

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

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| 1. Resource Number: 5CF2293 | Parcel Number: 380705125028 |
| 2. Temporary Resource Number: 61 | SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017 |
| 3. County: Chaffee | |
| 4. City: Salida | |
| 5. Historic Building Name: Smith Houses | |
| 6. Current Building Name: N/A | |
| 7. Building Address: 400 E. Second Street | |
| 8. Owner Name and Address: Cook, Janet M., P.O. Box 12, Howard, CO 81233 | |

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 49N Range 9E
 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5
10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413837 Northing 4265276
11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
- *2. Lot (s): Lot 14 and NWly 1/2 Lot 15 Block(s): 25
 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): Irregular
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 114 X Width 34
16. Stories: 1
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):
 Stucco
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):
 Other
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt/Composition
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):
 Decorative Shingles, Chimney, Porch, Attached Garage
21. General Architectural Description:

This property consists of two historic houses that have been joined with construction between them. The houses have stucco walls. The house on the south has a hipped roof center bay intersected by projecting gabled bays on the south and west. The house has a brick chimney with corbelled top, composition roofing, and overhanging eaves. The gable faces have decorative shingles and gable ornaments; the south gable face has a louvered vent. The south gable end has a large plate glass window, and the west gable end has a smaller window. At the angle of intersection of the hipped roof bay and the projecting gable is a curved porch with entrance on the southwest, turned spindle supports with elaborate brackets, a spindled frieze, bracketed cornice with dentil molding, and stick balustrade. There is an entrance facing west onto the porch. On the west is a shed roof enclosed porch with

horizontal board siding, a door at the south end with a metal screen, and two metal frame windows.

North of the enclosed porch is a stucco, flat roof bay with a large sliding window on the west wall. North of this is a lower, flat roof, stucco bay with hinged vertical board garage doors. This attaches to the second historic house, which has a side gable roof and intersecting projecting gable at the center. There is a shed roof porch on the south with a stick balustrade and columns with arched brackets. There are two small windows on the west wall facing the porch. The projecting gable has coursed shingles on the gable face and a plate glass picture window below. North of the projecting gable is a two-part sliding window.

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

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

Corner lot with grass lawn and concrete sidewalks. Low plantings along edge of house.

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

There is a shed roof stucco outbuilding on alley to north. Window on north wall is deeply inset and there are two covered windows. Building has corrugated metal roofing.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1895-1902; post-1945 (joined) Actual

Source of Information: Salida Photographs, 1895 and 1902

26. **Architect:** Unknown

Source of Information:

27. **Builder/Contractor:** Unknown

Source of Information:

28. **Original Owner:** William A. Smith (north part);

Source of Information: City Directory, 1903-04

29. **Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

This building consists of two pre-1902 houses that were joined to form one dwelling after 1945. The Assessor's 1904 year of construction is incorrect. This site was vacant on an 1895 photograph of Salida taken from Tenderfoot Hill. A subsequent 1902 photograph appears to show both houses and they both appear on the 1904 Sanborn fire insurance map (the first edition to cover this area). On the 1904 Sanborn map 400 E. Second Street is depicted as an irregularly-shaped one-story dwelling with a curving open porch at the southwest corner and two open porches on the east and west walls. The second house on the parcel (131 C Street) appears on the 1904 map as a one-story irregularly-shaped dwelling with an open porch at the southwest corner. Both houses show the same footprints on Sanborn maps through 1945. No old Assessor appraisal card was on file for 400 E. Second Street at the Salida Regional Library. A card for 131 C Street was found which describes that house as stone with a cement exterior on a stone foundation with a wood shingle roof. The 1937 photograph of the house seems to show painted or lightly stuccoed brick walls and tall narrow one-over-one-light windows (included paired windows on the west projecting gable section).

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):** Houses, Single Family Dwellings

35. **Historical Background:**

This house was built as two separate dwellings erected between 1895 and 1902. The houses were addressed 400 E. 2nd (the current address) and 131 C Street.

400 E. 2nd

In 1903-04 Charles Fry and Frank Taylor roomed here. No occupations were provided for the two men. By 1905-06 Mrs. Margaret "Maggie" Smith, a widow (of Rev. Joel Smith, who died in 1896), lived here with her three daughters and one son. Margaret Smith was born in North Carolina in 1861. There were three roomers living with them, all of whom worked for the Denver & Rio Grande: George A. Bennett, a conductor, Adam A. Moore, a machinist and William J. Tierney, a conductor. Mrs. Smith continued to live here in 1910 with her daughters Maude, Angeline N., and Josephine M., and son Thomas B. Maude worked as a clerk at the Golden Rule Store, which supplied dry goods. Angeline was a clerk at R.N. Pherson. By 1911-12 Thomas was also working as a clerk. Sarah Vestal, a 67-year-old widow from North Carolina and her Colorado-born daughter Alice, a 32-year-old single woman, also lived at this address in 1910. Alice worked at a millinery shop. In 1911-12, Jesse R. Pruett, a barber at J.M. Manful, also lived with the Smiths and Vestals.

By 1922 James T. and Luetta E. Sweeney lived at this house, with James working as a clerk. Marion M. Burgner lived at this address by 1931. In 1951 Mrs. Elizabeth Gates, the widow of Earl Gates, Mrs. Sarah Bertschy, and Mrs. Clara Potter lived here. In the 1930 US Census, Sarah Bertschy was listed living at 421 Park Avenue with her husband George (b.1864) and their granddaughter, Lillian M. Obernathy, age five. Sarah Bertschy was born in Missouri in 1874, marrying George in 1892. In 1953 this was the residence of Nere (1880-1953) and Alpha Bouchard (1891-1980), who was also cited as an owner of the building. The couple had lived in Salida for eight years. In 1965 the city directory listed "no information" for this address.

131 C Street

The 1903-04 city directory indicated that this was the residence of William Alonzo Smith (1873-1945), who was then working as a machinist with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Mr. Smith was born at Odin, Missouri. He was described as "a well known contractor, having constructed a number of mills in the various mining camps of Colorado. The Salida Hot Springs swimming pool was built under his supervision." He died in October 1945, and was survived by three daughters: Edith, Dora, and Betty. Also living here in 1903-04 was Mrs. Maggie Smith, who was identified as an "agent." By 1905-06 she was listed at 400 E. 2nd Street (see above).

By 1911-12 this was the residence of Bailey P. Austin and Leon E. Briggs. Both men worked for the Denver & Rio Grande; Bailey Austin was a brakeman, while Leon Briggs was a barber with G.M. Proctor. By 1922 this was the residence of Mrs. May E. Goff, who worked as a cook. The 1931 city directory listed Martin J. and Mary Ditmar at this address. Mr. Ditmar was employed by the National Lumber & Creosoting Company. Also living here were two retirees: Fieldon R. and Grace L. Mays. The 1951 city directory listed Nere and Alpha Bouchard (see above), as well as Mrs. Maude Woodhead (1901-1980), who worked as a seamstress at the D&RG Hospital.

The old Assessor appraisal card indicated that Maggie Dickman once owned the northern portion of the building.

36. Sources of Information:

Salida Mail 11 August 1953, 1; 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

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| 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 building is associated with the members of the Margaret Smith and William A. Smith families. The building is composed of two historic houses joined together after World War II. Especially notable is the house on the south due its retention of a shingled gable face, gable ornament, and elaborately ornamented porch. Alterations to the houses, including construction joining them together, stucco on the walls, and window alterations, have diminished their historic physical integrity.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

Alterations have diminished the historic physical integrity of this building, including the joining of what were originally two separate houses (post-1945), the application of non-historic stucco on the walls, and window alterations. The building does retain some original historic elements, including porch and gable ornament and a corbelled brick chimney.

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: Noncontributing

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

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 9: 10-17; 18: 35-36

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.

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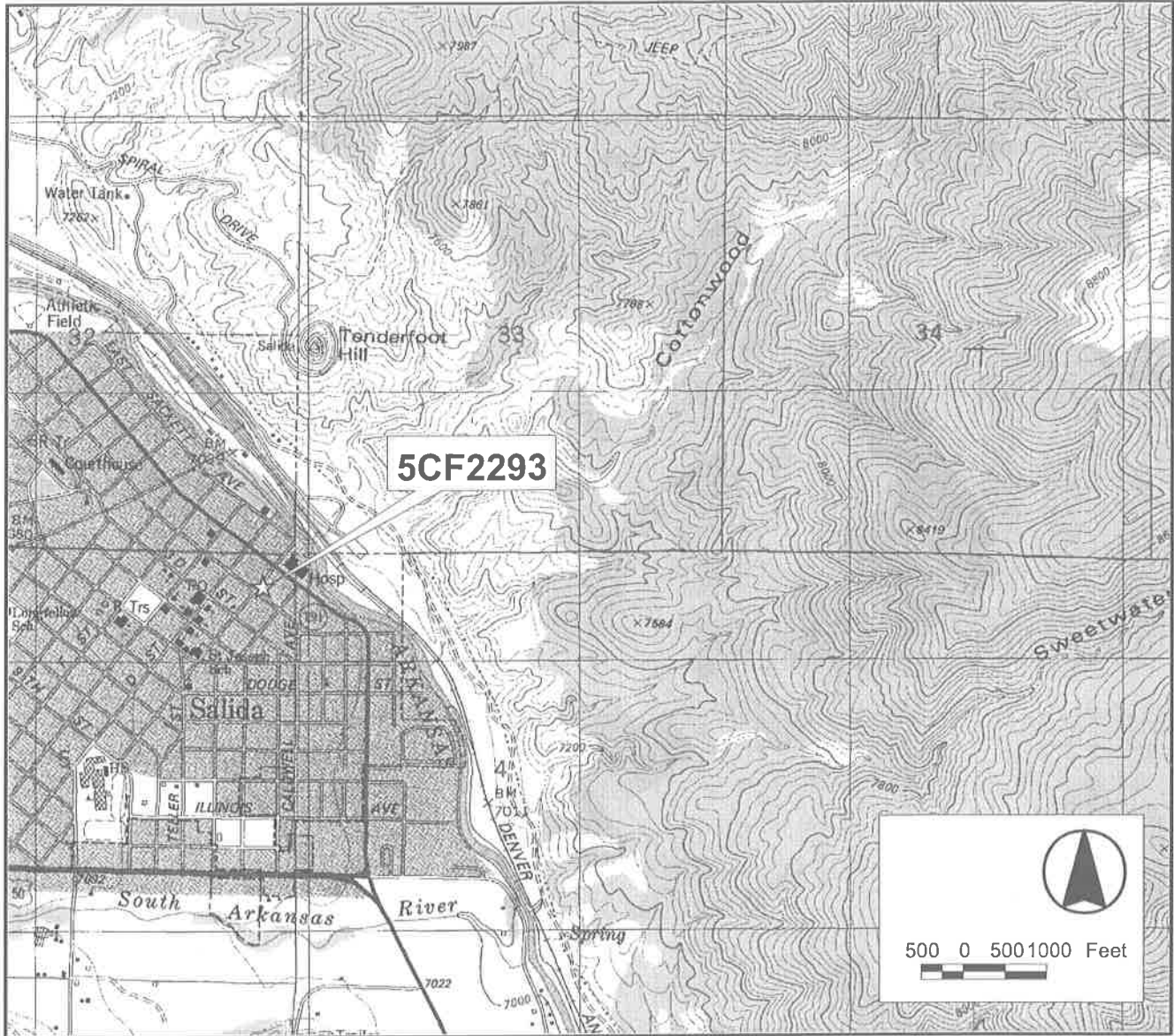
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



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| LEGEND | |
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| | 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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