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DATA SHEET

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

Davies Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Payne Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

122 North Main

CITY, TOWN

Lamar

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

03

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

CODE

COUNTY

Prowers

CODE

099

3 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"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul and Lorella Gadash

STREET & NUMBER

Route #1 Box 31

CITY, TOWN

Wiley

STATE

Colorado

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prowers County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Main

CITY, TOWN

Lamar

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1902

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Davies Hotel, a rectangular three story building measuring 33 feet by 83 feet with a flat roof, sits on a stone foundation. It is located at the northwest corner of Poplar and Main Streets and faces west. The hotel was built of locally quarried sandstone. A softer sandstone is used as decoration immediately below the roof and provides a subtle contrast to the rest of the darker stone used on the exterior.

The front of the hotel is divided into three bays by four stone columns reminiscent of pilasters. Near the top of the center bay, "Davies Hotel 1902", is carved onto two flat stones. Each of the two outer bays contains three large windows, one on each floor, highlighted by the same soft decorative sandstone used on the top of the building. In the center bay there are openings for balconies on both the two upper floors. The main entrance is located on the first floor.

The north side of the hotel has three rows of seven 1x1 double hung rectangular windows, one on each floor. Above and below each row is a horizontal layer of soft sandstone that extends the length of the building. The windows, extremely regular in use, are set in simple wooden frames. On the first floor there are six 1x1 double hung windows and two doors. Two other windows set in metal frames are new additions.

The hotel is currently undergoing careful renovation. While preserving its overall integrity, the present owner is converting the area to office space. This will once more make it an important functional part of Lamar.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Davies Hotel is an excellent example of a small hotel which played a significant role in the historical development of Lamar.

The history of Colorado was made by many people. The more prominent were individuals like H.A. Tabor and David Moffat. Equally important, although in a different sense, were the cowboys, the miners, the sugar beet workers and other pioneers. These individuals also left their mark on the physical heritage of the state. The ebb and flow of this segment of society is, in a very real sense, symbolized by the Davies Hotel which for many years served not only the commercial traveller and working man but an occasional criminal as well.

Lewis Davies was born in 1874. Much of his early life is obscure, although it is known that he spent at least part of it capturing wild horses in the White Woman range country of western Kansas. It was presumably during this time that he met and married his wife, who was Indian.

Davies is first reported in Lamar in 1902. He set out to build the hotel, recognizing the need for a stop-over point for travellers and a place where workmen could find low cost accommodation. Local sources still recall his dissatisfaction with the hired contractors and the lumber supplied by the local lumber yard. As a result Davies fired the contractors and shipped two train loads of lumber from Arkansas to complete the building.

It was this same energy that quickly turned the hotel into a success. Room and board were provided for the workers at the sugar beet factory just outside of town. In addition Davies' practice was to greet the train every night and return with (cont.)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 710,88,20 421,8138,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] [] []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot one and N 8 ft of Lot two in block 17

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

Paul Gadash
 ORGANIZATION

Feb. 77
 DATE

Rt. #1 Box 31
 STREET & NUMBER

Colorado
 TELEPHONE

Wiley
 CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

Stephen A. Hart

TITLE Colo S HPO

DATE 6/8/77

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

DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS
 ATTEST: William Teleovich
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/19/78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 16, 1978

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customers. As a result, the hotel was frequently filled, and Davies himself often had to sleep at his desk for lack of a room.

The hotel, in addition to serving the normal mixture of customers, also housed some prominent individuals who passed through Lamar in its early days. The famous bank robbers Ralph and Jake Fleagle stayed there before robbing the First National Bank of Lamar and murdering four citizens. Tom Mix was a frequent guest before he achieved movie fame. Governor Alva Adams was there in 1906. However, perhaps the most mysterious customer was a member of Pancho Villa's gang, remembered only as Chamberlain, who used to take his vacations in Lamar. According to Davies' daughter, "Dad remembers that Chamberlain would always sit facing the door and used to tell him stories of his exploits." Chamberlain was later hanged.

In 1975, the property was purchased by the current owner who is carefully renovating it into a modern office building. While maintaining the historical integrity of the structure, these renovations will once again make it an important and viable structure within the town of Lamar.