

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Salida Downtown Historic District

and/or common

**2. Location**

*Roughly bounded by Arkansas River, RR tracks, 3rd, D S*

street & number See attached map and list of buildings n/a not for publication

city, town Salida n/a vicinity of congressional district

state Colorado code 08 county Chaffee code 015

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district (111 bldgs)	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	n/a being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name multiple owners -- see continuation sheet

street & number

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chaffee County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Salida state Colorado

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title FGRC Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date August 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society 1300 Broadway

city, town Denver state Colorado

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ X unaltered	___ X original site
X good	___ ruins	___ X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The city of Salida is located in the southern end of the Upper Arkansas River Valley, just north of the junction of the Arkansas River and its tributary, the South Arkansas River. The valley is framed by the rugged Arkansas Hills to the east, and the Sawatch and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges to the west. The Arkansas River winds its way through the north end of Salida, and provides a natural boundary between the commercial district and the railroad yards.

Salida's commercial structures, the majority of which line F Street, the community's main business thoroughfare, were built between 1883 and 1930. Primarily two stories, these buildings are constructed of brick, although the original storefront areas, a number of which have been significantly altered, display a variety of surfaces. Architectural styles represented in the district include late 19th and early 20th century examples, several exhibiting Romanesque elements, one featuring elements of the Art Moderne style, and several stamped metal facades. The majority are, however, late 19th century commercial buildings.

Several of the structures, particularly the Twitchell Building, and commercial structures at 137 East First and in the 100 block of East Sackett Street, feature intact, late 19th century storefronts with recessed entrances, flanking display windows, kickplates, transoms, and iron columns supporting a continuous lintel separating the upper floor from the storefront area. The buildings' upper stories, which are also largely intact throughout the district, provide a unifying pattern of cornice, window and storefront alignment. Richly decorated cornices with cresting, brackets, and brick corbelling; stone lintels and sills; and detailing including metal cornices and window caps distinguish many of the structures, and add to the architectural character of the city's commercial district.

Two of the structures located in the commercial district feature fine examples of stamped metal facades which represent a significant era in the history of commercial architecture. According to one source, "stamped sheet iron and steel commercial facades, cornices, and components are found on Main Streets in every state in the United States. The material achieved widespread popularity from the 1880's into the 1910's, part of a national trend toward industrialized building technology and mass-produced ornament (APT Conference Abstracts, 1979). The building at 132 East First Street, built between 1898 and 1904, features a stamped metal facade produced by Mesker Brothers of St. Louis, one of two national companies which produced entire metal facades. The producer of the metal facade at 131 East First Street could not be identified.

The following is a list of the more important structures located in the Salida Commercial District: (see corresponding number on map)

1. Denver & Rio Grande Depot, an example of the Art Moderne style, was built around 1930. The structure reflects Salida's development as a railroad center, and is one of the few remaining structures that represent this important period in Salida's history. The depot is constructed of brick and is a simplified Art Moderne structure with rounded corners, flat roofs, and relatively smooth wall surfaces.

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## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1880-1930

Builder/Architect

n/a

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Salida Downtown Historic District offers a significant example of turn-of-the century commercial architecture and represents Salida's growth as a major railroad center. Architecturally, the structures located in the district form a distinct, yet cohesive entity within the community, and have for the most part maintained their integrity. Historically, the commercial district became an important distribution center for the neighboring communities and mining districts as well as a division point for six branches of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. The period of significance dates from Salida's establishment as a railroad division point in 1880 until the railroad decline around 1930.

In the spring of 1880, following the D & RG victory in the "Royal Gorge War," the city of South Arkansas was established as a division point for the line between Pueblo and the mining districts. General William J. Palmer had built his railroad along a route originally surveyed by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (AT & SF) Railroad. As was his custom, Palmer built his towns on sites owned by the D & RG rather than in existing communities where local land speculators would make a profit from increased land values. Thus he bypassed the town of Cleora, organized in 1878 by the AT & SF, and chose instead a location one mile north for his division point.

In April 1880, former Territorial Governor and D & RG Board member Alexander C. Hunt supervised the surveying of the land he had purchased from local homesteaders a year earlier. The platted area extended from Front Street (now Sackett) to Fifth Street, and from D Street to L Street. The grid patterned townsite, featuring wide streets and full lots measuring 25 x 150 feet, paralleled the Arkansas River.

South Arkansas became known as Salida almost immediately, and proved to be an excellent location. Not only was the town located near abundant iron ore, copper, and fire clay deposits as well as the Chalk, Monarch, and Cottonwood mining districts, it also featured a direct connection to the Gunnison mining district by way of Barlow and Sanderson's regularly scheduled stage line. Thus, as the railroad continued to advance into the mining regions, the small community of Salida was attracting businessmen, merchants, and miners interested in the area's potential.

The railroad arrived in Salida on May 1, 1880 and soon after a temporary depot was set up in a box car. A permanent depot, constructed of stone quarried near Nathrop, and a roundhouse were completed by the end of 1880 on the north bank of the river. The present depot was built near the same site around 1930. In 1882, a hospital was erected by the railroad, and a year later the famed Monte Cristo Hotel opened for business. The railroad reached Leadville in August of 1880 and in another twelve months, tapped the Gunnison trade via Otto Mears' Marshall Pass Toll Road.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

- Athearn, Robert. Rebel of the Rockies. New Haven: Yale University Press. 1962
- Carroll, Richard. "The Founding of Salida, Colorado." Colorado Magazine 11: 121-133. 1934.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 50  
 Quadrangle name Cameron Mountain, Colo. (1956)

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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E	1 3	4 1 3 4 4 5	4 2 6 5 1 5 5	F	1 3	4 1 3 4 3 5	4 2 6 5 1 6 0
G	1 3	4 1 3 4 8 0	4 2 6 5 1 8 0	H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification (See Map 1)

Beginning at the NE corner of Riverside Park on D Street, follow the street south to Sackett Avenue, then west to the east property line of the Funeral Home at the SE corner of E Street and Sackett Avenue. (continued)

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah J. Pearce, Historian

organization Preservation Consultant date November 27, 1983

street & number 888 South Dexter #104 telephone 303-691-0187

city or town Denver state Colorado

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Babara Sudler*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5-4-84

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 6-14-84

*Silvius Byun*  
Keeper of the National Register

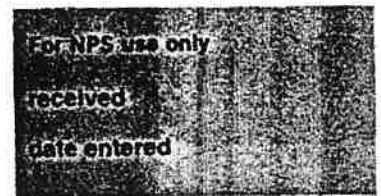
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date

Chief of Registration

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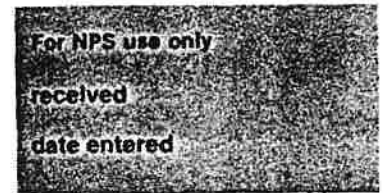
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Historic District

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Joyce Wentz 123 G Street Salida, CO 81201	Robert R. Pasquale 143 North F Street Salida, CO 81201	Floyd & Elsie Stallswor P.O. Box 426 Salida, CO 81201
Public Service Co. of Colo. P.O. Box 968 Salida, CO 81201	Jan & Laverne Sebastian 132½ W. 1st St. Salida, CO 81201	Don & Esther Craig 148 E. 1st St. Salida, CO 81201
Robert B. & Ruth Biglow P.O. Box 769 Salida, CO 81201	Ralph H. Taylor P.O. Box 599 Haiku, HI 96708	Mildred & Charles Zingo Genevive Naples 427 1st. Street Salida, CO 81201
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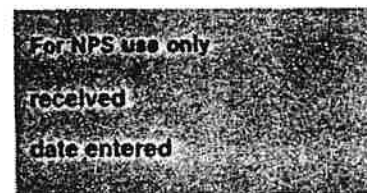
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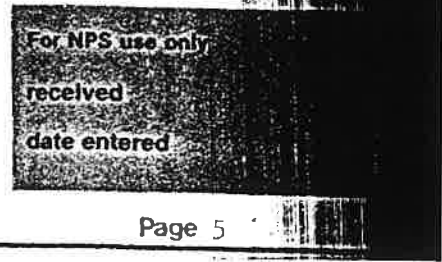
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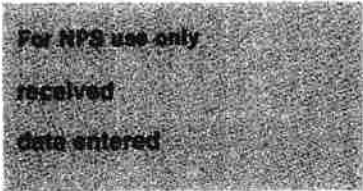
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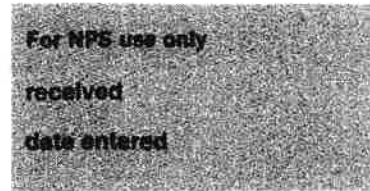


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2. F Street Bridge, built in 1906, is a double span concrete bridge which crosses the Arkansas River and links Salida's commercial district to the railroad yard. It was designed by Fred Bullen.
3. Manhattan Hotel, known locally as the FiBark Building, was built in 1901 and is one of the finest examples of turn of the century commercial architecture in Salida. Distinguished by cut stone stringcourses, pilasters separating the bays and stone crenelation at the roofline. Large rose windows and decorative brickwork, including an interesting latticework pattern provide additional detailing. The building is listed in the National Register.
4. A. T. Henry Building, located at the corner of F and First, was built in 1886 and house the Chaffee County Bank. The building features a bracketed cornice, corner entrance topped by triangular shaped roof pediment framing a sunburst design, and an intact, late 19th century storefront.
5. Palace Hotel, built by Delacy Ramsey and completed in 1909, is one of several hotels located near the railroad depot, attesting to the importance of the railroad on Salida's commercial district. This imposing three-story brick structure with a two-story corner section also housed a restaurant and commercial space.
6. Twitchell Building, built in 1890, is an intact example of late 19th century commercial architecture. Relatively unadorned, the structure features a large display area with windows separated by iron posts, wooden kickplates, and a recessed and corner entrance. The building is associated with N.B. Twitchell who built the structure and who was consider the pioneer real estate man in town.
7. Knights of Pythias Building, occupying a corner location at F Street and Second, is a fine two-story commercial building constructed of brick with rough cut stone accents. Stone piers at the first floor windows extend around the corner entrance and support a simple cornice with a shallow pediment at the entrance. Above, double hung windows with a continuous stone sill course has a continuous stone transom bar, with fixed transoms, and a continuous stone lintel course, which supports a deep entablature. The frieze space of the Colonial Revival cornice is ornamental with swags and festoons. At the corner, within the entablature is a large clock with a pilastered surround. The First National Bank occupied this structure from the time it was built in 1895 until 1934.
8. Salida Elks Lodge, built in 1910, is a two-story brick building, characterized by a central entrance highlighted by a balustraded porch. Above the porch is a round-headed bay partially filled with stained glass.

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9. Riverside Park, stretching from North F Street east along the banks of the Arkansas River to D Street, was originally the property of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. It has been set aside by the city of Salida for the use of the citizens.

The district, containing a total of 111 buildings, offers a significant example of turn-of-the century commercial architecture and represents Salida's growth as a major railroad center. The district structures, which form a distinct, yet cohesive entity within the community, have generally maintained their integrity with major alterations occurring on some of the lower facades. Of the 111 buildings in the district, 79 are listed as contributing to the significance of the historic district. See the district map for more information.

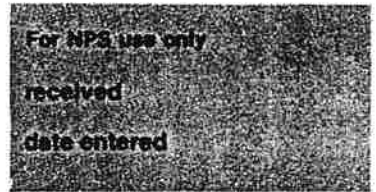
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<u>Site #</u>	<u>Building Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Constr. Date</u>
5CF212	Denver & Rio Grande Depot		c.1930
5CF213	Manhattan Hotel	228 North F	1901
5CF214	Jug Liquors	220 North F	c.1900
5CF216	Palace Hotel	204 North F	1904-09
5CF298	F Street Bridge	North end of F	1906
5CF218	Neil's Cafe	140 North F	c.1900
-	Riverside Park	North end of F	-
-	Brick Garage	100 Bk. North G	c.1900
5CF219	Pinecone Antiques	136 North F	c.1883
5CF220	American Selco, Inc.	128 North F	1890-9
5CF273	Victoria Tavern	143 North F	1898-1
5CF274	Park Place Restaurant	113 E. Sackett	1890-9
-	Alley structure	Between E.Sackett & First	
-	Alley structure	Between E.Sackett & First	
-	Red Brick Boarding House	100 Bk. E. Sackett	-
-	Lewis-Glenn Funeral Home	203 E. Sackett	-
-	Barber Shop	Triangular lot, First & G	
5CF282	Downtown Auto Body	144 W. First	1898-1
5CF297	Antiques (Your Furniture)	138 W. First	1904-0
5CF281	Union Block (west section)	134 W. First	1886-9
5CF280	Union Block (Bargain Shop)	132 W. First	1886-9
5CF279	Salida Sweet Shop	130 W. First	1886-9
5CF276	Commercial Building	110 W. First	1898-1
5CF275	Commercial Building	135 North F	1914-1
5CF225	A. T. Henry Building	102-104 North F	1886
5CF221	Commercial Building	122 North F	c.1883
5CF272	Capricorn Liquors	123 North F	1886-9

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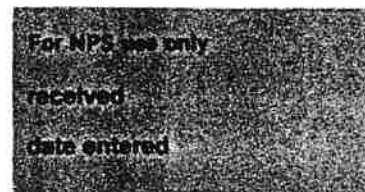
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5CF271	Sign Store	121 North F	1886-90
5CF270	Band Box Cleaners	119 North F	1890-93
-	Band Box Laundry	117 North F	1890-93
5CF263	PT's Polish Corner	109 North F	1886-90
5CF262	Twitchell Building	101 North F	1890
5CF269	Master Printers	114 E First	1886-90
5CF267	Misty Mountain Music	132 E. First	1898-1904
5CF266	Zenith T.V.	134 E. First	1886-1890
-	Pink Stucco Residence	100 Bk. E	-
-	Brick Duplex	200 Bk. E. First	-
5CF306	Salida Drafting	246 E. First	1898-1904
-	White Brick Residence	200 Bk. E. First	-
-	Residence	100 Bk. E. Second	-
5CF229	Montgomery Ward's	148 F	1886-90
5CF227	Hively Block	126-132 F	1890
5CF232	Sandusky Building	222 F	1904-09
5CF233	McKenna Building	230 F	1902
5CF234	Strait Building	242 F	1898-1904
5CF253	Knights of Pythias Hall	201 F	1895
5CF252	Tuttles Sporting Goods	207 F	1898-1904
5CF251	Adilas	219 F	1904
5CF250	Salida Flower Shop	225 F	1898-1904
5CF249	Amaranth	229 F	1886-90
5CF248	Credit Bureau/Pizza	233 F	1886-90
5CF247	Public Service Co.	243 F	1914-1929
-	Brick Duplex	200 Bk. E	-
-	Brick Residence	200 Bk. E. First	-
5CF290	Energy Broker	First & G	1898-1904
5CF287	Kolbeck's Auto Service	124 G	1898-1904
-	Kolbeck's Gas Station	120 G	-
5CF285	Sherman Hotel (South half)	125 G	1909-1914
5CF286	Sherman Hotel (North half)	149 W. First	1909-1914
5CF261	Waggoner's Pharmacy	101 F	1887
5CF260	Salida Drugs	115 F	1883
5CF241	I.O.O.F. Building	113 E. First	1887
5CF242	Browne Block	100 Bk. E. First	1886-88
5CF301	Salida <u>Mail</u> Building	127 E. First	1893-98
5CF302	Hot Springs Trading Co.	131 E. First	1886-90
5CF303	Cranberry Kitchen	137 E. First	1883-86
5CF305	Argys Motor Company	215 E. First	1914-29
5CF256	Gambles (north half)	127 F	1886-90
5CF257	Gambles (south half)	127 F	1886-90
5CF255	Cady's Hardware	139 F	1886-90
5CF295	Elks Lodge	148 E. Second	1910
5CF240	Stewart Mortuary	136 E. Second	1886-1890

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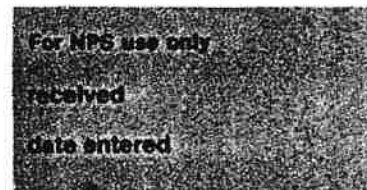
5CF239	Shoe Service	135 E. Second	1898-19
5CF235	Monarch Motors	300 Bk. F	1909-19
-	Italianate House	200 Bk. E	-
-	Residence	200 Bk. E	-
5CF235	Super Foods	312 F	1909-19
5CF245	Economy Datsun (east half)	139 W. Third	1909-19
5CF246	Economy Datsun (west half)	139 W. Third	1904-19

Below is a list of non-contributing structures in the district:

5CF215	Palace Restaurant	216 North F	c.1900
5CF299	Palace Apartments	120 W. Sackett	1904-C
5CF300	Mon-Ark Shrine Temple	100 Bk. W. Sackett	1898-19
5CF217	Western Armaments	148 North F	c.1900
-	Apartment Building	100 Bk. W. Sackett	-
5CF284	Office Bar (west half)	146 W. First	c.1909
5CF283	Office Bar (east half)	146 W. First	c.1909
5CF223	Commercial Structure	100 Bk. North F	c.1900
5CF277	Tony's Barber Shop	120 W. First	c.1900
5CF278	Luigi's	128 W. First	c.1900
5CF224	Dooley's Bar	106 North F	c.1900
5CF222	Bicycle Shop	100 Bk. North F	c.1900
5CF268	Bus Station	120 E. First	1973
5CF264	Salida Auto Parts	148 E. First	1890-93
-	Stucco Duplex	100 Bk. E	-
-	Stucco Residence	100 Bk. E	-
-	Auto Parts Store	corner E & First	-
-	Residence	200 Bk. E. First	-
5CF228	F.W. Woolworth's,	134 F	c.1900
5CF237	Stallsworth Motor Co.	200 Bk. F	c.1950
5CF238	Conoco Station	100 Bk. E. Third	c.1950
-	Gas Station	corner Third & E	-
-	Gas Station	100 Bk. E. Second	-
-	<u>Mountain Mail</u> Office	100 Bk. E. Second	-
-	New FIBark Building	North G Street	-
5CF259	Sharpes	119 F	c.1883
5CF258	Monarch Valley Gifts	123 F	c.1883-
-	City Hall	100 Bk. E	-
5CF265	Police/Fire Dept.	100 Bk. E. First	c.1950
-	Stucco Residence	100 Bk. E	-
5CF296	Dentist/Mental Health	115 E. Second	c.1960
5CF254	Lallier's Drugs	147 F	c.1890

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The latter route, which ultimately became the D & RG's main line, terminated in Salt Lake City. Although a direct route to Denver eluded Salida, the community was the division point for six of the D & RG's branches, confirming Salida's position as a major railroad center.

There were three major periods of construction in Salida, the first from 1880 to 1883 and the result of rapid railroad expansion. The city that emerged focused on F Street which extended from the railroad yard on the north bank of the Arkansas River southward. Frame buildings, serving a variety of functions, particularly hotels, rooming houses, and saloons, lined the main thoroughfare and a number of side streets. Although these structures gave the appearance of permanence, fire, the enemy of frontier towns, denied the illusion. Major fires in 1886 and 1888 which changed the appearance of Salida's commercial district, resulted in the passage of an ordinance establishing the Salida Fire Blocks. The ordinance prohibited the erection of frame buildings within an area bounded by Front (Sackett) Street, Fourth Street, C Street, and H Street.

Following the fires and the passage of the ordinance, a second building boom occurred between 1886 and 1890. During this period, over half of the buildings located in the district were constructed. Typically the corner structures are the largest and most imposing structures in the district and were built during this second period.

The third building boom occurred shortly after the second, from 1895 to 1904. During this period, a large number of the buildings which still stand on F Street were built. Included in this group of structures were several stamped metal storefronts      one by the Mesker Brothers of St. Louis.

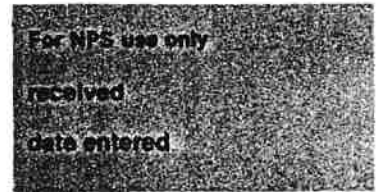
Prominent businessmen involved in Salida's growth included N.R. Twitchell, who was known as a pioneer real estate man in Salida, involved in many land transactions in the community. He built a corner structure at First and F Streets in 1890 which is still standing. Louis Wenz was an immigrant from Germany who worked for the Denver & Rio Grande before opening a furniture store in Salida. S.W. Sandusky was involved in dry goods, and others, including Peter Mulvany, William M. Roller, and George Smith were important businessmen involved in the Gunnison trade.

By the turn-of-the century, the railroad was the dominant economic force in Salida. A new twenty-stall roundhouse was constructed in 1902 and large shops (now housing Calco Industries) quickly followed. Transfer yards were also available, since the D & RG remained a two gauge (standard and narrow) railroad. In addition, Salida augmented its position as a railroad center by serving as a supply center for newer mining districts such as the Monarch Mining District in the southwestern portion of the county.

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As the century progressed, Salida's fortunes declined as a result of changes in the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad system. Poncha Springs developed as the freight center for the Gunnison trade by the turn-of-the century, bypassing Salida altogether. The advent of diesels, the elimination of the narrow gauge routes, and finally the construction of an east-west line between Denver and Salt Lake City all contributed to the end of Salida's prominence as a railroad center.

Salida has managed to survive the loss of the railroad. Tourism is now a major factor in the economy and the community is currently working to promote its downtown district.

The district clearly represents the best collection of historic commercial buildings both in Salida and Chaffee County. The buildings contained date primarily from the late 19th century and early 20th century. Most are one and two story brick structures with the upper stories intact. Richly decorated cornices with cresting, brackets, and brick corbelling, stone lintels and sills; and detailing including metal cornices and window caps distinguish many of the buildings, adding to the character of the district. Therefore, in scale, texture, and continuity of design features, the area forms a distinct, cohesive historic commercial entity.

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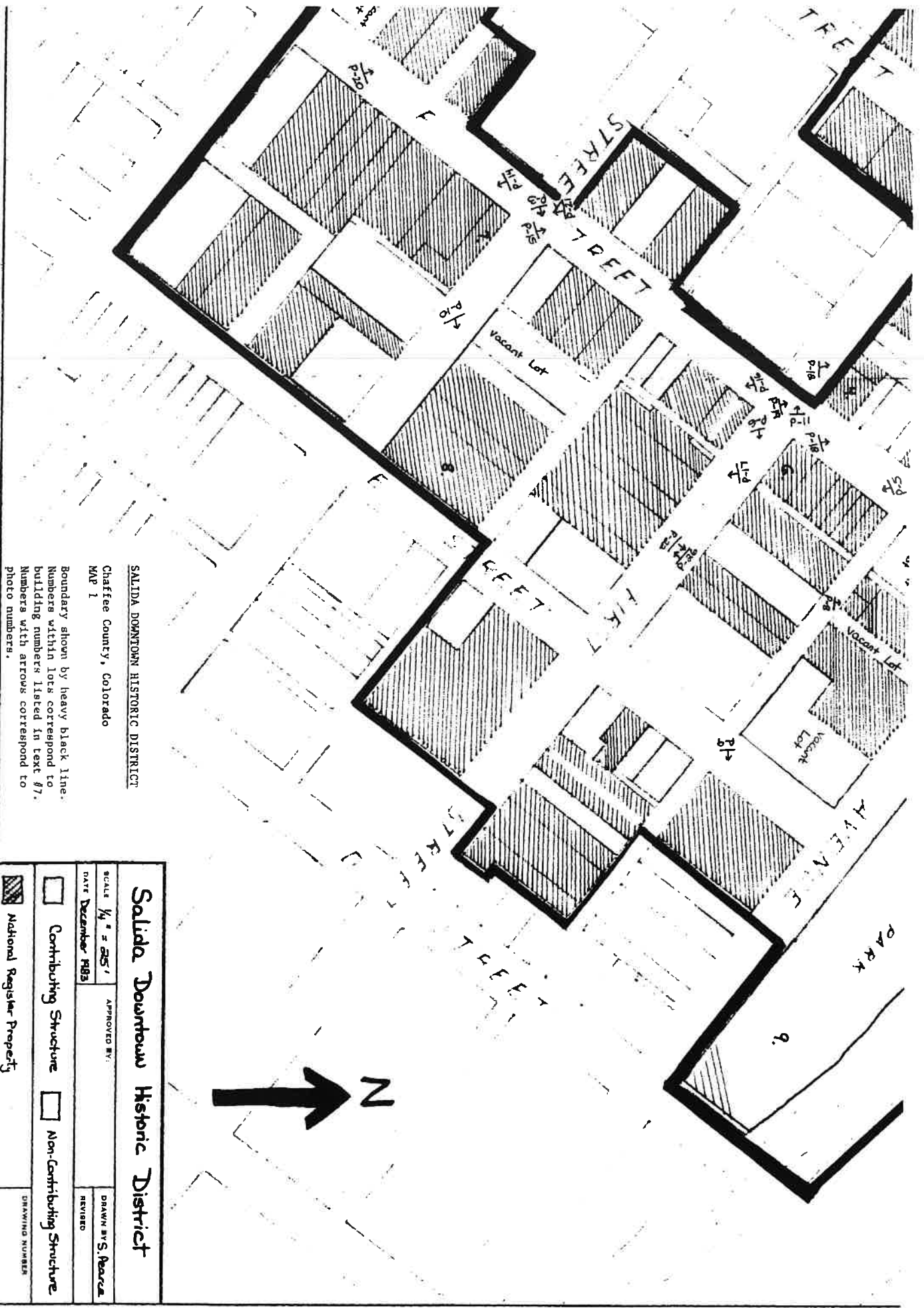
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification (continued)

Follow the property line to the alley between Sackett and First; then east along the south side of the alley to the east property line of the building at 246 E. First Street; then at 246 E. First Street; then west along the north side of First Street approximately 75'; then south along the east property line of the building at 215 E. First Street; then west along the north side of the alley between First and Second Street to the west side of E. Street; then south along the west side of E Street to the north side of Third; then west along Third Street to the west side of F Street; follow F Street to the south property line of the grocery store at 312 F Street; then west along the property line to the west property line of the car dealership at 139 W. Third; turn north to Third Street; then east along the south side of Third approximately 125'; then north along the alley between G and F streets; then north 75' to the alley between Second and Third; then south along the property lines of the Sandusky Building at 222 F Street; north along the east side of F to Second; west along the north side of Second to the alley between F and G streets; north along this alley to the alley between First and Second; then east to F Street; north along the east side of F to First; then west along the north side of First to the east property lines of the Sherman Hotel at 149 West First; follow the property lines south to the alley between First and Second; then west across G Street through the alley next to 124 G Street to the right-of-way of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad; follow the right-of-way in a northeasterly direction across a point directly north of the NE corner of the park; then south across the river to the point of beginning.

These boundaries were drawn to encompass those structures associated with Salida's role as a major railroad center for the Upper Arkansas River Valley. The boundary on the west side of the district was drawn to exclude a number of intrusive structures, and follows the property lines where ever possible. Four structures on the west side of the district were included due to their relationship to the city's railroad history. One was a hotel, another served as the hose house, gas station, and a bottling plant. On the east side of the district, a number of residences were included to represent the importance of boarding houses in the city's history. The majority of the structures are located in the commercial core, which runs along F Street from the railroad depot, and housed the merchants, restaurants, and hotels needed to meet the demands of a growing railroad center.





**SALIDA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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Boundary shown by heavy black line.  
 Numbers within lots correspond to  
 building numbers listed in text #7.  
 Numbers with arrows correspond to  
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