

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource Number: 5CF2033
 - 2. Temporary Resource Number: 2
 - 3. County: Chaffee
 - 4. City: Salida
 - 5. Historic Building Name: Gordon/Seelinger House
 - 6. Current Building Name: N/A
 - 7. Building Address: 322 E St.
 - 8. Owner Name and Address: SULZENFUSS ALAN L, 316 E ST, SALIDA, CO 81201
- Parcel Number: 380705150115
SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-05-018

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 9. P.M. N.M. Township 49N Range 9E
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5
- 10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413494 Northing 4265288
- 11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
- 12. Lot(s): 6-7 Block(s): 50
Addition: Haskell's Addition Year of Addition: 1881
- 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): Irregular
- 15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 61 X Width 38
- 16. Stories: 1
- 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
Brick
- 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):
Segmental arch windows, porch
- 21. General Architectural Description:

One-story gabled L plan red brick dwelling atop stone foundation and with composition roofing, overhanging eaves and gable ornaments. Hipped roof porch at angle of intersection of gables has slender wood classical columns atop painted paneled concrete balustrade. Wood steps and pedestrian ramp lead to porch entrance. Two segmental arch entrances face porch and have covered transoms. Tall segmental arch double-hung sash window north of entrance. Windows have wide wood surrounds. Front gable end has hipped roof bay window with stucco walls, double-hung sash windows (replacements), and tooled stone base.

North. North wall has paired segmental arch double-hung sash windows in segmental arch aperture and shared sill

toward front. Single segmental arch window toward rear. Flat roof projection toward north at rear has segmental arch entrance with paneled and glazed door and covered transom facing east. The projection has a corbelled brick cornice. There is a wide multi-light segmental arch window on the north wall.

South. The south wall has a double-hung sash window toward the front and one toward the rear (the window surrounds are altered). There is a hipped roof porch with post supports in front of a flat roof projection like that on the north, with door facing the porch, course of corbelled brickwork, and segmental arch window on the south wall.

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

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

Level site with concrete sidewalks, grass, narrow parking lawn.

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

Outbuilding on alley with two segmental arch windows filled with glass block facing alley and off-center paneled door sheltered by gabled hood on south.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1885-1890 Actual

Source of Information: Panoramic photograph, 1885 and Sanborn Map, 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 house was erected between 1885 and 1890. This house is not shown on the 1882 Bird's-Eye-View map nor on an 1885 panoramic photograph of Salida. The 1888 Sanborn map indicates that the block contains "detached dwellings," but does not show their footprints. The house is shown on the 1890 Sanborn map. Between 1914 and 1929, the house underwent several alterations. The original porch which extended across the entire front was removed from the south half of the front, and a rear addition projecting beyond the original walls on the north and south was added. A small porch was added in front of the addition at the east end of the facade.

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

35. **Historical Background:**

This dwelling was built in the late 1880s and occupied by Belle, Cora, and David R. Gordon at least as early as 1903-04. Mr. Gordon's occupation was listed as fireman during this year. By the time of the 1905-06 Salida City Directory, the building was occupied by Jesse A. Owen, who worked in mining, and boarder Arthur C. Huffsmith, a telephone operator.

By 1910, Frederick Albert and Amelia F. Gaiser Seelinger owned this home and lived here with their son Glenn, a salesman. The Seelinger's daughter, Wilhelmine, and son-in-law, Albert Klarenbach, who was a carpenter, also lived here. Mrs. Seelinger was born in Hornell, NY, and moved with her family to Gunnison. She married Fred Seelinger in 1887, and the couple moved to Salida about 1894. Fred Seelinger was born to German immigrant parents in Dearborn County, Indiana, on 22 October 1858. He grew up in Indiana and came to Colorado during 1879, to seek wealth in the mining industry. He worked for the Granite Smelting Co. in Leadville for two weeks

before moving to Bale's Station (Cleora), then the end-of-track for the railroad. He became a stage driver with Barlow & Sanderson in May 1879, assigned to the routes from Bale's Station to Canon City and from Bale's Station to Leadville. He was an excellent driver and was often selected for emergency runs, and recalled driving H.A.W. Tabor in the stage. While passing through the area, he noticed that the present site of Salida had nothing except a small slaughter house and the recently completed railroad grade.

Fred Seelinger tried his hand at mining in Leadville and Poncha Springs. In 1881 he began working for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in Canon City as a fireman, and was later promoted to locomotive engineer. The 1910 city directory listed his occupation as locomotive engineer. Mr. Seelinger retired from the railroad in 1928, after working there for 47 years. The 1935-36 Chaffee County Directory still listed Fred Seelinger at this address. He passed away in June 1936, six months after enduring a stroke, which left him bedridden. Mr. Seelinger had been a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge and an active member of the Knights of Templar in his later years. His obituary stated that all of Salida would sadly miss him and "He was always a friend to all and was popular among the men with whom he worked."

By 1951, Ernest R. and Betty Miller lived here. Mr. Miller was retired at this point. Kenneth and LaDonna Boulter also lived at this address. Mr. Boulter was a soil scientist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. The occupants had changed by 1965, when the house was occupied by Bill G. and Bernice L. Uhls. Mr. Uhls did maintenance work. Joe Cabrera also lived here during this year.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida City Directories 1903-04, 1905-06, 1927-28, 1951, 1965; U.S. Census: 1910; Chaffee County Directory 1935-36; Salida Newspaper, 19 June 1936, 1; Colorado Historical Society, Stephen Hart Library, CWA Interviews, 1933-34, Pam 346: Chaffee County; Sanborn Maps, 1890, 1893, 1898, 1904, 1909, 1914, 1929, 1945; Chaffee County Assessor Records; Panoramic photograph of Salida, William Henry Jackson photographer, 1885, Russ Collman, ed., Trails Among the Columbine (Denver: Sundance Publications, Ltd., 1992), 40.

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

42. Statement of Significance:

This house is representative of the one-story brick dwellings erected along the 300 block of E Street in Salida in the 1880s. Late Victorian architectural features exhibited in the house are the brick walls atop a stone foundation; tall, narrow, segmental arch, double-hung sash windows; wood gable ornaments; and two paneled and glazed doors facing the porch. This house was associated with railroad engineer Frederick A. Seelinger, who lived here for about a quarter of a century. Seelinger was a Colorado pioneer who worked as a miner and stage coach driver in areas such as Leadville, Canon City, and Cleora during the early days of their development. The house is not considered eligible to the National or State Registers.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

The house underwent alterations between 1914 and 1929, including changes to the front porch and creation of a rear

addition with porch. The bay window on the facade has been stuccoed. A pedestrian ramp has been added to the front entrance. The transoms above the front doors are covered.

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 survey of scattered resources in Salida. A previous reconnaissance of this neighborhood found that this area has high potential for containing a historic district. The boundaries of such a district have not yet been identified since only a small number of resources have been surveyed. 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: 22, 24, 26

Negatives Filed At: City of Salida

Photographer: Roger Whitacre

48. Report Title: Salida, Colorado, Historic Buildings Survey, 2005-06

49. Date(s): July 2005

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.

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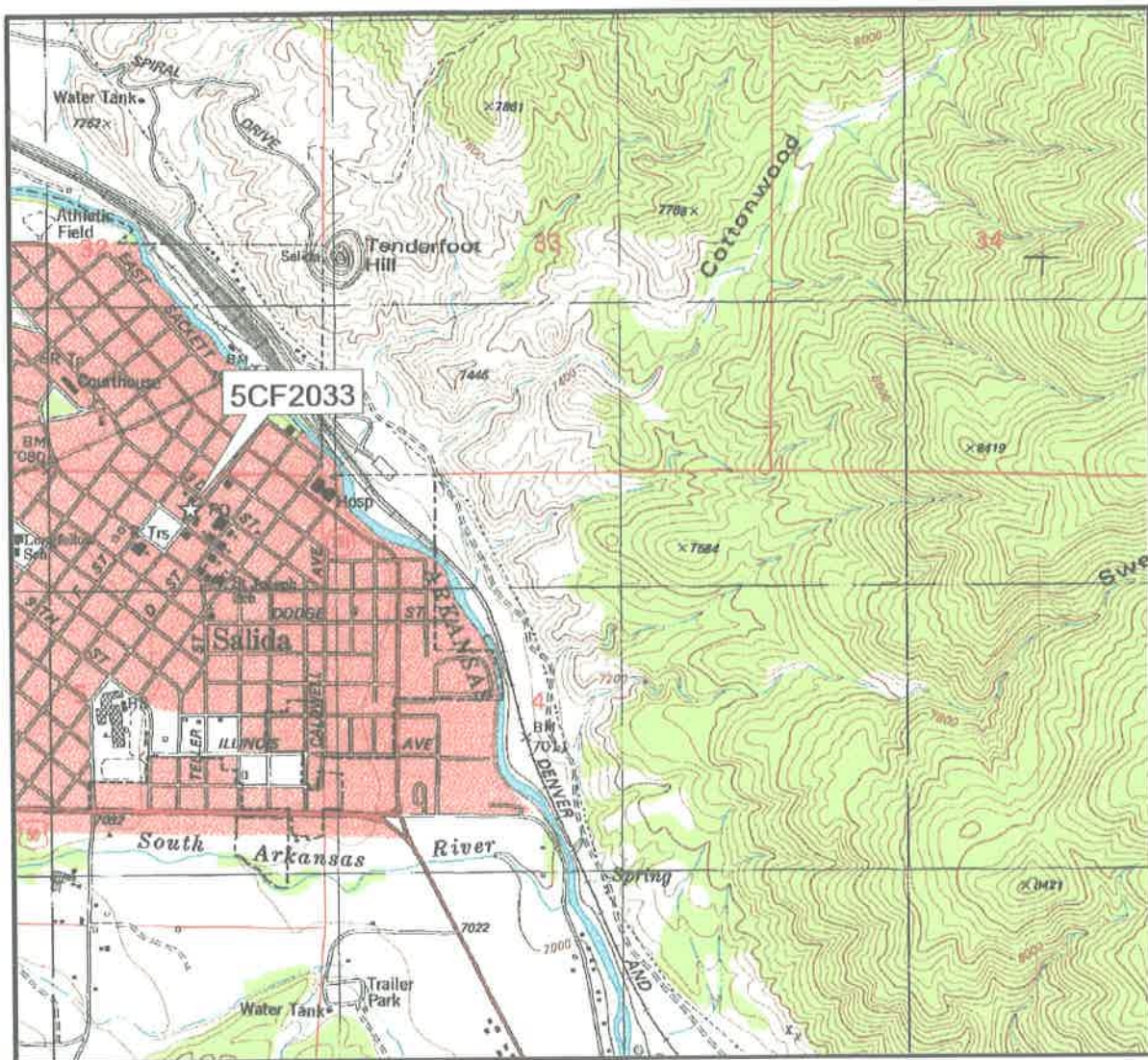


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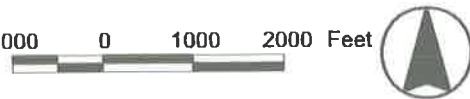


SOURCE/NOTE: Based on CAD file supplied by the Town of Salida. The darker-shaded resource is described by this survey form. Other resources surveyed in this project are shaded gray. Associated outbuildings (if any) are crosshatched. Resources not included in this project are not shaded. Dashed line is boundary of Salida Downtown Historic District.



322 E Street

1000 0 1000 2000 Feet



SOURCES/NOTES: Extract of U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map, "Salida East, Colo." (1983). A star with a label indicates the location of the surveyed resource.

