

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 MANHATTAN HOTEL 5CF400
and/or common Fib-Ark Building

2. Location

street & number 225 F Street n/a not for publication
city, town Salida n/a vicinity of
state Colorado code 08 county Chaffee code 015

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Gregory B. Cole
street & number 1109 Colorado
city, town Glenwood Springs n/a vicinity of state Colorado 81601

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chaffee County Courthouse
street & number Poncha Boulevard and Third Street
city, town Salida state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Cultural Resource Survey Resource No. 5CF213 has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1981 federal state county local
depository for survey records U.S. Dept. of Interior, Nat'l Park Service
city, town state

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Manhattan Hotel is a two-story commercial building located on a lot dimensioned 154' along "F" Street and 84' deep, equalling 0.29 acres. The building is placed on the "F" Street right-of-way roughly centered on the property, free standing with no adjacent buildings, directly next to the Arkansas River which flows past its north-east facade. The plan is a 64' x 42' rectangular form with a 6' by 30' notch taken out of the westerly corner along the southwest wall.

Evoking a castle-like, medieval image, the Manhattan Hotel is distinguished by six double hung bays accented by cut stone stringcourses and arranged 1-3-2 to correspond to the two storefronts and side entrance on the lower level. Pilasters also separate the bays and rise to the roof line where they are capped with stone turret-like projections and connected by stone crenellation. The castle image is reinforced by the tower effect produced on the northeast corner of the building. Large rose windows on the north and east facades highlight this corner area. Brickwork, including an interesting latticework pattern, provides additional detailing.

On the ground floor is a storefront area which typifies late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial architecture. The storefront is characterized by recessed entrances and large display windows. The area is framed by a metal lintel and metal posts and accented by cut stone.

The hotel, which occupied the building, features rooms on the second floor and a saloon and restaurant on the first floor. The floor plan is still relatively unchanged. The lower floor plan consists of two large rooms separated by a central masonry bearing wall. The riverside room has two 10-foot wide semi-circular arched windows which frame the river-view and three vertically situated rectangular windows. The "F" Street facade windows face Salida's Downtown Riverside Park and a significant veterans statuary and flag pole. The upper floor consists of rooms surrounding a central lobby space with a large skylight.

The building is almost fully original construction with the exception of a small brick addition with shed roof added to the southwest wall. The historic site is in excellent condition lacking only in manicured landscaping. All views of the building appear to be within their historical context except the visual interruption of a new light post adjacent to the "F" Street facade. Mature trees are located along the riverside facade framing the building and views from it of the river and railhead beyond. Denver, Rio Grande property across the river has land filled with concrete slabs which detract from the view of the Denver, Rio Grande terminal. The relationship between the Manhattan and the Denver, Rio Grande terminal reflect an important historical relationship that in fact created Salida and many other railroad towns. The Manhattan Hotel was the greeter of persons arriving by train in the 1890's and during the heyday of Salida.

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 1901 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Manhattan Hotel is an outstanding example in Salida of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture, displaying sensitive articulation in detailing uncommon in the community's remaining historic buildings. It is an unusual example of contrasting asymmetrical massing, history-revealing layered signage, masonically symbolic capital elements, graceful arched windows, and interesting masonry textures.

Most of the older commercial buildings in Salida, which is located 138 miles southwest of Denver, date to the turn-of-the-century, during the town's period of growth as a major railroad center.¹ These structures constitute the most significant historic properties in the community. The Manhattan Hotel was built at the historical entry to Salida, where visitors and settlers arrived by train, passed over the Arkansas River--entering Salida with the Manhattan Hotel on the right, Riverside Park on the left.

Through time, the hotel followed the history of Salida and the railroad, becoming vacant in the '30s, with intermittent use up until 1976 when the Federation of International Boaters of the Arkansas (Fib-Ark) willed the building for use in the annual kayak races. The Fib-Ark Committee is made up of community leaders who guide Salida's most important summer event. The current owner has purchased the "Fib-Ark" Building with a pledge to return it to usable condition and importance in the community.

¹A survey of the town was conducted in 1981 by the Colorado Preservation Office.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn-Perris Maps 1904-1929

Bannister, Fletcher. History of Architecture, date unknown

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.29 acres

Quadrangle name Cameron Mountain Quad

Quadrangle scale 15 min.

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

(see Continuation sheet)

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

state n/a code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gregory B. Cole, Architect

organization Terracycle Architronics

date 14 January 1982

street & number 715 Grand

telephone w-945-1111 h-945-2891

city or town Glenwood Springs

state Colorado 81601

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

Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer (Acting)

date March 16, 1983

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/21/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Geographical Data

Continuation sheet Manhattan Hotel

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A parcel of land located within the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 50 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian and also being within the City of Salida, all within Chaffee County, Colorado, said parcel being described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesternly boundary of "F" Street from whence the intersection of the Northwesternly boundary of "F" Street with the Northeastly boundary of Sackett Avenue bears South $37^{\circ}46'$ West 123.0 feet; thence proceeding around the parcel herein described North $52^{\circ}14'$ West parallel with the said Northeastly boundary of Sackett Avenue 84.0 feet; thence North $37^{\circ}46'$ East parallel with the said Northwesternly boundary of "F" Street 156 feet, more or less to the centerline of the Arkansas River; thence along said river centerline 84.21 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northwesternly boundary of "F" Street; thence along the above said Northwesternly boundary South $37^{\circ}46'$ West 150 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 0.295 acres, more or less.