

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource Number: 5CF406.8
2. Temporary Resource Number: 39
3. County: Chaffee
4. City: Salida
5. Historic Building Name: Vail Block, Sam Romeo Saloon, Witham Rooms
6. Current Building Name: La Frontera Restaurant
7. Building Address: 128 N. F St.
8. Owner Name and Address: Bernick, Philip A., 1115 Taylor Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Parcel Number: 368132405095  
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 413623 Northing 4265637

### 11. USGS Quad Name: Salida East, Colo.

Year: 1994 Map Scale: 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

### 12. Lot (s): 1-2 (part) Block(s): 5

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): Rectangular

15. Dimensions in Feet: Length 64 X Width 21

### 16. Stories: 1

### 17. Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):

Brick

### 18. Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):

Flat

### 19. Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one): Asphalt

### 20. Special Features (enter all that apply):

Decorative Cornice, Chimneys

### 21. General Architectural Description:

One-story, rectangular, brick and concrete block commercial building with flat roof stepped down toward rear. Façade clad in red brick has cornice of multiple narrow corbelled bands of brick. Brick end piers enframe façade. Band of decorative brickwork with bricks on end above continuous clerestory. Continuous lintel below clerestory. Plate glass windows with brick under windows. Center inset entrance with angled walls flanking paneled and glazed door. Painted brick south wall is adjacent to alley. Storefront design continues for one bay on south wall. Two brick chimneys with metal tops visible on south. North wall is adjacent open lot, and is painted concrete block with murals

and French doors. Shed roof frame addition on rear.

**22. Architectural Style/Building Type:** Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style

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

N/A

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

None

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

**25. Date of Construction:** Estimate 1890-93 Actual

**Source of Information:** Sanborn maps, 1890 and 1893

**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 current building represents only a small portion of the original building. The building is not shown on the 1890 Sanborn, when a smaller one-story structure was located here. In 1893 the original building appears on the Sanborn, a large two-story business block with three storefronts. The 1945 Sanborn map shows the original building. The building was heavily damaged in a fire in 1948, leaving only the present part of the building, which was also partially rebuilt.

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

#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

**31. Original Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Restaurant/Bar

**32. Intermediate Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store

**33. Current Use(s):** Commerce and Trade/Restaurant

**34. Site Type(s):** Commercial Building

**35. Historical Background:**

This building was erected between 1890 and 1893. The 1890 Sanborn map shows a different, smaller, one-story saloon on this parcel. By 1893 the current building is shown, although it was originally a much larger two-story building. The building is shown housing a saloon on Sanborn maps of 1893, 1898, 1904, and 1909. The 1903-04 city directory indicates that this building was known as the Vail Block. In that year the building housed Sam Romeo Saloon (Romeo also lived here) and furnished rooms operated by Mrs. Mary C. Witham. In 1905-06 the Louis Dalla Saloon was listed here, together with the furnished rooms run by Mary Witham. The 1909 city directory listed the Silver Dollar Saloon (operated by Nick Muto and Anton Presta) at this address. The 1914 Sanborn map indicated that the building housed a billiard parlor and confectionery in the space of the present building. By 1927-28, Mrs. Josephine Botz operated a restaurant here. In 1930-31, this was the location of the New Grand Café, managed by Sim Wong. On 10 March 1948 the Salida Mail reported that Louis Schneider's building had been gutted by fire. Damages were estimated at \$60,000. The paper reported that the Albany Hotel and the M&O Poolroom were ruined and heavy damage was sustained by General Auto Supply and the Stancati Liquor Store. By 1951, Frank Stancati operated a liquor store here in the rebuilt, smaller building, Stancati Liquor.

**36. Sources of Information:**

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; Salida Walking Tours; Survey Form, 128 N. F St., 1981; Salida Mail, 10 March 1948.

#### 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).

☒ 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 building represents a small part of a larger historic building on this site, most of which was destroyed by fire in the 1940s. The present appearance of the building dates to 1948, which falls outside the district's period of significance.

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

The building's current appearance represents its 1948 remodeling; it was once a small part of a much larger building.

**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

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

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

This building 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: Noncontributing

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

## 47. Photographic Reference(s): 4: 7, 9, 11, 13.

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.

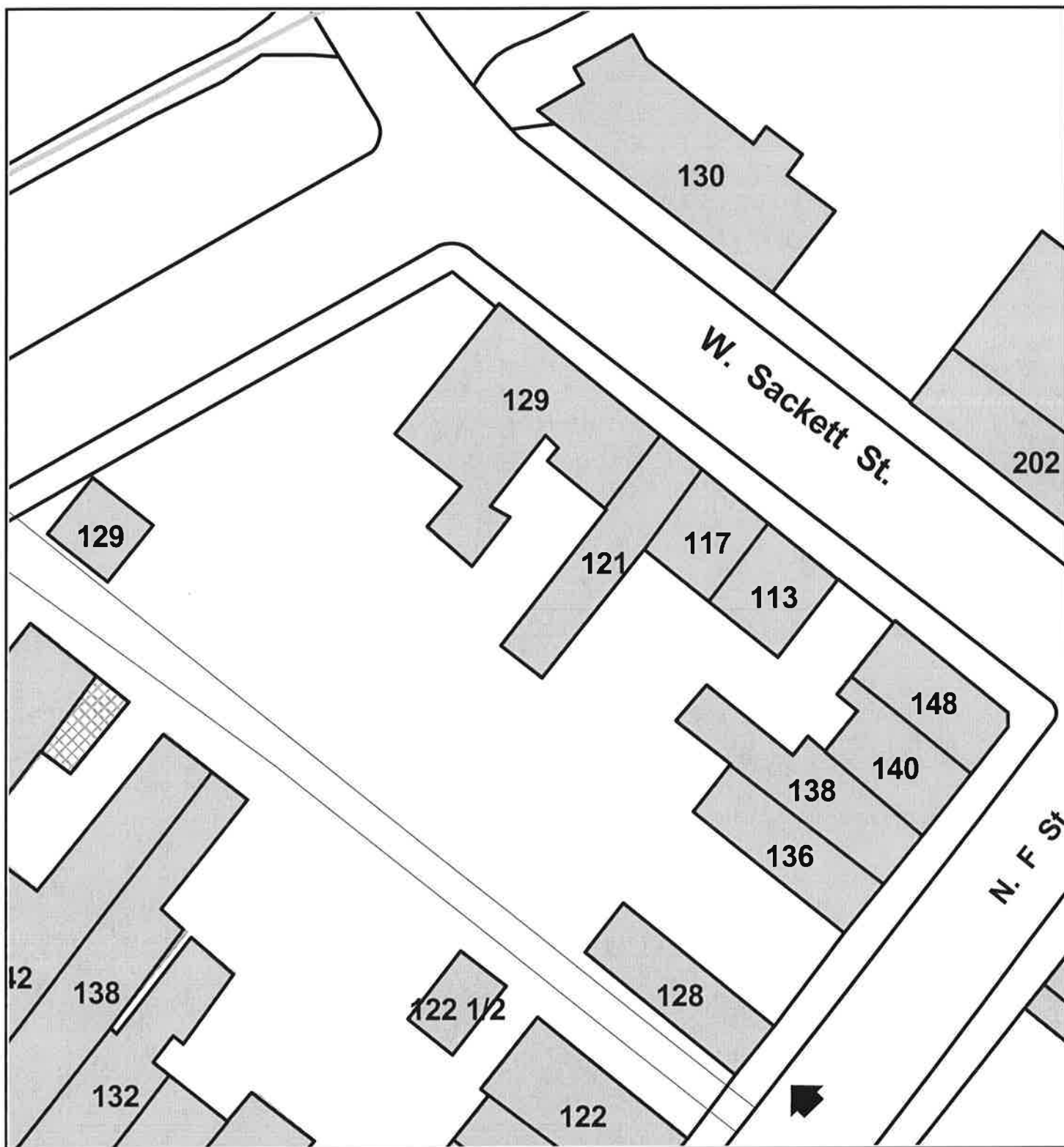
## 52. Address: 3635 W. 46th Ave.

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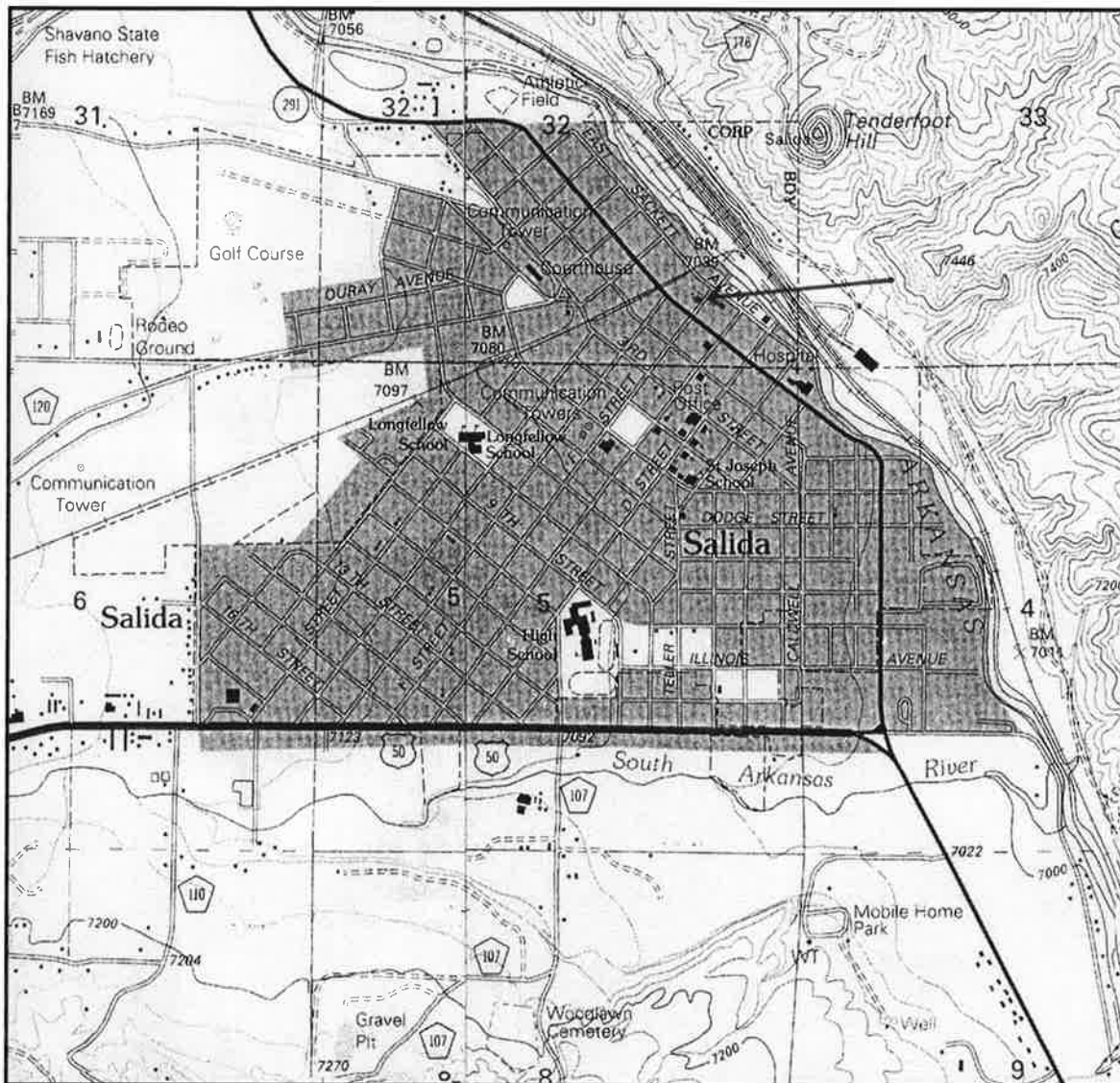
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**Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02**  
**USGS Location Map**

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