

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections**

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1. Name

historic Rood Candy Company Building

and/or common Rood Candy Company

2. Location

street & number 408-416 West 7th Street n/a not for publication

city, town Pueblo **n/a vicinity of**

state Colorado **code** 08 **county** Pueblo **code** 101

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name ECS, Incorporated

street & number 800 Monsell Road

city, town Roswell **state** Georgia 30075
n/a vicinity of

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pueblo County Courthouse

Pueblo Colorado 81003

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? **yes** XX **no**

date 1980-81 **federal** XX **state** **county** **local**

depository for survey records Colorado Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway

city_town Denver **state** Colorado 80203

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Rood Candy Company Building is located in what was the downtown area of Pueblo, now the periphery. The buildings which were part of the candy company operation include: 1) the main building, which housed the office and candy manufacturing operation; 2) the power plant, which housed the steam boiler which heated the building and provided the steam power for the manufacturing operation (The roof has collapsed and only the exterior walls remain.) 3) a stable.

The main building is a three-story, red brick structure that is characterized by a lack of ornamentation that relates a sense of austerity and cleanliness of line. The window and door openings are balanced over the front wall, with three sets of three bays at each level. Adding to the block-like appearance is the flat roof and the stone water table. A minimal sense of ornamentation is lent by the decorative corbelled brickwork at the cornice which forms a parapet that extends around the front (north) and west walls. The parapet, without the corbelled cornice, partially extends around the east wall. All windows on the second and third floors are of equal size, varied at the first level with the addition of transoms over two of the windows and both of the entrances. The transoms are aligned with the window heads of the smaller west bay. The transoms have decorative brick surrounds.

On the west wall are four bays at each floor and, at the rear, compare to the placement of bays on the front wall. One fire exhite and one window are located on the east wall.

Attached to the main structure at its southeast corner is the boiler facility, now only partially standing. It is constructed of squared rubble stone which has been laid in random aslar courses and is located at the same level as the basement of the main building.

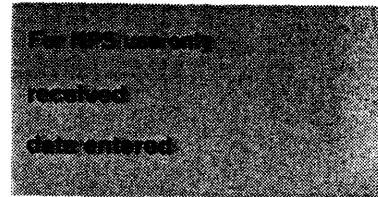
The most unique structure on the site is the stable. It is detached and south of the main building on the alley. The stable is constructed of brick and has a high gable roof which housed the hay mow and possibly the groom's quarters. The ends of the gables are covered with wood shingles. There is a door and two segmented, arched windows in the west end of the gable, and a door into the hay mow in the east gable. The north facade has a series of small, arched openings or windows.

What appears today as the Rood Candy Company manufacturing facilities is the result of a number of changes which have occurred over time. The building which first housed the Rood Candy Company, then called the Colorado Confectionery Company, sat directly east of the main building on what is now a vacant lot. It is not known when this building was demolished. The construction of what is now the main building was reported in the December 1 1909 Chieftain.

The Rood Candy Company has purchased the property just west of their plant and is having plans drawn for an enlargement of the factory at 406 West Seventh Street. The plans provide for a large, two-story structure to the present commodious building and will cost from \$35,000 to \$40,000. Construction is to begin as soon as the plans are prepared, as the steadily growing business of the company demands an enlargement of the qarters.

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It is assumed that the power plant and stable were also constructed at this time. The structure was enlarged to its present size sometime in the early 1920s and remained in its present configuration until it closed in the late 1930s.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	community planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/>	archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	law	<input type="checkbox"/>	science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/>	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	economics	<input type="checkbox"/>	literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<input type="checkbox"/>	military	<input type="checkbox"/>	social/humanitarian
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/>	art	<input type="checkbox"/>	engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	music	<input type="checkbox"/>	theater
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation
XX 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/>	communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/>	other (specify)
				invention				

Specific dates Circa 1909 & 1920 Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rood Candy Company building is significant for its association with the Rood Candy Company, a leading candy company in the state from 1900 to 1940 and as an example of an early 20th century manufacturing facility.

Aaron Rood, founder and president of the Rood Candy Company, was born in Windham County, Connecticut on June 1, 1845. At the age of two, Rood and his family moved to Illinois. On February 23, 1864, Rood joined Company B, Ninety-Second Illinois Infantry and, upon discharge in 1865, returned to Illinois, where he was engaged in the hardware business.

In 1872 Rood moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he resided for thirteen years before moving to Pueblo.¹ Soon after his arrival in Pueblo, he became involved in the cracker manufacturing business. In 1890, the Pueblo Cracker and Confectionary Company was incorporated with Aaron Rood serving as vice-president. The company was sold in 1891 to the American Biscuit Company, which was later consolidated with the Union and the National Biscuit companies. Through the nine years (1891-1900) when all changes were occurring, Mr. Rood remained the Pueblo representative of the American and then National Biscuit Company. In the early 1900s, Rood founded the Colorado Confectionery Company--the name changed around 1910 to the Rood Candy Company.

Between 1900 and 1940, the Rood Candy Company has the distinction of being one of the leading candy manufacturers in the state. It employed several hundred individuals and sold candy all over the West. Rood Candy Company popularized candy punchboards as an advertising tool. (The lucky numbered winner received a 5 lb. box of chocolates.)

The business closed in the late thirties. On February 1, 1943, the Pueblo Junior College leased the building, using the structure for their vocational technical education program. At that time the program emphasized the teaching of the skills necessary for war production. The basement was used for machine tool operations; the first floor was set up for aircraft engine classes; the second floor for radio maintenance and blueprint reading; and the top floor for aircraft sheet metal and general metal classes.

The Rood Candy Company facility was built in the early 20th century and is the best example of an early 20th-century manufacturing facility in Pueblo. It reflects the changes which were occurring at that time, best exhibited by the stable facility. The stable was constructed during the time of transition between horse-drawn transportation and gasoline-powered vehicles. It is interesting that during the time of remodeling of the facility in the early 1920s, the stable was retained. For all the stable facilities which must have been in the downtown area, this is the sole remaining example of which retains its integrity. What makes it particularly unusual is that it was not a commercial stable, but associated with a manufacturing facility. This complex makes the Rood facility the most complete example of an early 20th century manufacturing facility in Pueblo.

¹Rood's house in Pueblo still stands and is now owned by Parkview Hospital.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Aaron Rood, Founder of the Rood Candy Company, Dead," The Pueblo Chieftain, February 20, 1920
 "Rood Candy Company will Build Addition to Plant," The Pueblo Chieftain, December 12, 1909,
 page 16, C-2.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .55

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Quadrangle name NE Pueblo

UTM References

A	1 3	5 3 3 9 5 0	4 2 3 5 9 9 0
Zone	Easting	Northing	
C			
E			
G			

B			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 8, States Addition.

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

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title James F. Munch

organization	Pueblo Regional Planning Commission	date	December 23, 1983
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street & number	1 City Hall Place	telephone	(303) 543-6006
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city or town	Pueblo	state	Colorado 81003
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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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Barbara Sudler

title	State Historic Preservation Officer	date	4/10/84
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Jelores Byer
keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

5/17/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Black & White Print

Rood Candy Co.

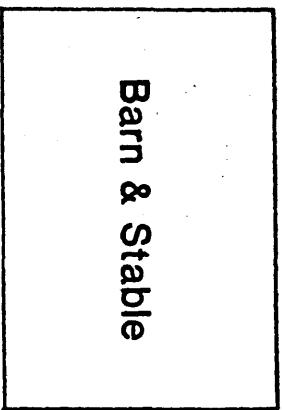
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Pueblo County, Colorado

Pueblo Planning Commission
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Numbers keyed to photos

NORTH 

Property Line

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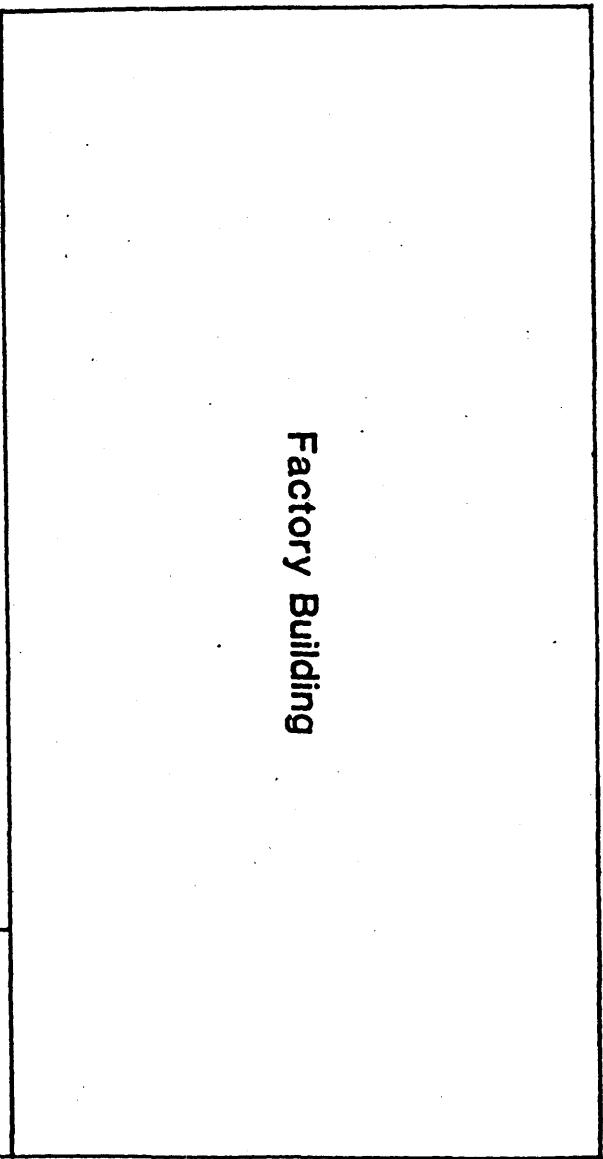


Alley

**Boiler
Facility**

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not drawn to scale