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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Colorado
COUNTY:	Conejos
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ENTRY DATE	AUG 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Warshauer Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
515 River Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Antonito

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#3

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Conejos CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Roland L. and Barbara A. Robins

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 98

CITY OR TOWN: Antonito STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Conejos Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Conejos STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
none

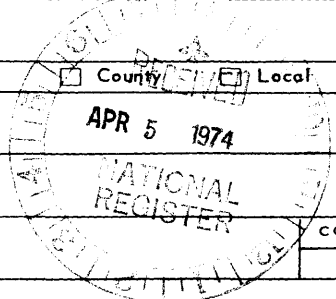
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warshauer Mansion in Antonito, Colorado, designed by George F. Harvey of Denver for Fred Benjamin Warshauer in 1912, stands as a fine example of scale, simplicity, and grace. Constructed of pressed brick laid in stretcher bond, it is trimmed throughout with wood milled in Iowa and shipped to Antonito for installation. The second floor is accented with stucco within the exposed within the pediment formed by the gable and simply decorated frieze. While attention to detail is paid throughout, nonetheless, the front of the house received the greatest of the economically employed motif.

The structure is built on a balanced, slightly modified "H" plan with no one facade particularly dominant. It is a two story building with full basement. The bellcast roof gables are overlaid with red tile and are set off with simply decorated bargeboards and returns. Chimneys are symmetrically placed, toward the inside in the front and the outside in the back; a fifth chimney is placed in the center rear of the house.

Window and door lintels are flat throughout, the front, first floor only boasting stone and brick labels. First floor windows are double hung and have six light transoms while the second floor main windows are set off with wooden balustrades. Other decorative motifs include brackets at the gable ends, dentils along the friezes that are carried over very simply to brickwork supporting window sills, and a stringcourse subtly separating the basement from the first floor.

On the inside, exposed frame ceilings and extensive paneling, again decorated in a very appealing economy, lend an instant compatibility with the outside. A local Denver artist, Jens Eriksen who attended art school for six years in his native Copenhagen, was commissioned to decorate the interior with the many murals found throughout the residence. Unusual for the period were such built in facilities as a central vacuum cleaning system and fire control system. The house also boasts of steam heat and an intercom system.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

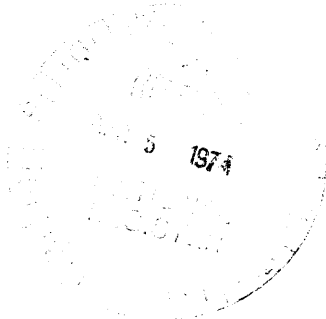
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fred B. Warshauer, who was born in Posen, Germany in 1859, emigrated to America and reached Antonito, Colorado at the age of twenty. Speaking little English, he was first employed in a local mercantile store where he not only learned the merchandising business but English and Spanish as well. In 1889, he went into business for himself as a real estate and loan agent, having by then risen in prominence socially, politically, and economically in the region.

Mr. Warshauer established himself in banking and lumbering in addition to raising hogs, but it was principally sheep raising that brought him to his greatest prominence. His sheep interests eventually monopolized Conejos and other surrounding county markets. Long susceptible to fits of depression and ill health, however, he had reached the zenith of his economic and social rise when he killed himself, leaving to his survivors several companies and a sizable fortune.

Self-educated and self-made, his home, which included a large library, remained a show case in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Local Newspaper files - Antonito Ledger, La Jara Gazette
 Colorado Prospector
 Personal knowledge of descendents

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

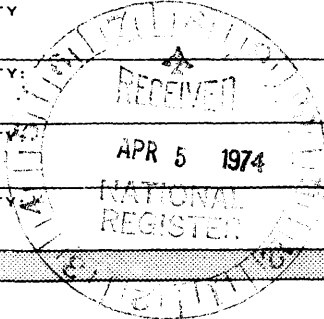
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Barbara Robins

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 11/8/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 98

CITY OR TOWN: Antonito STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Stephen H. Hart*

Title: *Color. State Liaison Officer, Preservation Office*

Date: *3/27/74*

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

Dr. Mortenson
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *8/30/74*

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *8-29-74*

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The Warshauer Mansion is an architectural surprise in the little sheep town of Antonito. Most of the indigent architecture is adobe or frame and rather unpretentious. This mansion built on its huge scale, with the distinctly European design and the exquisite attention to detail work is an outstanding visual landmark. The elegance with which the home was distinguished was also fairly unique for that region.

