

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. **Resource Number:** 5CF406.81
2. **Temporary Resource Number:** 72
3. **County:** Chaffee
4. **City:** Salida
5. **Historic Building Name:** Argys Brothers Garage
6. **Current Building Name:** Planit Systems, Inc.
7. **Building Address:** 223 E. 1st St.
8. **Owner Name and Address:** Lindstrom, Kenneth E. & Cathie B., 223 E. 1st St., Salida, CO 81201

Parcel Number: 368132423259
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** 413711 **Northing** 4265450
11. **USGS Quad Name:** Salida East, Colo.
Year: 1994 **Map Scale:** 7.5' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. **Lot (s):** 8-10 **Block(s):** 23
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** 150 **X Width** 83
16. **Stories:** 1
17. **Primary External Wall Material(s) (enter no more than two):**
Brick
18. **Roof Configuration (enter no more than one):**
Barrel
19. **Primary External Roof Material (enter no more than one):** Asphalt
20. **Special Features (enter all that apply):**
Chimney
21. **General Architectural Description:**

One-story rectangular brick automobile service garage with arched roof. Stepped parapet on façade outlined with contrasting brick. Projecting sign attached to wall at center of parapet. Below parapet the brick wall is divided into panels by contrasting brick, with soldier course of brick forming lintel. Façade has tan wire-drawn brick with contrasting brick on piers. Concrete foundation. Piers and brickwork divide the façade into three bays. Center bay has a large paneled and glazed garage door flanked by brick piers and pedestrian doors with large rectangular lights, transoms, and clerestory windows on each side. Each pier has globe-shaped light attached. Bays flanking

central bay have large plate glass display windows surmounted by clerestory windows composed of multiple small lights. Brick below display windows. Tall red brick chimney on east near center of wall. East and west walls of building are red brick and the rear wall is stuccoed.

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 1926-1929

Actual

Source of Information: Sanborn Map, 1929 and 1926 Photograph

26. Architect: Unknown

Source of Information:

27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: Argys Brothers Garage

Source of Information: Salida Walking Tour, 2002

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

Footprint of the building remains unchanged on Sanborn maps of 1929 and 1945. A 1981 survey form states that there were gas pumps in front of the building; there are no pumps in front of the building today.

30. Original Location: Yes

Date of Moves

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use(s): Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store

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

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

34. Site Type(s): Automobile Sales and Service Garage

35. Historical Background:

This garage was constructed between 1926 and 1929. The building is not shown on an overview photograph of Salida from Tenderfoot Mountain taken in 1926, but it does appear on the 1929 Sanborn fire insurance map. The 1950 year of construction reported by the Chaffee County Assessor is not correct. The garage was variously addressed as 221, 211-23, and 215 E. 1st Street over the years.

This building was the home of the Argys Brothers Garage and Argys Motor Company for more than fifty years. The Argys brothers (Dick, Gus, and Theodore) began a mercantile, grocery, and meat store on North F Street in 1912. In 1917, Dick and Gus Argys took over the local Nash automobile dealership. The 1927 "Booster Edition" of the Salida Mail reported that Dick Argys was in charge of the office and auto sales, while Gus handled the service department. The article noted that "they maintain an adequate service department and garage so affording the owners every assurance of service."

According to the Salida Walking Tour, the Argys brothers built this building. The 1929 Sanborn map stated that it had a capacity of seventy-five cars. The Argys Brothers Garage was listed here in the 1930-31 city directory, which listed Richard A. and Theodore A. Argys as the proprietors. The 1951 city directory showed D.A. and Gus Argys as partners in the firm. The Argys Motor Company still occupied this building at the time of the 1981 historic buildings survey. At that time they were dealers in Jeep, Scout, Farmall, and International Harvester brands.

36. Sources of Information:

Chaffee County Assessor records; Salida City Directories; Sanborn Insurance Maps; "Salida Walking Tour," 2002; Salida Mail, Booster Edition, 21 October 1927; Russ Collman, Trails Among the Columbine (Denver: Sundance

Publications, 1992), 244-45.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local Landmark Designation: No

Date of Designation:

Designating Authority:

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- X 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
Commerce

40. Period of Significance: 1926-29 to 1953

41. Level of Significance: Local

42. Statement of Significance:

This building is associated with the development of automobile-related service buildings in downtown Salida, having been erected in the 1920s to house the Argys Brothers Garage, an automobile sales and service firm. The Argys Brothers' automobile business continued in this building for more than half a century. The building is an extremely well preserved example of an automobile dealership, and is notable for its stepped parapet, decorative brickwork, large display windows with clerestories, and intact entrances. The building is potentially eligible to the National Register.

43. Assessment of Historic Physical Integrity Related to Significance:

This building maintains substantial integrity. The façade of the building remains unchanged. The rear wall (south) has been stuccoed and windows have been added. Some windows have been replaced on the sides.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register Field Eligibility Assessment: 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: Contributing

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photographic Reference(s): 10: 7A, 9A, 19A, 22A.

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.

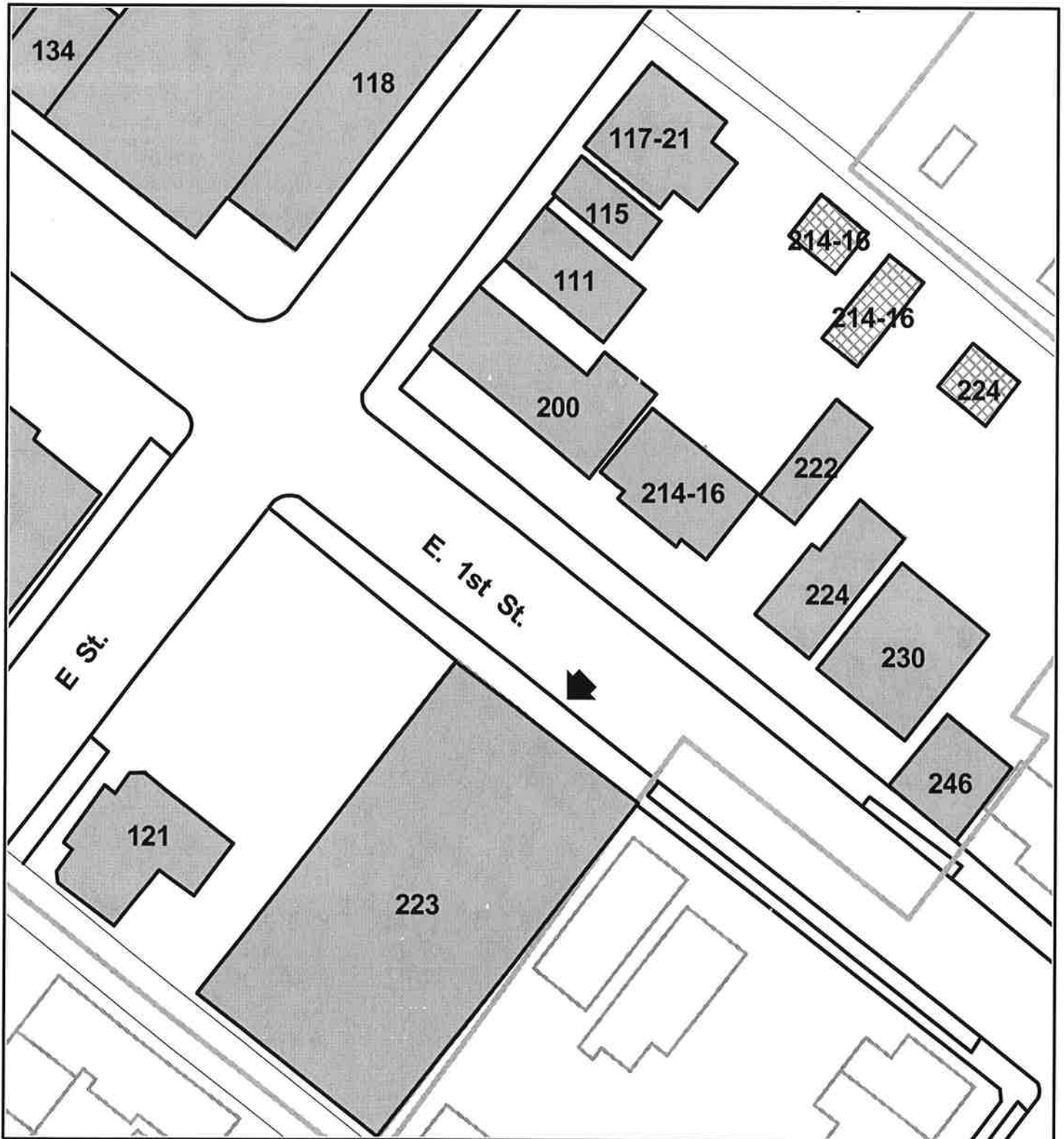
52. Address: 3635 W. 46th Ave.

53. Phone Number(s): (303) 477-7597

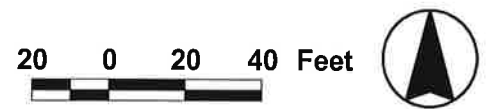
NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating the resource's location, and photographs.

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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
Sketch Map

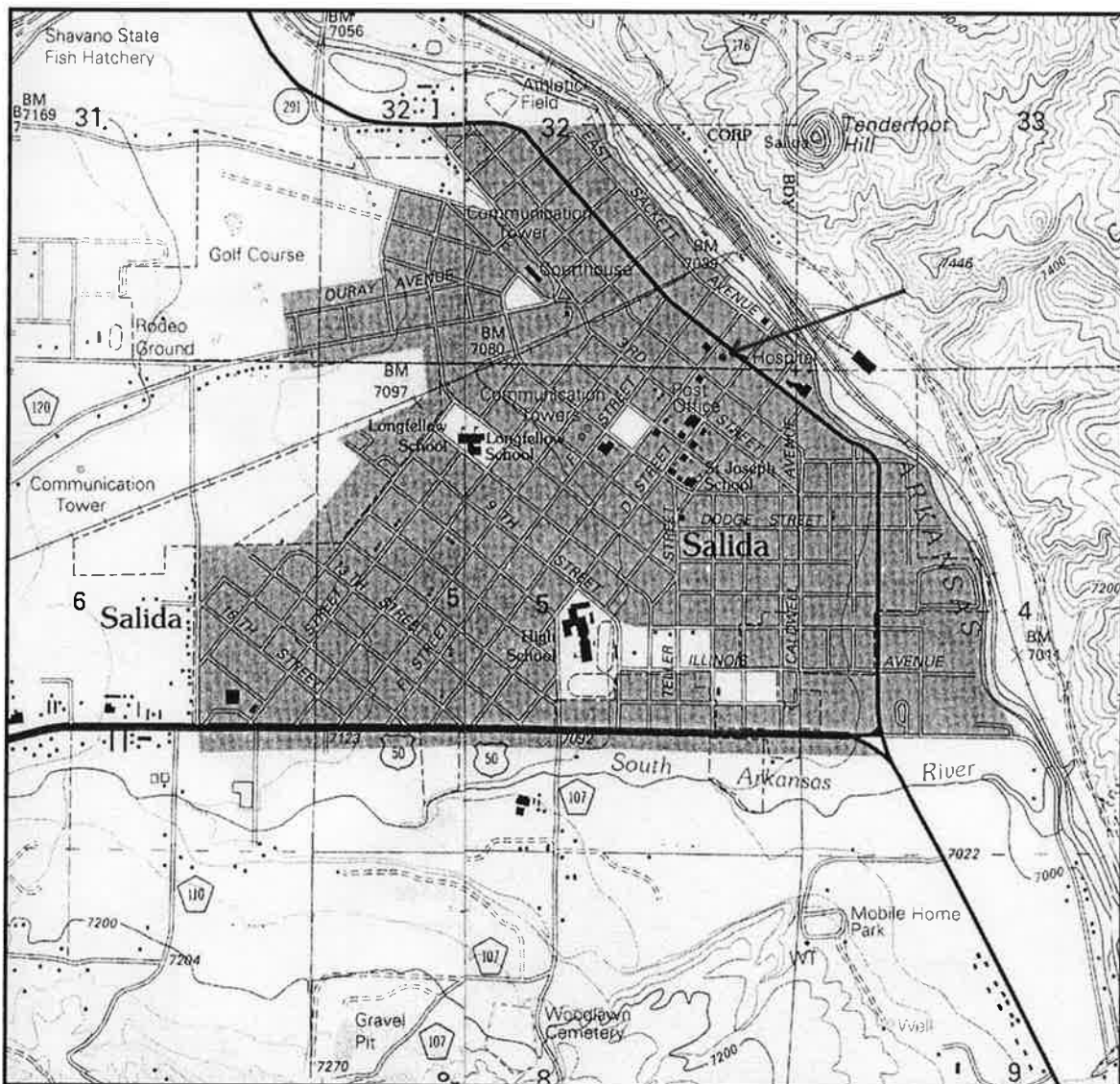


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Downtown Salida Historic Buildings Survey, 2001-02
USGS Location Map

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