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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

Garret and Julia Gray Cottage

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

125 East Fifth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Salida

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Chaffee

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Frank M. & Mary Ann Chelf

STREET & NUMBER

125 East Fifth Street

CITY, TOWN

Salida

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

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

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

8/06/0020

DATE

Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at 125 East Fifth Street in Salida, the Garret and Julia Gray Cottage is a single detached structure, basically rectangular in shape, two storeys built of wooden clapboard construction. The roof, metal painted black, is cross high gable. The eaves are cornice boxed, frieze with consoles. There are delicate wood carvings at the points of the gables and at the top of the dormer windows. The four decorated dormers are gabled with overhung roof and consoles. Below and above the main double-hung windows are recessed panels and entablature, both inside and outside. The main entrance (architrave type) is recessed and paneled with decorated lintel and flush light (leaded glass). The double leaf door is double two panel with molding rail. At the entrance are oversized inverted pineapples worked from wood hanging from ornate gingerbread carvings. The first story porch has piers and ornate railings, and across the front facade are three belvederes.

The interior of the house has two floors and a partial basement. The living room (44 by 12½ feet) has eleven-foot ornate plaster molded ceilings with three large crystal and silver chandeliers and massive folding glass doors. A fireplace was added in 1924. Also on the first floor is a large dining room and entry hall, both with crystal chandeliers, and a bath and kitchen. An open, ornate walnut stairway leads to four bedrooms and bath opening into a central hall on the second floor. All light fixtures, hardware, interior shutters and woodwork are original. Some furnishings are original, some other acquired from old houses in Salida. The present owners have used, as much as possible, furniture and decorations from the period in which the house was built.

At the rear of the property is a guest house, originally a carriage house or garage of brick construction.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1882 - present BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harvey Hakins

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garret & Julia Gray Cottage is significant for its association with the Grays, who were early settlers in Salida; for its association with Louis W. Craig, an important local businessman; and for its architectural features, a fine local representation of the cottage style of Victorian architecture.

Garret R. & Julia Gray were among the first people to settle in Salida, having been residents of the valley even before the town was incorporated. Gray had served as postmaster of the town of Helena, a small community in northern Chaffee County, shortly before they moved to Salida, where they opened the first hotel in town, the New York House. Gray was also active in the mining industry at this time. As a partner of George L. Smith, he owned a share in what was then called the Smith and Gray Mine, but which was later renamed the Madonna Mine, one of Colorado's great, but lesser known producers.

The Gray's lived in the cottage but a short time, however, before selling it to Louis W. Craig, who lived in it for seventeen years. Craig and his brother came to Salida in 1881, where they opened a dry goods store, owned the local opera house, and started a banking business, known first as the Continental Divide Bank, then later as the First National Bank of Salida. He was also instrumental in bringing the Ohio & Colorado Smelting Company to Salida in the late nineteenth century.

From an architectural perspective, the Gray Cottage is one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in Salida. The main entrance is truly unique, and the building has changed little over the passage of time.

ED. JEF 3/80

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Salida newspapers; Salida Mail and Mountain Mail

Dr. Wendell Hutchinson & George Everett, Under the Angel of Shavano

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Cameron Mountain

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 | 4,1,3 | 3,2,5 | 4,2,6,5 | 1,2,5

B [] | [] | [] | [] | []

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] | [] | [] | [] | []

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G [] | [] | [] | [] | []

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 6, 7, and 20 of Block 76, Haskell's Addition to the town of Salida, Colorado

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Ann Chelf

ORGANIZATION with help of Hoppy Randolph
Chaffee County Historical Society

DATE

September 27, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

125 East Fifth Street

TELEPHONE

(303) 539-2384

CITY OR TOWN

Salida

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William C. Townsend June 26, 1980

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Forrest W. Ray June
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/12/80

ATTEST:

Paula Storer Keck
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

9/5/80