

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF2295  
 2. Temporary Resource Number: 75  
 3. County: Chaffee  
 4. City: Salida  
 5. Historic Building Name: Sweeney/McCormick House  
 6. Current Building Name: N/A  
 7. Building Address: 407 E. Second Street  
 8. Owner Name and Address: McCormick, Robert H., P.O. Box 478, Salida, CO 81201
- Parcel Number: 380705128053  
 SHF/CLG Grant Number: CO-06-017

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 49N Range 9E  
 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5
10. UTM Reference Zone 13 Easting 413811 Northing 4265227
11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo. Year: 1983 Map Scale: 7.5'
2. Lot (s): 11, 12, and 13 Block(s): 28  
 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 66 X Width 45
16. Stories: 1
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
 Metal
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
 Hipped
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Wood/Shingle
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):  
 Porch
21. General Architectural Description:

One-story hipped roof with center deck house, wood shingle roofing, and overhanging eaves. Walls are clad with nonhistoric metal drop siding with corner boards. Raised concrete foundation. Hipped roof, projecting porch with square pier supports and solid balustrade clad with metal siding. Porch has carpeted steps and deck and central entrance. Center, paneled and glazed door has metal screen door. Flanking entrance are tripartite windows with center double-hung sash windows flanked by single-light sidelights. East wall has tripartite window toward front and small, projecting, shed roof entrance bay toward rear. West wall has tripartite window toward front and tall double-hung sash window with air conditioner in lower half toward rear. One-story flat roof projection with drop siding, concrete foundation, and small window on north projects to west at rear of west wall.

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

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

Level corner site with grass lawn and concrete sidewalks. Large side yard to west with fruit tree. Bush in front of porch.

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

A stable is shown in the southwest corner of the property on the 1904 Sanborn map, as well as two smaller outbuildings in the southeast corner. Between 1914 and 1929, the latter two outbuildings were replaced by a garage and the stable was converted to garage use. One outbuilding is shown on the base map for this property; the outbuilding was not recorded.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1888-95 **Actual**

**Source of Information:** Photographs, 1888 and 1895

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 1899 year of construction reported by the Assessor is not correct. Based on photographs of Salida taken from Tenderfoot Hill, this house was erected between 1888 and 1895. The 1895 photograph shows the building as a one-story brick (?) house with a steeply pitched hipped roof with a center deck and no front porch. The 1904 Sanborn fire insurance map (the first edition to cover this location) depicts the house as one-story with a square front portion with a full-width front porch and an irregularly-shaped rear section. This same footprint is shown on Sanborn maps through 1945. The old Assessor appraisal card and attached 1937 photograph indicates that the house originally had red brick walls, an ornate front porch with spindle supports, brackets, and sawtooth frieze, tall one-over-one-light windows, and a wood shingle roof. The brick was subsequently stuccoed and later covered with nonhistoric horizontal siding. The one-story projection to the west was added after 1945.

According to the Assessor the garage was built in 1961.

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 1888 and 1895. The Sweeney family was associated with this home from 1903-04 until at least 1911-12. In 1903 John W. and Elizabeth Sweeney lived here with their children Anna C. (b.1888), William (b.1886) and John L. (b.1893). Helene McClean (b.1893) boarded with the Sweeney family at this address in 1910. John W. Sweeney, a pioneer resident of Salida, was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1854, coming to the U.S. in 1868. He spent time in Hartford, Connecticut, New York, and Texas, before coming to Colorado to work for the Rio Grande Railroad. His wife Elizabeth was born in Wisconsin in 1871. In 1906 John W. was a roadmaster with the D&RG but by 1911-12 he was working as a clerk at Upper F Pharmacy Co. He died in November 1930 at the age of 79. His obituary named him as one of the best-known railroad men in Colorado. Anna Sweeney taught piano for many years and served as a pianist for many public affairs in Salida. She lived in Salida her entire life, dying in March 1977 at Columbine Manor Nursing Home. Dr. William Sweeney died in June 1980 in Oak Park, Illinois. He graduated from Loyola University of Chicago in 1922 and had a general practice in Oak Park for 60 years.

The 1920 U.S. Census indicated that Frank and Mary Wires [ or Neira ?] owned this house. Frank was born in Germany and worked as a railroad laborer. His wife was born in Illinois. By 1930 Hanley V. and Marie Helen McDaniels lived at this house. Hanley owned a cigar store at 117 F St. Hanley was born in Missouri in 1885 and Marie Helen was born in 1894 in Illinois. The McDaniels, who were married in 1919, had a daughter, Shirley R., who was born in 1929 in Colorado. J.M. and Rilda Allphin lived at this address by 1951. Mr. Allphin was president of the Allphin Motor Company. Harold R. and Evelyn M. McCormick were owners and residents of the house in 1965. The current owner is Robert H. McCormick.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Salida Mail: 14 November 1930, 1; 28 November 1930, 1; 7 March 1977, 1; 14 March 1977, 3; Mountain Mail: 27 June 1980, 6; 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:**

Like many houses in this Salida neighborhood, this dwelling housed members of families who worked for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. This nineteenth century house has been altered with nonhistoric siding, window alterations, and a nonhistoric porch.

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

Alterations, including the application of nonhistoric siding, replacement of the front porch, construction of a one-story addition on the west, and window alterations, have diminished the historic physical integrity of this house.

**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

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

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

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47. **Photographic Reference(s):** 12: 4-9; 19: 2

**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.

**Colorado Historical Society-Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**  
**1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 866-3395**



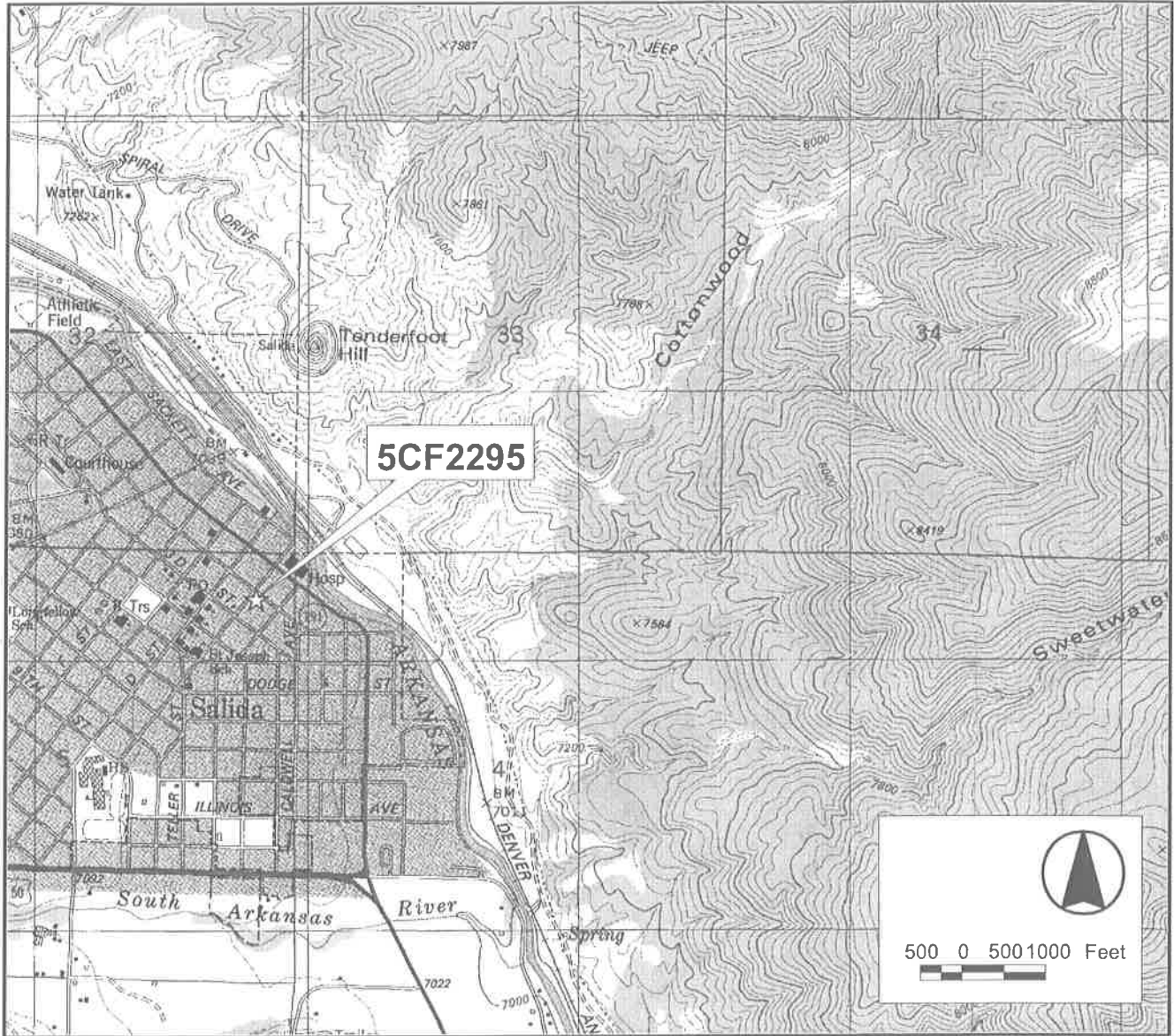
SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



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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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