

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Marble Mill Site

AND/OR COMMON
Colorado Yule Marble Company

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest Corner of Park Street & West Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Marble

STATE
Colorado

VICINITY OF

CODE
08

COUNTY
Gunnison

CODE
051

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Small Business Administration

STREET & NUMBER

721 19th Street

CITY, TOWN

Denver

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado 80202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Gunnison County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Gunnison

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Colorado, 200 14th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This mill extended a quarter of a mile in length and was 100 to 150 feet in width. It was supposedly one of the largest single marble finishing plants in the World at that time. The mill was divided into departments for sawing, polishing and carving. Much of the plant was constructed of marble.

In 1909 and 1910, the electric trolley was built to run from the mill to the quarry which was about 3.9 miles.

The mill had a traveling overhead crane with the track on marble piers. The marble was lifted from the trolley and transported into the mill. When the marble was finished it was transported by the crane to the railroad. Some of the marble piers that supported the crane are still standing.

The attached post cards show the mill as it was when it was operating. The present condition is mostly ruins. There are some marble walls standing, some of the crane piers are still standing, two small out buildings are still there and the platform where the railroad turntable was is there. The enclosed photos illustrate the present condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1896 - 1941

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From the information available to this Writer it is difficult to determine when the mill was constructed on the present mill site. In 1896 the first commercial marble was shipped out of Marble from a small cutting plant set up at the quarry. In 1905 and 1906 the Colorado Yule Marble Company was operating with eight gang saws in the mill which indicates that the mill was constructed between 1896 and 1905. In 1907, the population of Marble was around 250 persons and a larger mill was built.

In 1912, a snow slide came down the mountain south of the mill and across the river and did a lot of damage to the mill. In 1913, the company had a marble wall built on the mill site along the bank of the river to protect the mill from future snowslides. On April 22, 1925 a fire destroyed approximately 900 feet of the mill because the water supply was being repaired and the pressure was insufficient to cope with the fire. The office and company records were saved. Damage was appraised at \$531,000 but only \$195,000 of insurance was carried making limited rebuilding possible.

On August 8, 1941, a flashflood came down Carbonate Creek through the business section and left businesses and houses full of mud and demolished some. Because of a lack of a market and the high cost of transportation the mill was closed in the latter part of 1941. The rolling stock, machinery, trolley, railroad and company houses were sold to a machinery dealer and everything was moved out by January 1943.

This was the only major source of marble in Colorado. The marble from this mill was used in monuments and buildings. Most of the Lincoln Memorial was made in the marble finishing plant. This includes the 18-marble steps from the granite landing to the Memorial level. The length of the marble steps is 80 feet, 3 inches. There are also two marble inclines. The 36 columns surrounding and supporting the outer portion of the structure and the two in the entrance are made from Colorado Yule Marble. The statue itself is of Georgia marble.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was also made at this mill. When the marble for the Tomb was brought down from the quarry, it took approximately three days to get it from the quarry to the mill. The marble for the Tomb and the base die and cap weighed 64 tons when it was shipped from Marble. From Marble, the Tomb was taken to Vermont where the rougher carving was done. The fine carving was done after it was placed in Arlington Cemetery.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Date History of Marble, Colorado by Ruby Isler, Marble, Colorado: City of Stone by Duane Vanderbusche and Rex Myers, Golden Bell Press, Denver, Colorado, Copyright 1970.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 25 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A tract of land in the South half of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 88 West, 6th P.M. described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is the intersection of the South boundary line of Park Street (Highway 139) and the east boundary line of West Third Street of the Town of Marble; thence South 300 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence West 1648.28 feet; thence North 700 feet; thence East 1348.28 feet to the point of beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less.

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

Jack D. Angstead, Chief, Liquidation Division

ORGANIZATION

Small Business Administration

DATE

7/21/76

STREET & NUMBER

721 19th Street

327 TELEPHONE

837-4041

327-382

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80202

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

[Signature]
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National National State Local

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

[Signature]
Chief, Liquidation Division, SBA

DATE

3-23-78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
William L. Borovich

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2/7/79

DATE

12/15/68

KEEPER ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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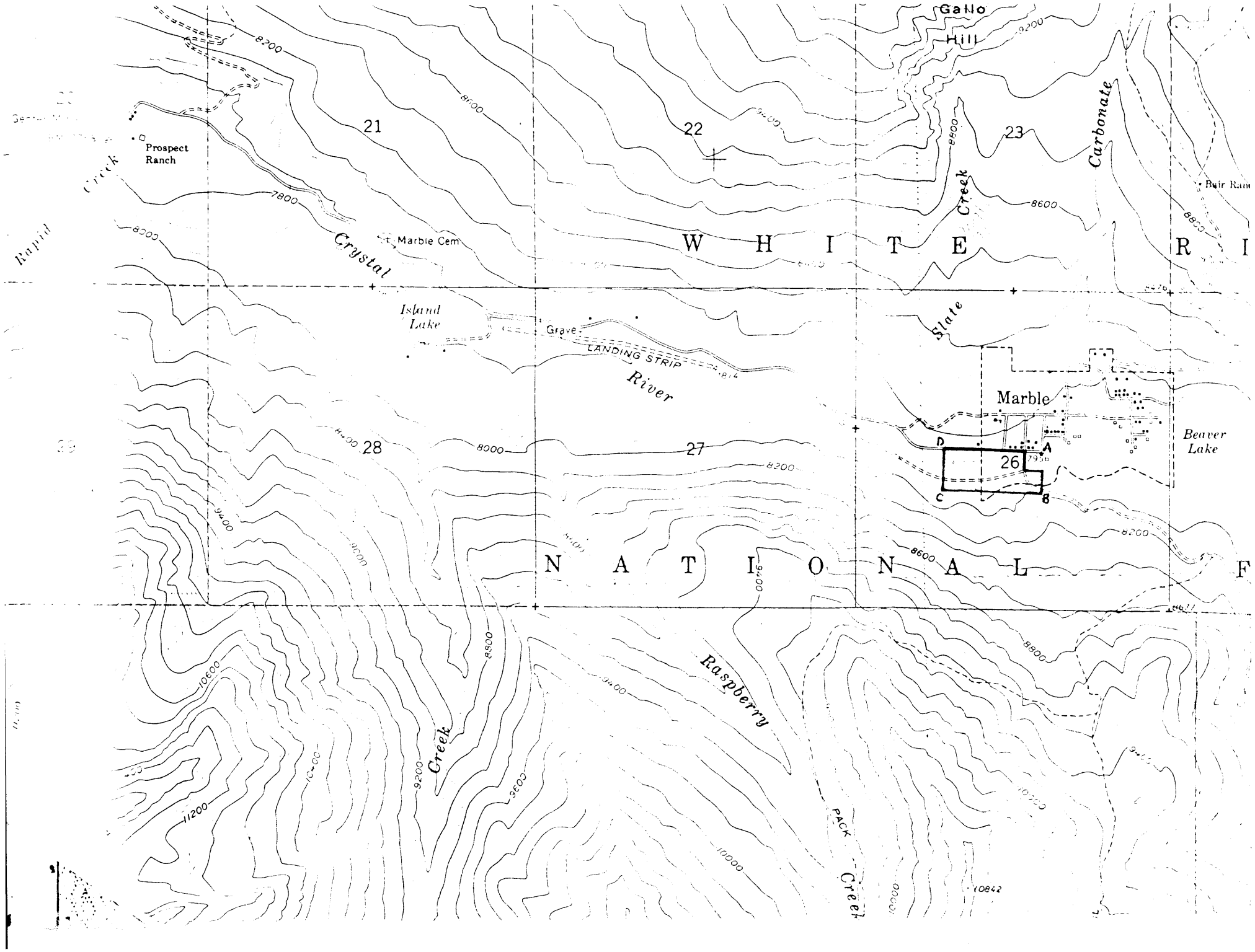
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Other buildings that have used marble from this mill in their construction are listed below:

The Annex to the Capitol in Denver
The U. S. Custom House in Denver
The Post Office in Denver
Cheeseman Park Memorial in Denver
Colorado National Bank in Denver
Interior of the Daniel & Fisher Tower in Denver
First National Bank of Portland Oregon
Exterior and Interior of Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles, Ca.
Thatcher Memorial Vault in Denver



Rapid Creek

Prospect Ranch

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Crystal

Marble Cem

W H I T E R I V E R

Slate

Island Lake

Grave

LANDING STRIP

River

Marble

Beaver Lake

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N A T I O N A L F O R E S T

Raspberry

Creek

PACK Creek

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