

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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Date _____ Initials _____

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Need Data

Contributes to Eligible NR District

Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF2267
2. Temporary Resource Number: 28
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Mountford/Argys House
6. Current Building Name: N/A
7. Building Address: 237 E. Sackett Avenue
8. Owner Name and Address: Montoya, David, c/o Liddington, Jeff, P.O. 536, Snowmass, CO 81654
- Parcel Number: 368132403066
SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32
10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413814 Northing 4265540
1. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
12. Lot (s): 5 Block(s): 3
Addition: Salida Original Town 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): L-Shaped
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 47 X Width 27
16. Stories: 1
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Wood/Horizontal Siding
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):
Gabled/Cross Gabled
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt/Composition
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):
Porch
21. General Architectural Description:
One-story dwelling with double front gable roof and intersecting side gable, composition roofing, overhanging eaves, and exposed rafters. Walls clad with drop siding with corner boards. Projecting porch has gabled roof with shingles on gable face and square column supports atop solid balustrade with drop siding. Center entrance facing porch has newer door with multiple lights. East of entrance are paired sash and transom windows with divided transoms. West of porch is single sash and transom window. West wall has similar sash and transom window and shorter window further south. East wall not visible from sidewalk.
22. Architectural Style/Building Type: Late Victorian

23. Landscaping or Special Setting Features:

Level site with grass and timber edging along sidewalk. Small aspen tree at northwest corner, as well as pipe and wire fence and gate. Large bush at northeast corner of house.

24. Associated Buildings, Features, or Objects:

Outbuilding on alley with wood and corrugated metal siding.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**25. Date of Construction: Estimate**

Actual 1889

Source of Information: Chaffee County Assessor

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):

The original eastern part of this house is shown on an 1891 photograph of Salida, so the 1889 date of construction provided by the Assessor could be correct. Photographs from Tenderfoot Hill taken in 1891, 1892, and 1895 show a one-story front gable roof house with an off-center door to the west and paired windows to the east. Sanborn fire insurance maps for 1886 through 1914 show the house as a long north-south rectangle; it was numbered as 235 E. Sackett Avenue on 1904 and 1909 maps and as 237 on 1914 and later maps. The 1929 and 1945 Sanborns show a narrow projection on the west wall toward the rear. The western section on the front of the house may have been added after 1945, based on a Sanborn map of that date. However an undated old Assessor photograph shows the west part present and the west wall has windows like those of the front. The alley garage was built between 1914 and 1929; earlier Sanborn maps show a smaller outbuilding located between the house and the alley or on the alley.

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 in 1889 according to the Chaffee County Assessor. William L. Mountford (b.1866), a brakeman with D&RG, lived here starting in 1906 until at least 1912. William was born in Poynette, Wisconsin in 1869. His wife, Minnie P. Mountford, was born in Illinois in 1870. The Mountfords were married in 1895. They came to Salida in 1902. The couple had a ten-year-old daughter, Dick P. Mountford, who was born about 1900 in Wisconsin. William died in 1917, at the age of 50. The Mountfords may have divorced by that date, as his obituary did not list his wife as a survivor. Minnie and Dick continued living together, at a different address in Salida. In 1920 Dick was working as a stenographer at a dentist office. They still lived with each other in 1930, during which year Dick worked as a stenographer for a fuel yard.

Theodore A. Argys Sr. and his wife Mary Elizabeth Gloven Argys began living at this house in 1922. They continued to live here until at least 1951. Theodore was an owner of Argys Bros. Mercantile with his brothers, Dick and Gus. It was a retail business established in 1912 to sell groceries and meat. The Argys Brothers were also local distributors of Nash automobiles beginning in 1917 and operated an automobile garage and service department. Theodore Argys was responsible for the retail store, grocery, and meat departments of their business. He was born in Greece in 1897, coming to the U.S. in 1907. In 1920 he had been living with his brother Dick at a different Salida house. Both brothers were working as grocery store clerks in 1920. Mary Argys was born in Colorado, but both of her parents were from Austria. The couple had two sons by 1930: Theodore Jr., age 9, and George, age 6. The 1965 city directory listed Theodore A. Argys, Sr., as the owner of the house. Mrs. Argys was not listed. Mr. Argys was

identified as retired.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida Mail, 22 May 1917, 1 and Booster Edition 1927, 8; 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: Yes

Local Landmark Criteria: 1 - Exemplary Property 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;
- 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

.2. Statement of Significance:

This house was erected in 1889 according to the Chaffee County Assessor, and it is associated with the city's growth during its first decade. The house was altered at some point in the twentieth century to include western gabled section. For many years this house was associated with Theodore A. Argys, Sr., an owner of Argys Mercantile, founded in the early twentieth century.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

This house appears much as it did in an old but undated Assessor photograph (including the roof, porch, and windows).

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: Contributing

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

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 1: 20-25; 21: 11

Negatives Filed At: City of Salida

Photographer: T.H. Simmons

.8. 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

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

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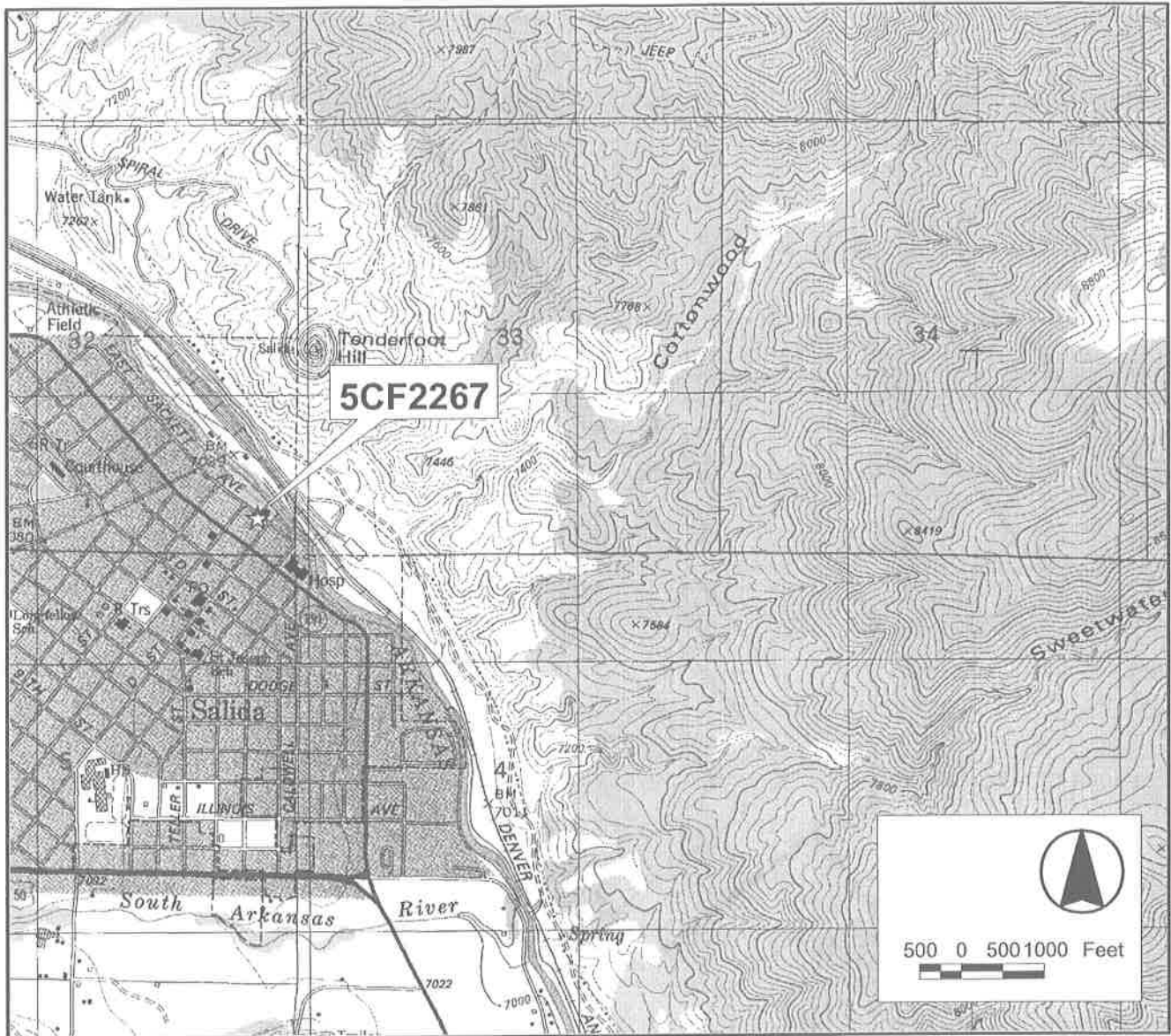
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



237 E. Sackett Avenue



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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