

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

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Passenger Depot

AND/OR COMMON

Santa Fe Station

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

555 East Pikes Peak Avenue

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Colorado Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

El Paso

CODE

041

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard L. Walker and Michael F. Stanley; General Partners of Santa Fe Station
(A Joint Venture)

STREET & NUMBER

3730 Sinton Road

CITY, TOWN

Colorado Springs

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado 80907

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Clerk & Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

200 South Cascade Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Colorado Springs

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites (21/04/0052)

DATE

Ongoing

—FEDERAL STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society; 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 checked="" 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

Located at 555 East Pikes Peak Avenue in the east end of the downtown area of Colorado Springs, the Santa Fe passenger depot is a single detached structure basically rectangular in shape. The center portion of the building is two and one-half stories with a one story baggage room on the south end and a covered passenger waiting area on the north end of the building. The east and west facades of the building have arched covered entry porches. The foundation is poured concrete. The exterior is a hard-burned red brick set in stretcher bond with cut stone lintels over the head of the windows and doors. Cut stone also accents the archways that lead to the east and west entries. The two-story part of the building has a truncated hip roof pierced by gabled dormers, but the one story baggage room on the south and the one story covered passenger waiting area on the north both have flat roofs with trimmed stone parapets. The hip roof is covered with green tile. There are two major entrances: the west entry facing the downtown and the east entry facing the old track area. The windows are wood double hung with divided lights and stone sills. There are two bay windows facing east and two facing west. The exterior passenger waiting area contains benches formed from concrete.

The interior of the depot is in the process of renovation. The north end of the building contains a restaurant on the first floor, and offices and sleeping quarters on the second floor. The center portion of the building has a two-story concourse (28' high) that contains the ticket counter, cigar and news stand, and the passenger waiting area with its large oak benches and chandeliers. The south portion of the building contains the restroom, lounge areas, and the baggage room on the first floor; there are offices on the second floor. The floors in the central portion of the building have square red pavers. The restaurant walls feature some very intricate tile work.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1917

BUILDER/ARCHITECT E. A. Harrison

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A landmark in Colorado Springs, the Santa Fe Passenger Depot is significant for its architectural features and for the role it played in rail transportation in Colorado.

About 1915 the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, a major carrier in Colorado since the 1870s, decided to build a large railway station in Colorado Springs. E. A. Harrison of Chicago designed the structure; and his drawings, dated June 5, 1916, are now on file in the Pike's Peak Regional Library in Colorado Springs. Construction went forward despite the nation's slow drift into World War I; and on September 15, 1917, the Colorado Springs Gazette reported that "the railroad company will be occupying the finest station in the entire west devoted exclusively to passenger traffic." The edifice had cost \$325,000. For the next half century the Depot served its purpose as the point of arrival and departure for travelers, but after World War II with the collapse of the nation's system of passenger trains, the station gradually fell into disuse and was finally abandoned by the railroad in the early 1970s. It lay idle for much of the decade until its recent purchase by developers who intend to "recycle" the building into a store and office complex.

From an architectural perspective the Depot is set in the style of the Jacobethan Revival. The windows are rectangular, and there are several bay windows accentuating the facades. The high gables are steep and triangular in form. Part of the roof is ridged; part is flat and parapeted. Some doorways are set beneath round arches. And a light-colored cement and stone treatment for decoration contrasts sharply with the red brick used as the primary building material. All these are the characteristic features of the Jacobethan Revival style.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Colorado Springs Gazette, September 15, 1917.

Files, History Division, Pike's Peak Regional Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.347

QUADRANGLE NAME Colorado Springs

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Stanley / General Partner

ORGANIZATION

Santa Fe Station (A Joint Venture)

DATE

January 15, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3730 Sinton Road

TELEPHONE

(303) 471-7370

CITY OR TOWN

Colorado Springs

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

Arthur C. Johnson July 23, 1979

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

For Carol Shull

DATE

9-10-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Brennan

DATE

9.7.79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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All that part of the East Half (E/2) of Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 66 West, the same being all of Lots 4 through 21 and all of Lot 24, part of Lots 3, 22 and 23, part of vacated alley between Lots 5 to 12 and 15 to 22, all in Elizabeth F. Wolfe Subdivision of Block Number 245 of Addition Number 1, to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado; also, a part of the North 240 feet of Block 246 of Addition Number 1, to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado and also a part of the North Half (N/2) of vacated East Colorado Avenue lying between said Blocks 245 and 246, of Addition Number 1, to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.