

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Resource Number: 5CF2252   | Parcel Number: 380705124014     |
| 2. Temporary Resource Number: 48  | SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017 |
| 3. County: Chaffee  |                                 |
| 4. City: Salida   |                                 |
| 5. Historic Building Name: Ruland House   |                                 |
| 6. Current Building Name: Medrano House   |                                 |
| 7. Building Address: 315 E. First Street  |                                 |
| 8. Owner Name and Address: Medrano, Richard A. and Brian L. and Medrano, Cindy L., 315 E. 1st St., Salida, CO 81201 |                                 |

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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| 9. P.M. N.M.   | Township 49N   | Range 9E               |
| NE 1/4 NW 1/4  | NE 1/4 NE 1/4  | of Section 5           |
| 10. UTM Reference Zone 13  | Easting 413800 | Northing 4265387       |
| 11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.   | Year: 1983     | Map Scale: 7.5'        |
| 12. Lot (s): 9 and 10 and part of 11   | Block(s): 24   | Year of Addition: 1880 |
| Addition: Salida Original Town   |                |                        |
| 13. Boundary Description and Justification:<br>Boundary includes the building and the parcel on which it is located. |                |                        |

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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| 14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): Irregular                                  |
| 15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 41 X Width 30                                     |
| 16. Stories: 1   |
| 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):<br>Metal         |
| 18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):<br>Gabled/Cross Gabled          |
| 19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt/Composition |
| 20. Special Features (enter all that apply):<br>Porch                            |
| 21. General Architectural Description:   |

One-story frame house with roof of intersecting gables creating L-shaped plan, as well as one-story flat roof projection on east. Roof has overhanging eaves and asphalt composition roof shingles. Walls are clad with nonhistoric drop siding with narrow corner boards. Assessor records indicate that the foundation is brick. Façade (north) has shed roof porch at the angle of intersection of the gables. Porch has post supports. Tall, narrow, double-hung sash window with shutters faces north onto porch. Entrance with transom faces west onto porch from west wall of projecting gable. Front gable end has paired, tall, narrow, double-hung sash windows with shutters. East wall of house has two double-hung sash windows with shutters. One-story projection on southeast has window facing east.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** No Style

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

Level site with grass and concrete sidewalks.

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

Metal shed at rear with low gabled roof.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1882-88 Actual

**Source of Information:** Bird's-eye-view Map, 1882 and Photograph, 1888

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 built between 1882 and 1888. It does not appear on an 1882 bird's-eye-view drawing of the city, but is shown in a March 1888 photograph taken from Tenderfoot Hill. Sanborn maps of 1886 and 1888 do not cover this site, but indicate that there is a "Fr. dwg. 35' back from street line," which may be this house. The house is shown on the 1890 Sanborn map in today's configuration, minus the one-story projection. The house is present in an 1891 photograph of Salida, with the front appearing similar to the way it does today. Between 1893 and 1898 the one-story projection was built. Between 1898 and 1945 a rear addition was built. In 1904 there was a stable associated with the house; the stable was later identified as a garage.

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 1882 and 1888. In 1903, Melvin J. and Margaret J. Ruland occupied this house. They had two sons, Elmer (14) and Myron J (20). Mr. Ruland was born in 1856 in New York. Mrs. Ruland was born in 1864 in Iowa. Mr. Ruland was employed as an engineer for the Denver & Rio Grande, until his death at the age of 46, on November 1, 1903. Mrs. Ruland continued to live by herself at this address. She died of heart trouble in Denver in April 1909, at the age of 45, and was buried at Fairview Cemetery beside her husband.

The 1911-12 city directory lists Carl P. and George E. Hale at this address. Carl Hale was employed as a clerk for the railroad. He died after being accidentally killed in Ollie, Montana, at age 32, on 8 August 1918. George Hale worked as a carpenter. Also living here was Mrs. Laura E. Proctor, for whom no occupation was listed. Born in 1839, she passed away in 1921. In 1922, Fred and Helen Critchley lived here. Mr. Critchley, worked for the D&RG, as a machinist. Born in 1875, Mr. Critchley emigrated from England in 1913, while Mrs. Critchley (b.1888) left Ireland in 1910. The Critchleys had two children: a daughter, Katherine and a son, Jack. Katherine was born in 1906 in Ireland and Jack was born in Canada in 1913. Mrs. Critchley's father, John Walsh, an 80-year-old widower, lived here as well. By 1930, the Critchley family had moved to 719 Dodge Street.

By 1931, Manford I. and Margaret A Chappell lived here. Mr. Chappell worked for the D&RGW, as a conductor. Frank and Esther Ronald lived here in 1951. Mr. Ronald was a clerk for the Denver & Rio Grande Western. He was born in 1916 in Marble, Colorado, and came to Salida as a boy with his parents, Charles S. and Lela Ward Ronald. Frank Ronald attended Salida schools, graduating from Salida High School in 1935. He married Esther Durand in

1937. Mrs. Ronald was born in 1919 in Salida and died in Bryan, Texas, in 1980. The couple had a son, Norman, and a daughter, Jean.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Bird's-eye-view Map, 1882; Salida Photograph, 1888; Salida Record, 2 April 1909, 1; Salida Mail, 2 April 1909, 4; 27 August 1918, 1; Mountain Mail, 18 January 1980, 5; 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 during the first decade of the city's growth, displays the small scale and simple vernacular design of many of the city's earliest houses. Notable features are the gabled L plan; the tall, narrow, double-hung sash windows, and the porch at the angle of intersection of the gables.

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

This house displays historic physical integrity despite alterations. The front of the house appears much like it did on an 1891 photograph of the city.

**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):** 5: 30-33; 21: 19

**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.

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**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**



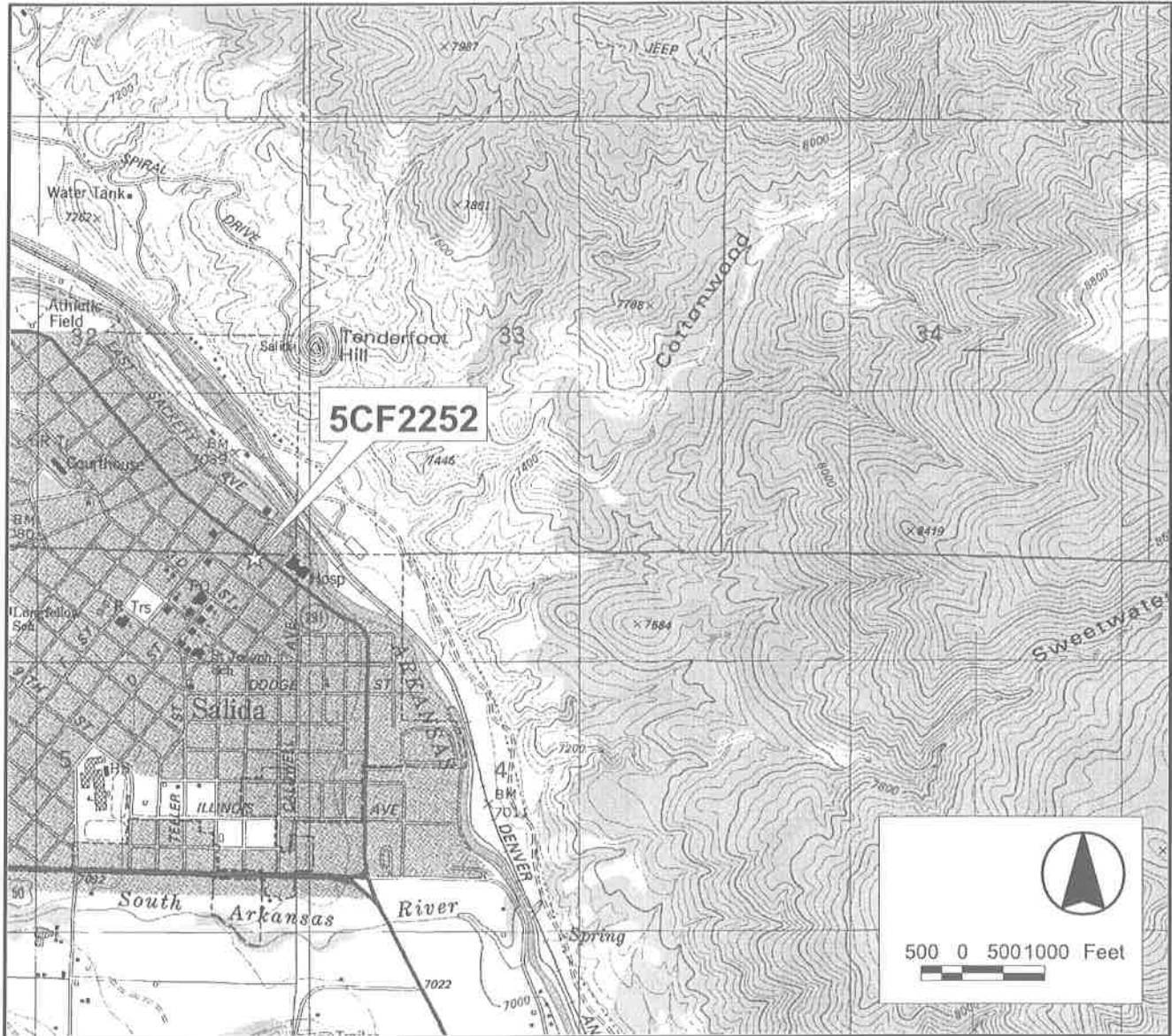
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



315 E. First 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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