April 1934 at the age of sixty-six. He had lived in Salida for seventeen years. Ellen M. Teller died in July 1943 at the age of seventy-one.

Prominent and longtime Salida resident Dr. C. Rex Fuller (b.1892) had an office at this address by 1951. He and his wife Marie Hermansen Fuller lived at 541 F St. They were married on June 20, 1914 in Kearney, Nebraska. They had a daughter, Barbara. Born in 1892 in Emerson, Nebraska, Dr. Fuller first came to Salida in 1916, to serve as house physician at the D&RG Hospital. In a 1959 newspaper interview, he recalled delivering babies in front of the fireplace, the only source for light, in the early days of Salida, when he was one of only five doctors in the Salida area. During World War I, he was a regimental surgeon from 1917 to 1920 in an evacuation ambulance company in El Paso, Texas. In 1920, he returned to working at the D&RG Hospital, where he worked until retiring in 1959. He continued his own private practice until late in 1960. Dr. Fuller died in June 1961.

Dr. Leo J. Leonardi also had an office here in 1951. His residence was located at 303 E. 2nd. Two nurses at D&RG Hospital, June Billingham and Yvonne Robideaux, lived in this building in 1951. Also living here were Rockne and Kathleen Holmes. Rockne Holmes was an assistant manager at the JM McDonald Store. Harold R. Koster, Inc., is listed on an Assessor appraisal card as a previous owner.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Salida Record: 4 August 1905, 1; 20 September 1907; Salida Daily Mail: 6 July 1943, 1; Salida Mail: 20 April 1934, 1; Mountain Mail: 20 August 1959, 1; 5 June 1961, 1; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Chaffee County Assessor records; US Census records, 1900-1930.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

**37. Local Landmark Designation:** No **Date of Designation:** N/A

**Designating Authority:** N/A

**Local Landmark Eligibility:** No

<b>Local Landmark Criteria:</b>	1 - Exemplary Property	3 - Architectural Signif.	5 - Archeological Imp.
	2 - Historic Signif.	4 - Noted Designer:	6 - Contributing Bldg.

**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:** N/A

**40. Period of Significance:** N/A

**41. Level of Significance:** N/A

**42. Statement of Significance:**

This building, one of the larger residences in the neighborhood, was constructed between 1888 and 1890 and dates to the first decade of Salida's growth. The house is associated with an early twentieth century railroading family, the Alexander McNichol family. For many years, rooms for boarders were rented out in the house. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic physical integrity.

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

This building no longer has historic physical integrity due to alterations. The siding, windows, doors, and porch have been altered.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

**44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment:** Not eligible

**45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss. Yes**

This resource was documented as part of a survey of a portion of northeast Salida lying between Downtown and the historic Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Hospital. A previous reconnaissance of this neighborhood of the city resulted in the recommendation that this area be intensively surveyed to determine whether a historic district might exist. The boundaries of such a district have not yet been identified since some areas included in the current survey might logically be associated with adjacent unsurveyed areas. A preliminary evaluation of whether this property would be a contributing resource, if found to be within the boundaries of a district, has been made to assist future studies.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: Noncontributing

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

**47. Photographic Reference(s):** 10: 14-19; 20: 16

**Negatives Filed At:** City of Salida

**Photographer:** T.H. Simmons

**48. Report Title:** Salida, Colorado, Historic Buildings Survey, 2006-07

**49. Date(s):** June 2006

**50. Recorder(s):** R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

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

**52. Address:** 3635 W. 46th Ave., Denver, CO 80211

**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.

**Colorado Historical Society-Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**

**1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 866-3395**



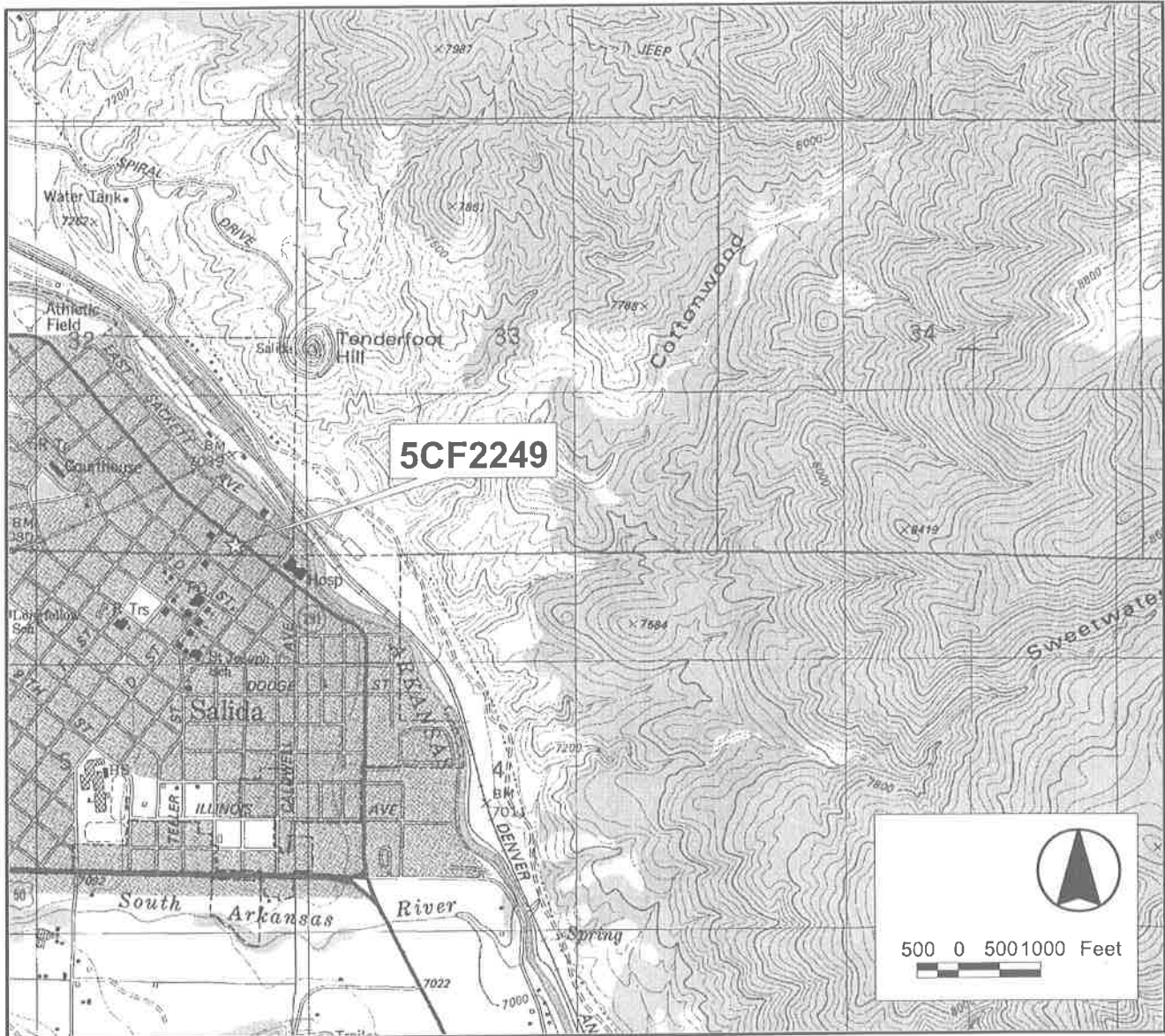
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



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LEGEND	
	Survey Area Boundary
	Surveyed-Primary Buildings
	Surveyed-Outbuildings
	Not Surveyed



SOURCE: Extract of U.S. Geological Survey, "Salida East, Colo.," 7.5 minute quadrangle map (Denver: U.S. Geological Survey, 1994).

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