

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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Date _____	Initials _____
_____	Determined Eligible-NR
_____	Determined Not Eligible-NR
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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.108
2. Temporary Resource Number: 58
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: River Front Park, Sackett Park
6. Current Building Name: Riverside Park
7. Building Address: E. Sackett St. & N. F St.
8. Owner Name and Address: City of Salida, 124 E St., Salida, CO, 81201

Parcel Number: 368132400114  
SHF Grant Number: 2001-02-004

## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. N.M. Township 50N Range 9E  
1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 32

10. UTM Reference  
Zone 13 Easting 413794 Northing 4265620

11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.  
Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

12. Lot (s): N/A Block(s): N/A  
Addition: Salida Original Townsite

Year of Addition: 1880

13. Boundary Description and Justification:  
Boundary includes the building and the urban parcel on which it is situated.

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): N/A
15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 733 X Width 234
16. Stories: N/A
17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):  
N/A
18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):  
N/A
19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): N/A
20. Special Features (enter all that apply):  
Fence
21. General Architectural Description:

Roughly rectangular park on south bank of river. F Street Bridge at west edge of park. Walkway with concrete wall on north edge of park. Modern bandstand near center of park faces south and has a flaring shed roof, metal pole supports, stuccoed walls, and double doors on the east and west walls (ramp with railing on west) and metal siding along base. Other features include a war memorial to "Our Honored Heroes (1861-1865)," erected by Salida Circle No. 12 Ladies of the G.A.R. Dept. of Colorado and Wyoming, 1916. The memorial has a tapered stone plinth with round ball at the top and a wrought iron fence. A playground has a slide, swings, and an older teetertotter, as well

as a newer playground with a slide and rocking horse surrounded by a chainlink fence. There are a badminton court and several wood picnic tables. Trees include elms and blue spruce.

22. **Architectural Style/Building Type:** N/A

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

See Architectural Description

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

Bandstand

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. **Date of Construction:** Estimate 1898-1904 Actual

**Source of Information:** Sanborn maps, 1898 and 1904

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):**

Sanborn maps indicate that this park was established between 1898 and 1904. The 1882 bird's-eye-view map shows no improvements on this site. The 1904 map shows this labeled as Sackett Park. A permit for construction of the bandstand was issued in 1992.

30. **Original Location:** Yes **Date of Moves**

#### .. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. **Original Use(s):** Landscape/Park/City Park

32. **Intermediate Use(s)** Landscape/Park/City Park

33. **Current Use(s):** Landscape/Park/City Park

34. **Site Type(s):** City Park

35. **Historical Background:**

A photograph of this site in 1880 shows unimproved land with no trees, as does a picture taken in the fall of 1880. The 1882 bird's-eye-view drawing of Salida shows the site of this park without improvements. A cluster of trees next to the river appeared on the site at the time of an 1883 photograph. Eleanor Fry's book, *Salida: The Early Years*, includes a photograph of the town taken in 1895, with a caption reporting that "trees planted in 1882-83 by Marshal Baxter Stingley are now big enough to provide shade...." Fry also reports that much of the park was built upon fire rubble of the 1880s and 1890s. A 1903 photograph shows no improvements in the west end of the park. The 1903-04 city directory did not include the park in its list of parks, nor did the 1905-06 directory. In 1909, the park was listed, and was referred to as "River Front Park" or "Riverside Park," although a map of the city in the city directory of that year showed "Sackett Park." In that year, the city council authorized the purchase of a dozen "settees" [benches] for the convenience of the public. The land was donated to the city for use as a park in 1929.

36. **Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Eleanor Fry, *Salida: The Early Years* (Salida: Arkansas Valley Publishing, 2001); Jennifer Phelan, City of Salida, email to Tom Simmons, 18 January 2002; Salida Bird's-Eye-view, 1882.

#### VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. **Local Landmark Designation:** No

**Date of Designation:**

**Designating Authority:**

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:**

**40. Period of Significance:**

**41. Level of Significance:**

**42. Statement of Significance:**

This park, established informally during the nineteenth century and improved during the early twentieth century, is associated with the history of recreational activities and landscape design in Salida.

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

The park has been improved over the years, but maintains its integrity of feeling, association, setting, and much of its original design.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

**44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment:** Not eligible

**45. Is there National Register district potential? Discuss.** N/A

The park is located within an existing National Register district, the Salida Downtown Historic district.

If there is NRHP district potential, indicate contributing status: N/A

**46. If the building is in an existing NRHP district, indicate contributing status:** Contributing

**VI. RECORDING INFORMATION**

**47. Photographic Reference(s):** 7: 22A, 24A, 26A; 28: 7, 9.

**Negatives Filed At:** City of Salida

**Photographer:** Roger Whitacre

**48. Report Title:** Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02

**49. Date(s):** September 2002      **50. Recorder(s):** R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

**51. Organization:** Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

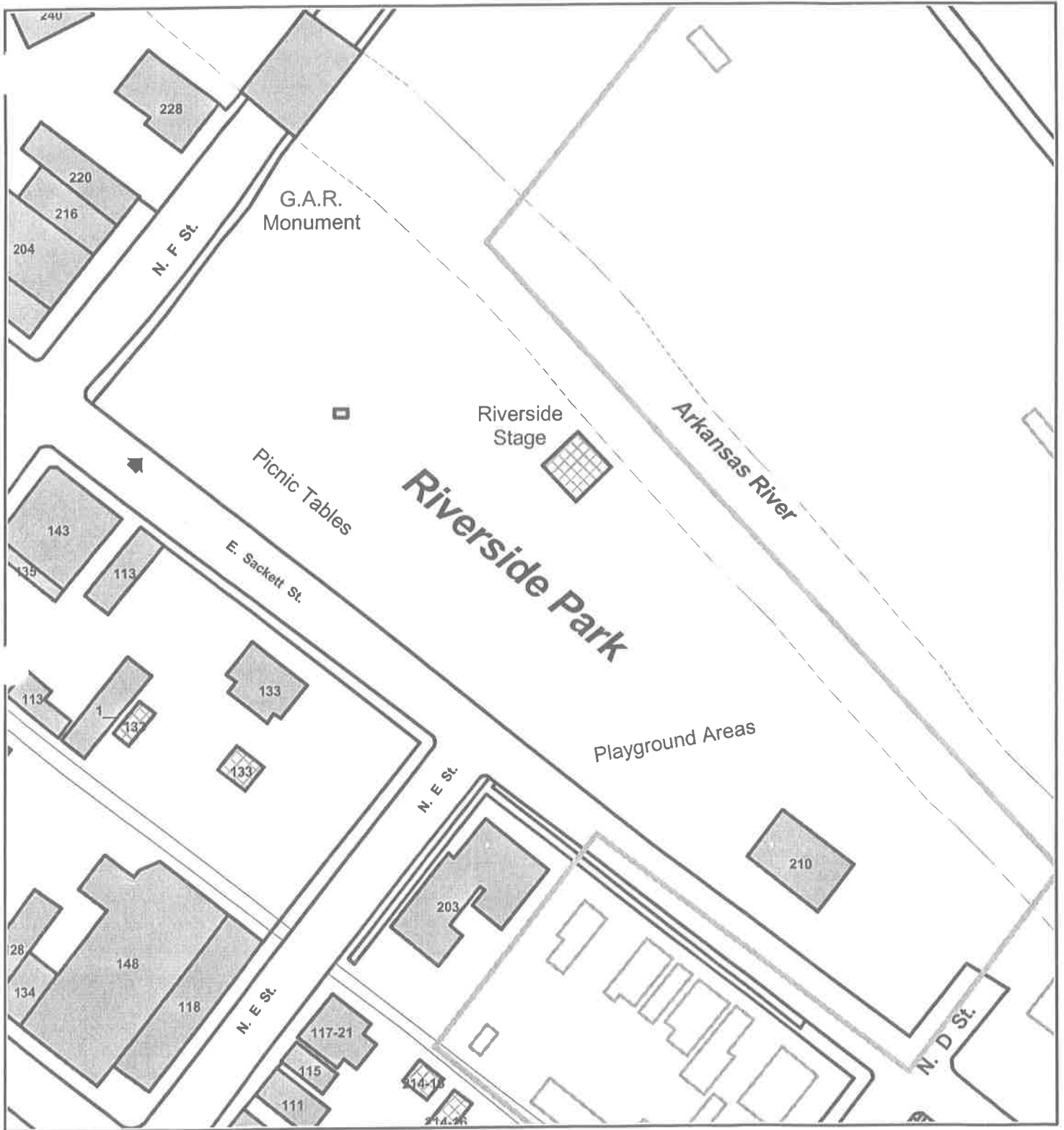
**52. Address:** 3635 W. 46th Ave.

**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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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02  
Sketch Map



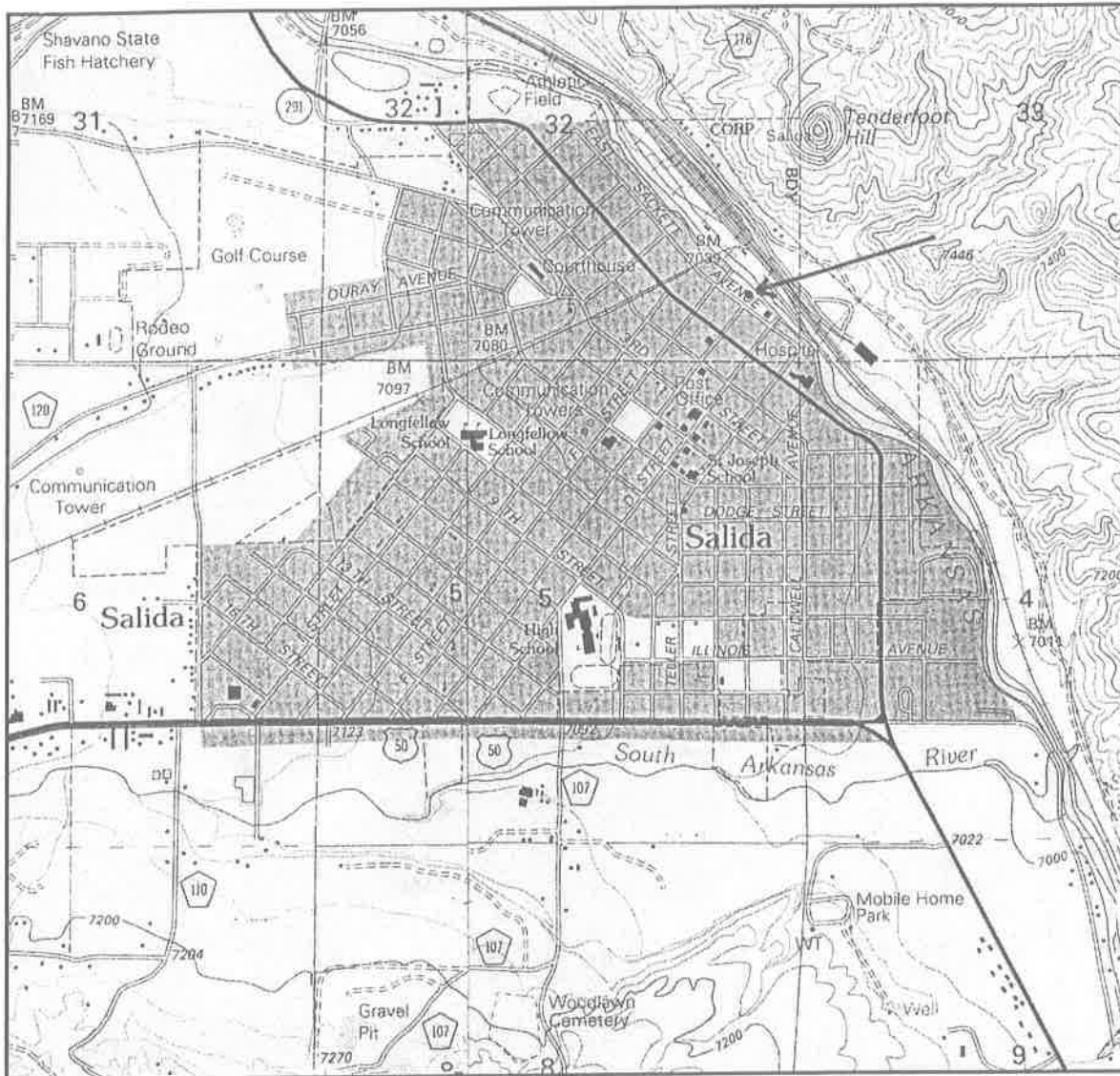
N. F. St. & E. Sackett Ave.(Riverside Park), 5CF406.108

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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02  
USGS Location Map

E. Sackett Ave & N F St, 5CF406.108



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