

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Riede's City Bakery (Historic Resources of Aspen - MRA)

and/or common Uncle Willy's

2. Location

street & number 413 East Hyman Avenue n/a not for publication

city, town Aspen n/a vicinity of

state CO code 08 county Pitkin code 097

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Liz Sorensen and Mary Webster

street & number 413 East Hyman Avenue

city, town Aspen n/a vicinity of state CO 81611

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pitkin County Court House

street & number 506 East Main Street

city, town Aspen state CO

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? n/a yes no

date Ongoing n/a federal state n/a county n/a local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society - OAHP

city, town Denver state CO

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The one story, 1885 Riede's City Bakery is a small, false front commercial building. Constructed of wood frame and clapboard, it sits on the Hyman Avenue Mall between two modern brick buildings - a reminder of Aspen's 19th century silver mining days.

The original store front, which had large display windows flanking a recessed entrance, was altered probably in the 1940s when it became Louie's Spirit House. The large display windows were reduced to small rectangular windows with the rest of the opening and the clerestories closed up. The recessed door was brought forward to the exterior wall plane. In 1985, the store front was restored to its original appearance by Aspen architect, Welton Anderson. The entry was put in the original recessed location and the display windows and clerestories were opened up to their original sizes.

Many original wood elements, such as the paneled kick plates below the windows, the bracketed secondary cornice with a saw tooth frieze, and the false front with a cornice, brackets and frieze, were not altered in the 1940s and still remain in place. (photo #16, 16a)

Nothing original remains on the interior, which has seen many remodelings including the 1985 work. There is a cinder block addition, 13 x 30 feet, which was put onto the rear of the building in 1959 for storage space.

Riede's City Bakery is a locally designated landmark and is located in the Commercial Core Overlay District.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1885 **Builder/Architect** not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Riede's City Bakery building is significant as the only one of two wood frame and clapboard buildings remaining in the commercial section of Aspen. This building is an important link in Aspen's 19th century commercial development from tents and log structures to wood frame and finally brick buildings. The Riede Bakery, which may be one of Aspen's oldest frame commercial buildings, retains much of its original appearance with narrow clapboards, wooden cornice with brackets. The original shape and placement of the display windows and recessed entry were restored in 1985.

BACKGROUND

The Riede City Bakery was built in 1885 at the beginning of Aspen's most productive silver mining years. It represents the wood frame and clapboard commercial building type which followed the log cabins. The other remaining frame building in the commercial section is the altered Archibald-McKenzie Building (the Mother Lode) at 314 E. Hyman.

The original owner or occupant of this building is not documented, but may have been Moses Burke's bakery and grocery which was here in 1889. ¹ Raymond Riede, moved into the building ca. 1890 and opened a bakery and confectionery. Riede, who came to Aspen in late 1887 or early 1888, opened a store at an unknown location and carried the "best brands of California canned goods, California 'green fruits' and confectionery". ² Riede was able to ride out the depression following the 1893 Silver Crash while many others went out of business. He remained at this location until ca. 1907-1908. ³

During the Great Depression, Sweeney's Second-Hand Store occupied the building. In 1946, Irene and Louie Pastore from Denver bought the building, which still contained old merchandise from the second-hand store. When the water and sewer lines were laid to the building, the remains of the outdoor brick ovens were discovered. In June, 1946, Aspen's first licensed liquor store opened as Louie's Spirit House, which remained there until ca. 1975. ⁴ It then became Uncle Willy's Spirit House and is now a ladies apparel shop, Sorensen's International.

Since 1945, the building interior was remodeled a number of times.

In 1985, the store front was restored to its original appearance and the much remodeled interior was refurbished at the same time. ²

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property under one

Quadrangle name Aspen

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 89, part of lot D Aspen Townsite

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

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

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city or town Denver

state CO 80237

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

n/a national n/a state x 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 1-8-87

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

Patrick Andrews

date 3/6/87

Keeper of the National Register

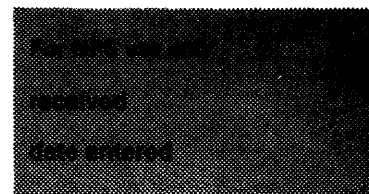
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Footnotes

1. Colorado Business Directory, 1885-1893.
Aspen City Directory, 1889.
2. Aspen Daily Times, March 3, 1888, p. 4.
3. Business Directory, 1889-1907.
4. Heather Hopton and Lilo Shuldener, Aspen's Early Days: A Walking Tour (Boulder: Aspen Historical Society, 1975), pp. 32-33.
5. Aspen Building Department, building permit, November 14, 1985.

