

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF2235  
2. Temporary Resource Number: 88  
3. County: Chaffee  
4. City: Salida  
5. Historic Building Name: Hughes House  
6. Current Building Name: Camp House  
7. Building Address: 237 D Street  
8. Owner Name and Address: Camp, James A., 237 D St., Salida, CO 81201
- Parcel Number: 380705129068  
SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 49N Range 9E  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5
10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413676 Northing 4265253
1. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
12. Lot (s): 14 through 17 (part) Block(s): 29  
Addition: Sackett's Addition Year of Addition: 1898-1904
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 41 X Width 27  
16. Stories: 2  
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
Brick  
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
Mansard  
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Metal  
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):  
Dormer, Chimney, Porch, Segmental Arch Window, Fence, Flared Eaves  
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story rectangular brick dwelling with mansard roof clad with standing seam metal roofing and with flared, overhanging eaves. Front (west) has two gabled roof wall dormers with tall, narrow, 1/1-light double-hung sash windows that cut through the wide, plain cornice. Similar wall dormers on the rear. There is also a small gabled roof dormer on the north. Painted brick walls and painted stone foundation. Front (west) has center, projecting flat roof porch with stick frieze, square wood columns, and curved brackets. Porch has concrete deck. Off-center entrance facing porch has segmental arch transom with carving above. Transom is covered. Paneled and glazed door. Paired windows in segmental arch aperture are 1/1-light double-hung sash facing porch. South wall has two tall, segmental arch 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with gauged brick lintels. North wall has one tall segmental arch

window toward the front and a shorter window toward the rear. Shed roof one-story brick addition on rear at north end has short segmental arch window facing north.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late Victorian/Second Empire

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

Level site with grass lawn. Parking lawn has saplings. Dirt driveway on north. Bush and planting beds adjacent front porch. Concrete sidewalk leading to porch. Vertical board fence enclosing backyard.

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

None

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1888-92 Actual

**Source of Information:** Photographs from Tenderfoot Hill, 1888 and 1892

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 house was erected between 1888 and 1892, based on photographs taken from Tenderfoot Hill. An 1892 photograph of this house shows it looking much like it does today, including the porch frieze and brackets and the metal roofing. The Assessor's office incorrectly indicates a 1900 date of construction. Between 1914 and 1929 a long rectangular outbuilding and a garage were constructed. Those buildings also appeared on the 1945 Sanborn map, but are no longer extant.

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

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Domestic/Single Dwelling

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

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

34. **Site Type(s):** House, Single Family Dwelling

35. **Historical Background:**

This house was built between 1888 and 1892. Richard and Kezia Hughes lived at this house during the 1903-06 period. They were both born in Wales; Richard in 1846 and Kezia in 1850, although they did not meet until they arrived in the U.S. Richard immigrated in 1866 and Kezia a year later, in 1867. They were married in Dover, New Jersey in 1870. The couple came to Colorado in 1879, where Richard worked as a coal miner in Coal Creek. The Hughes had six children, including one son, Tom Hughes, who became a star baseball pitcher for a Boston team. They moved to Salida in 1898, and Richard worked for D&RG railroad until he retired a few years before his death. Richard was an engineer in 1903, a high school janitor in 1906, and a machinist with the railroad in 1910. Richard and Kezia's son, Thomas Hughes (b.1884), a helper with D&RG, lived here in 1903. Their son Henry Hughes, a hostler with D&RG, also lived at this house in 1903. In 1906 Richard Hughes, Jr., (b.1890), another son, was listed here and went to school at Salida High School. Richard, Sr., who was closely identified with the early history of the region, died in 1923, and was described as "one of Salida's most beloved citizens." Kezia died four years later in 1927, at which point she had lived in Salida for twenty-nine years. Two unrelated people lived with the Hughes family in 1903 and 1906: Owen Higgins, a boilermaker with the railroad, in 1903 and in 1906 Vincent Wallace De Voe, a clerk. By 1920 Mr. De Voe was a clerk at the post office and was living at a different house in Salida. He was born in Canada in 1879 and came to the U.S. in 1892.

The 1910 US Census listed the Blunkall family at this address as renters. Stephen N. Blunkall, born in Missouri

about 1865, worked as a teamster operating the Salida Transfer Company. He also served as assistant water and park commissioner of Salida. At one time, he was affiliated with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Mrs. Sarah Blunkall was born in 1864 at Mexico, Missouri. She married Stephen Blunkall of the same town in 1880. The Blunkalls moved to Salida in 1905. Sons James and Samuel lived here and assisted in the transfer business. Daughter Winant B. Blunkall, born about 1894 in Missouri, was also living here. Steven Blunkall died in November 1910 from meningitis resulting from an abscess in the back of his head. At that time, the family was living at 309 E. 2nd.

By 1922 Arthur B. and Agnes Leininger lived here. Arthur was a fireman with the railroad. Arthur was born in Illinois in 1888 and Agnes in Kansas in 1891. They had three children: Aletha (b.1912), Gertrude (b.1914), and Arthur Jr. (b.1919). Chaffee county pioneer John W. Jay lived at this address by 1930, with his wife Nellie and their two adult sons: Orville (30) and John Jr. (25). John was a road supervisor for the state who was born in Henry county, Iowa on 24 February 1870. He helped to clear the right-of-way for Monarch Pass highway. Throughout the years he also participated in ranching activities, operated a sawmill, and was active in Republican affairs. He moved to Leadville, Colorado with his parents in 1879. The family moved to Maysville, Colorado in 1880, which was then a booming frontier town. After this, the family moved to a ranch near Maysville, which was known as the Groy Place. John and Nellie G. Blades, who was born in 1875 in Kansas, married on 25 September 1892. Nellie died in April 1946. John died in March 1957. K.R. and Leona Henderson lived at this house in 1951. Mr. Henderson was a teller at 1st National Bank. In 1965 this was the residence of Donald L. and Nancy A. Schmidli, who were also the owners. Mr. Schmidli was a teacher.

### 36. Sources of Information:

Salida Photographs, 1888 and 1892; Mountain Mail, 13 March 1957, 5; Trails Among the Columbine, 93; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Chaffee County Assessor records; US Census records, 1900-1930; Salida Mail, 28 September 1923, 1 8 June 1936, 3; 9 June 1936, 2; 13 June 1936, 3; 13 August 1942, 1; 19 April 1947, 1; 22 April 1947, 1; Salida Record: 4 November 1910;

## I. SIGNIFICANCE

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

Designating Authority: N/A

Local Landmark Eligibility: Yes

Local Landmark Criteria: 1 - Exemplary Property X 3 - Architectural Signif. 5 - Archeological Imp.  
X 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;  
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: Architecture

40. Period of Significance: c. 1888-1892

41. Level of Significance: Local

### 42. Statement of Significance:

This was an early home of the Blunkall family, who were early and prominent residents of the city, as well as notable citizen John Jay. This house is notable for its well-preserved Second Empire style features, most notably seen in its mansard roof with flared eaves, gabled wall dormers, and one-story porch with frieze and brackets. The house is also significant for its brick construction atop a stone foundation and its tall segmental arch windows. This house is potentially eligible to the National and State registers.

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

This house retains historic physical integrity. The brick walls have been painted. There is a shed roof projection at the rear near the northeast corner. The lower part of the porch supports (below the brackets) appear to have been replaced.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: 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: Contributing

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

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photographic Reference(s): 16: 4-9

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**



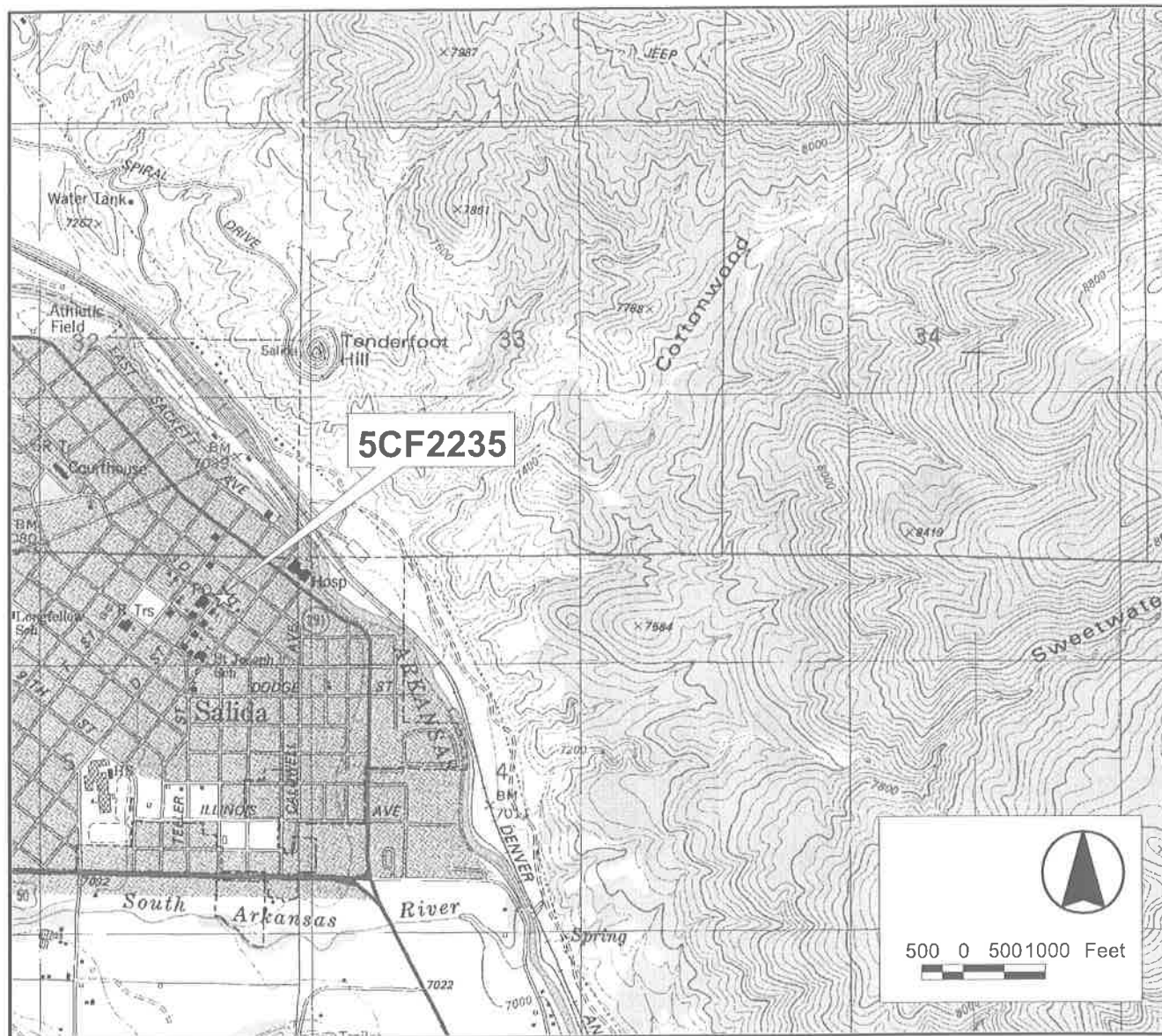
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



237 D Street



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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