

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible-NR
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Need Data
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to Eligible NR District
- \_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to Eligible NR District

## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. **Resource Number:** 5CF2304
2. **Temporary Resource Number:** 70
3. **County:** Chaffee
4. **City:** Salida
5. **Historic Building Name:** Martenis/Pierce House
6. **Current Building Name:** Sampson/Geurs House
7. **Building Address:** 449 E. Second Street
8. **Owner Name and Address:** Sampson, James H. and Geurs, Margaret, 449 E. 2nd St., Salida, CO 81201
- Parcel Number:** 380705128048
- SHF/CLG Grant Number:** CO-06-017

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. **P.M.** N.M. Township 49N Range 9E  
NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 5
10. **UTM Reference Zone** 13 **Easting** 413873 **Northing** 4265184
11. **USGS Quad Name:** Salida East, Colo. **Year:** 1983 **Map Scale:** 7.5'
12. **Lot (s):** 1 and 2 **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):** Rectangular
15. **Dimensions in Feet: Length** 57 **X Width** 25
16. **Stories:** 1
17. **Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):**  
Brick
18. **Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):**  
Hipped
19. **Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one):** Asphalt/Composition
20. **Special Features (enter all that apply):**  
Porch, Chimney, Fence
21. **General Architectural Description:**

One-story, hipped roof with center deck, red brick dwelling with overhanging boxed eaves and center corbelled brick chimney. Front (north) has hipped roof, projecting, full-width porch with turned spindle supports, brackets, a spindled frieze, arched spandrels, and a stickwork balustrade. The porch has a wood deck, concrete steps with a wrought iron railing, and lattice along the base. There is a center, paneled and glazed door surmounted by a narrow transom. Flanking the entrance are wide 1/1-light double-hung sash windows. On the east is a tall, flat arch, double-hung sash window with brick hood mold toward the front of the wall and a projecting, hipped roof, rectangular, brick bay window with tall double-hung sash windows and brick hood molds toward the rear. There is a one-story frame projection with shed roof porch on the rear.

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

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

Level corner site with grass yard enclosed with wrought iron fence in front and vertical board and lattice fence at rear. Concrete sidewalks. Small planting beds along front porch and sides of house with flowers and bushes.

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

Rectangular, front gable roof frame garage with rolled roofing and drop siding has double garage doors facing east and pedestrian door and two four-light windows facing north. Rectangular, shed roof, vertical board and board and batten outbuilding west of garage has panels of corrugated metal on roof.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

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

**Source of Information:** Salida 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 currently reported by the Assessor is not correct, nor is the 1888 year built noted on the old Assessor appraisal card. The house was built between 1888 and 1895, based on photographs taken of Salida from Tenderfoot Hill. The house is depicted as a one-story, generally rectangular dwelling with a narrower rear section, a small projection on the east wall, and full-width open porches on the front and rear on the 1904 Sanborn fire insurance map (the first edition to cover this area). The footprint of the house on 1904 through 1945 Sanborn maps does not change. The old appraisal card and attached 1937 photograph indicates that the house was brick on a stone foundation with wood shingle roofing and an "iron picket fence on the side."

In 1904, the rear of the property on the alley was filled with three outbuildings: a center stable flanked by two smaller buildings. Between 1914 and 1929, the stable and east outbuilding were removed and a one-story garage was erected facing B Street; the west shed appears to have been retained and extended somewhat to the east. The old appraisal card reported a 20'X12' frame garage and a frame shed.

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 1903-04 city directory listed Frank K. Martenis, an engineer, and his wife Lona at this address. They were married in 1896. Lona was born in Missouri in 1874, and Frank was born in New Jersey about 1864. Frank's father, a locomotive engineer, brought him west from New Jersey in the early 1880s. His father was killed in the Alpine Tunnel about 1897. By 1910 Lona's 70-year-old mother, Mrs. Polly A. Kitzer Fisher, lived here with the couple. Mrs. Fisher was born in Missouri about 1840 and had come to Colorado with her husband in 1880. Her husband, Joseph Warren Fisher (b.1844), died in February 1907. Joseph Fisher was "closely identified with the growth of Salida" and worked as a grain merchant and a police officer in the early days. Mrs. Fisher died in May 1911 at the age of 72. Mr. and Mrs. Martenis continued to live here until at least 1913, when Frank died of blood poisoning. His obituary described him as one of the most popular men on the railroad. At the time of his death he had been an engineer in Salida for twenty-five years.

Thomas S. and Mary Hanks Pierce moved into the home by 1922 and continued to live here until at least 1975. They were married in Salida on 16 July 1919. Thomas, born in Missouri in 1884, came to Colorado in 1890, with his parents, Thomas J. and Ada Pope Pierce. He worked as a cashier for the D&RGW and was retired by 1951. Mary was born in Colorado in 1889, to Albert and Mary Hanks, who operated a pioneer Salida lumber yard. Mary Hanks Pierce worked as an elementary school teacher in New Mexico before marriage. Thomas Pierce died in October 1975, at which time the couple still lived at this address. Mary died a few years later, in March 1979, when she was living in Columbine Manor, a nursing home.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Salida Mail: 26 May 1911, 1; 2 September 1913, 3; 22 October 1975, 1; Mountain Mail: 26 March 1979, 5; Salida Record: 8 February 1907, 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:** Yes

**Local Landmark Criteria:** 1 - Exemplary Property X 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;
  - X 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).  
Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**39. Area(s) of Significance:** Architecture

**40. Period of Significance:** c. 1888-1895

**41. Level of Significance:** Local

**42. Statement of Significance:**

This house was historically associated with the families of railroad men Frank K. Martenis and Thomas Pierce. This late nineteenth century Queen Anne style dwelling is notable for its well preserved architectural features, including its hipped roof with center deck and brick chimney, projecting porch with a variety of elaborate ornamentation, entrance with transom flanked by wide double-hung sash windows, and brick bay window on the east. This building is potentially eligible to the National and State registers.

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

This house displays historic physical integrity. The front door has been replaced, as have the porch steps and railings. The rear shed roof addition was added after 1945.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

**44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment:** 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

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

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. **Photographic Reference(s):** 12: 28-35; 19: 7

**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**

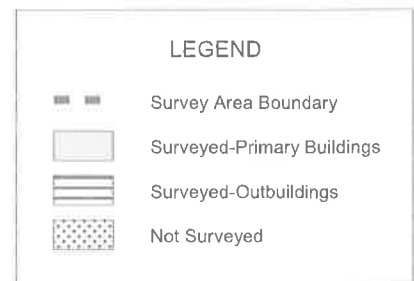
**1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 866-3395**

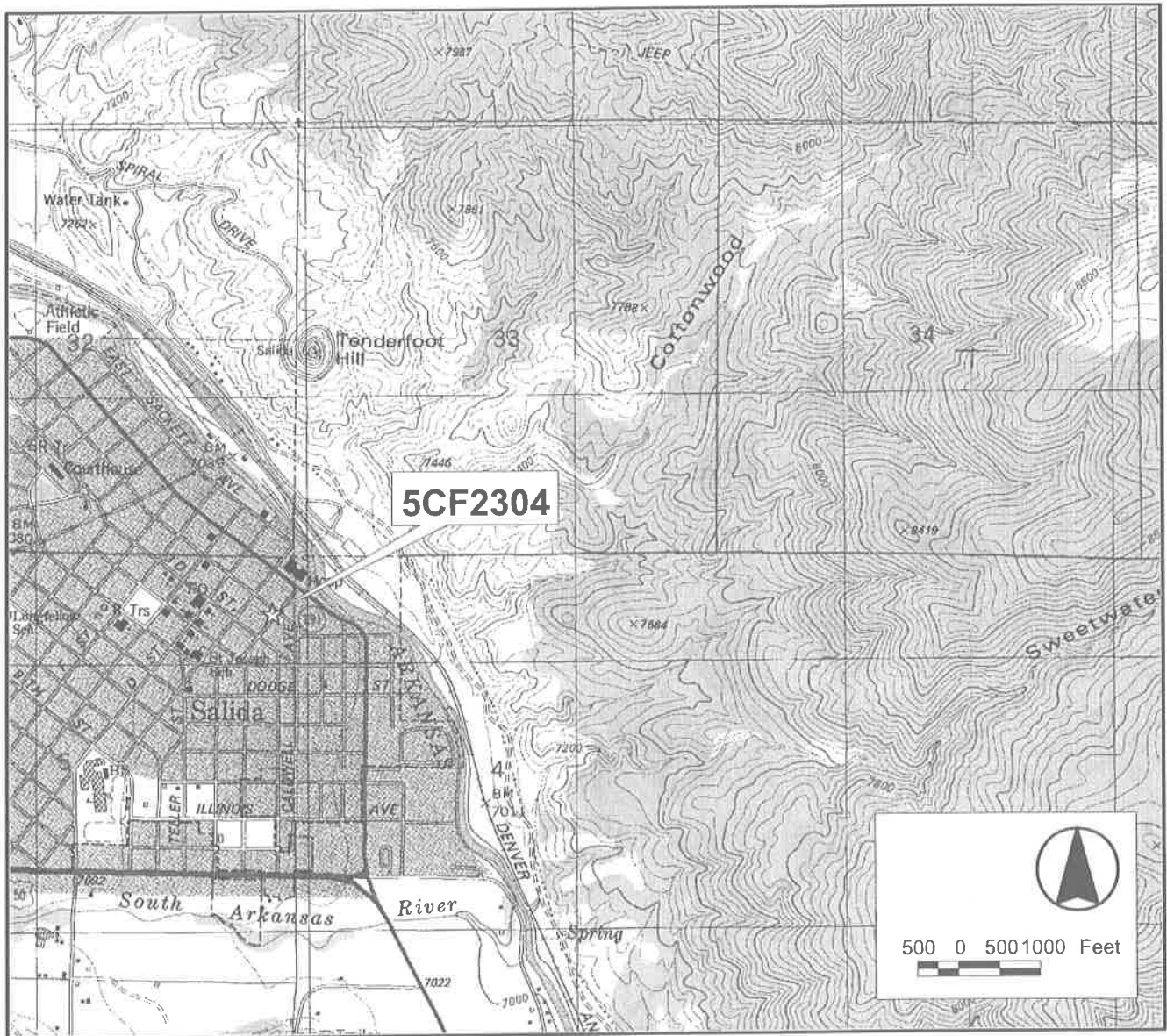


SOURCE: Building outlines from CAD file provided by City of Salida (and supplemented by fieldwork) and overlaid on parcels produced by Chaffee County. The resource described by this survey form is darkly shaded.



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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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