

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Date _____	Initials _____
_____	Determined Eligible-NR
_____	Determined Not Eligible-NR
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_____	Determined Not Eligible-SR
_____	Need Data
_____	Contributes to Eligible NR District
_____	Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

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| 1. Resource Number: 5CF2283 | Parcel Number: 380705129065 |
| 2. Temporary Resource Number: 85 | SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017 |
| 3. County: Chaffee | |
| 4. City: Salida | |
| 5. Historic Building Name: Keeton/Blunkall House | |
| 6. Current Building Name: Aragon/Wilkins House | |
| 7. Building Address: 309 E. Second Street | |
| 8. Owner Name and Address: Aragon, John L. and Wilkins, Brenda L., 309 E. 2nd St., Salida, CO 81201 | |

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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| 9. P.M. N.M. | Township 49N | Range 9E |
| NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 | of Section 5 | |
| 10. UTM Reference Zone 13 | Easting 413725 | Northing 4265298 |
| 11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. | Year: 1983 | Map Scale: 7.5' |
| 2. Lot (s): 10 and 11 | Block(s): 29 | Year of Addition: 1898-1904 |
| Addition: Sackett's Addition | | |
| 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 40 X Width 31
16. Stories: 2
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Brick
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):
Gabled/Side Gabled
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt/Composition
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):
Segmental Arch Window, Decorative Cornice, Porch, Fence
21. General Architectural Description:

Two-story side gable roof red-orange brick dwelling with overhanging eaves with eave returns and composition roofing. Front (north) has projecting, center, one-story front gabled roof enclosed porch with a sunburst ornament on the gable face and a pent roof. The porch has walls clad with asbestos shingles, multi-light windows on the east and front, and a door facing concrete steps and a wrought iron railing. East and west of the porch are segmental arch sash and transom windows with stained glass in the transom above plate glass sash. The windows have brick hood molds. The upper story of the façade has flat arch, tall, narrow, double-hung sash windows. The east and west walls have segmental arch double-hung sash windows on each story with gauged brick lintels and wood sills. There is a one-story brick projection on the rear with a decorative cornice and segmental arch window.

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

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

Level site with grass yard and concrete sidewalks. Flowering bushes planted adjacent house and in yard. Stone border along sidewalk. Vertical board fence at rear.

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

A large outbuilding was shown at the southwest corner of the property on 1904 through 1945 Sanborn maps; this building is no longer present and two smaller outbuildings date to after 1945. It is difficult to see these outbuildings due to a high fence.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1898-1902 Actual

Source of Information: Sanborn Map, 1898 and Salida Photograph, 1902

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):**

Based on the 1898 Sanborn fire insurance map and a 1902 historic photograph of Salida taken from Tenderfoot Hill, this house was erected between those dates. The Assessor's 1910 year of construction is not correct. The 1904 Sanborn depicts this house with a rectangular two-story section, with a one-story rear addition at the west, and a center one-story open front porch and an open rear porch. The footprint of the house was unchanged on 1904 through 1945 Sanborn maps; the front porch was enclosed after 1945. The house was addressed as 311 E. Second Street on 1904 through 1929 Sanborn maps. No old assessor appraisal card was on file at the Salida Regional Library for this property.

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 1898 and 1902. In the 1906 Salida city directory Mrs. Rose H. Keeton (1851-1931) was listed at this address. No occupation was provided for Mrs. Keeton. Sarah F. and Stephen M. Blunkall occupied this address by 1910, having moved from another Salida house in that year. Sarah F. and Stephen M. Blunkall were married in 1880 in Missouri. They moved to Salida in 1905. Stephen (b.1855), originally from Missouri, operated the Salida Transfer Company and was the assistant water and park commissioner and owner of the Salida Transfer Company before dying in November 1910. Sarah was born in Missouri in 1865. Also living with them were two sons: Samuel R. (b.1887), James T. (b.1883) and one daughter: Winant B. (b.1894), all of whom were born in Missouri. James and Samuel co-owned the Salida Transfer & Storage Company. Living with the Blunkalls in 1911-12 was a boarder, Charles Rallison, a worker for D&RG. He was born in Indiana in 1862. By 1920 Sarah Blunkall lived with her sons James and Samuel at 123 D Street. During this year James was chief of police and Samuel was a merchant helper for a railroad shop. The three of them continued to live together in 1930 although they had moved to 123 E Street. By this time James was employed as a special police officer with the railroad and Samuel was a stationary fireman at the electric plant. James Blunkall died in June 1936 and had lived in Salida for 31 years at the time of his death. He had been sick for many years before death. Samuel Blunkall died in August 1942. Sarah Blunkall died in April 1947.

Wilvin E. and Retta H. Irwin lived at this house by 1922. Wilvin was born in Kansas in 1877 and Retta was born in Missouri in 1889. They had three daughters together by 1920: Emma (b.1910), Berniece (b.1913), and Thelma (b.1915). Wilvin was working as a painter for the railroad in 1920, but by 1922 he had his own business that was described in the city directory as "Painting, decorating and graining, paints mixed to order." By 1930 Charles C. and Elizabeth M. "Lizzie" Johnson resided at this address. Charles (b.1888) was a fireman with D&RGW, originally born in Kansas. Lizzie was born in 1882 in Colorado. Milburn H. and Laura Foster lived here in 1951. Milburn worked for Rio Grande Motor Way as a truck driver. In 1965 no information was provided in the city directory for this address.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida Mail: 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; 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

Local Landmark Criteria:

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 house, erected at the turn of the century, is representative of late Victorian architecture in Salida in its gabled roof, brick walls, projecting porch with sunburst ornament, and segmental arch windows (two with stained glass transoms).

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The house appears to maintain very good historic physical integrity. The front porch was enclosed after 1945.

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):** 14: 36-37; 15: 2-7; 19: 16-17**Negatives Filed At:** City of Salida**Photographer:** T.H. Simmons

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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



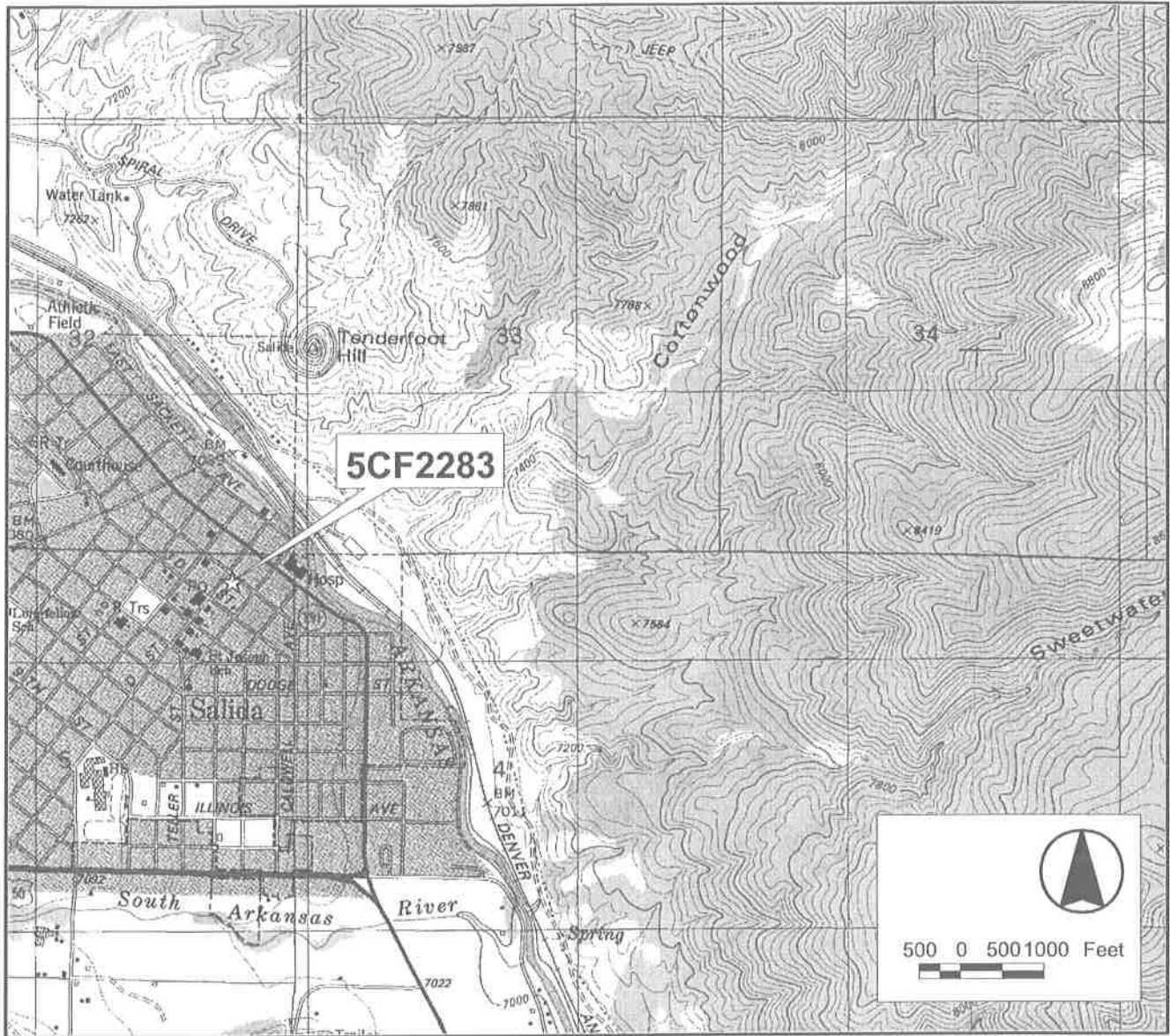
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



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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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