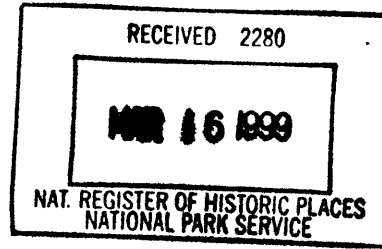


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dey Building
other names/site number Metropole Saloon, Enterprise Cafe, 5DL479

2. Location

street & number 3 N. Glasgow [N/A] not for publication
city or town Rico [N/A] vicinity
state Colorado code CO county Dolores code 033 zip code 81332

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [x] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [x] locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Guadalupe Cortez State Historic Preservation Officer March 10, 1999
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined eligible for the
National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined not eligible for the
National Register.
- removed from the
National Register
- other, explain
See continuation sheet [].

Edson B. Beall Signature of the Keeper 4/15/99 Date

Dey Building
Name of Property

Dolores County/Colorado
County/State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/restaurant

COMMERCE/business

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Romanesque

Other: Two-Part Commercial Block

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Stone

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce
Architecture

Periods of Significance

1892-1940

Significant Dates

1892

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

Name of repository:

Dey Building

Name of Property

10. Geographical Data

Dolores County/Colorado

County/State

Acreeage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 12 761750 4175650
Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marsha Massa (Edited by S. Doggett)

organization Owner date October 1, 1998

street & number P.O. Box 873 telephone 970-728-4529

city or town Telluride state CO zip code 81435

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Marsha Massa and Neil Massa

street & number P.O. Box 873 telephone 970-728-4529

city or town Telluride state CO zip code 81435

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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DEY BUILDING
Dolores County, Colorado

DESCRIPTION

The Dey Building, one of the most prominent buildings in Rico, is located on the west side of Glasgow Avenue (Colorado Highway 145), toward the north end of a one and one half block long, late 19th century commercial area. Rico, a small mountain community, is located midway between Montrose and Cortez. It prospered for a time as a result of the discovery of rich silver deposits in the surrounding area. Surviving commercial structures from the period include a mix of wood frame and masonry buildings.

The two story Dey Building, a late 19th Century two part commercial block, with Romanesque Revival detailing, was constructed in 1892 to house a saloon in the first floor retail space and offices in the second floor. Its 25'x 82' rectangular plan includes a basement with exterior access at the rear. Overall, the building is in fair to good condition. In spite of modifications to the retail storefront, the the building retains integrity of location, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The asphalt covered flat roof pitches slightly to the rear. In 1988, the roof decking was extended approximately two and one half feet to the rear in order to provide better drainage. The foundation; basement walls; and north, west, and south walls are of rubble sandstone. The east facade is of coursed, rough faced red sandstone quarried from the nearby Stoner Mesa.

On the east facade, the parapet rises to form a central open gable with the carved numerals "1892" and the words "Dey Building" located above narrow, paired semi-circular arched window openings, with radiating voussoirs and fixed glazing, that mark a crawl space above the second floor. The base of the gable portion is flanked by gable shoulders. The flanking parapets have cornice-like projections of stone. At the second floor level, there are two sets of paired semi-circular arched window openings with radiating voussoirs. Within the openings are 1/1 wood framed windows, and fixed lights fill the arches.

At the first floor level, the original recessed entry storefront, with large angled windows toward the north, that appears in available historic photographs was removed and filled with concrete and glass block in the late 1950s to provide security for the owner/operator who also lived on the premises. During the late 1970s, the current recessed entry and angled windows were installed in an effort to replicate the overall form of the original storefront.

On the north and south, the window openings are segmentally arched, and the original 1/1 double hung windows remain in place. At this time, a large portion of the rear wall on the west consists of 2x6 wood framing faced with wood panelling that was put in place after a lighting strike in 1987 ripped a hole in the stone wall. The original masonry wall remains at the first floor level, toward the south, and at the basement level. The east wall includes doorways from the second floor hallway and from the first floor saloon, and a door leads into the basement. A circa 1988 wood deck extends from the first floor level.

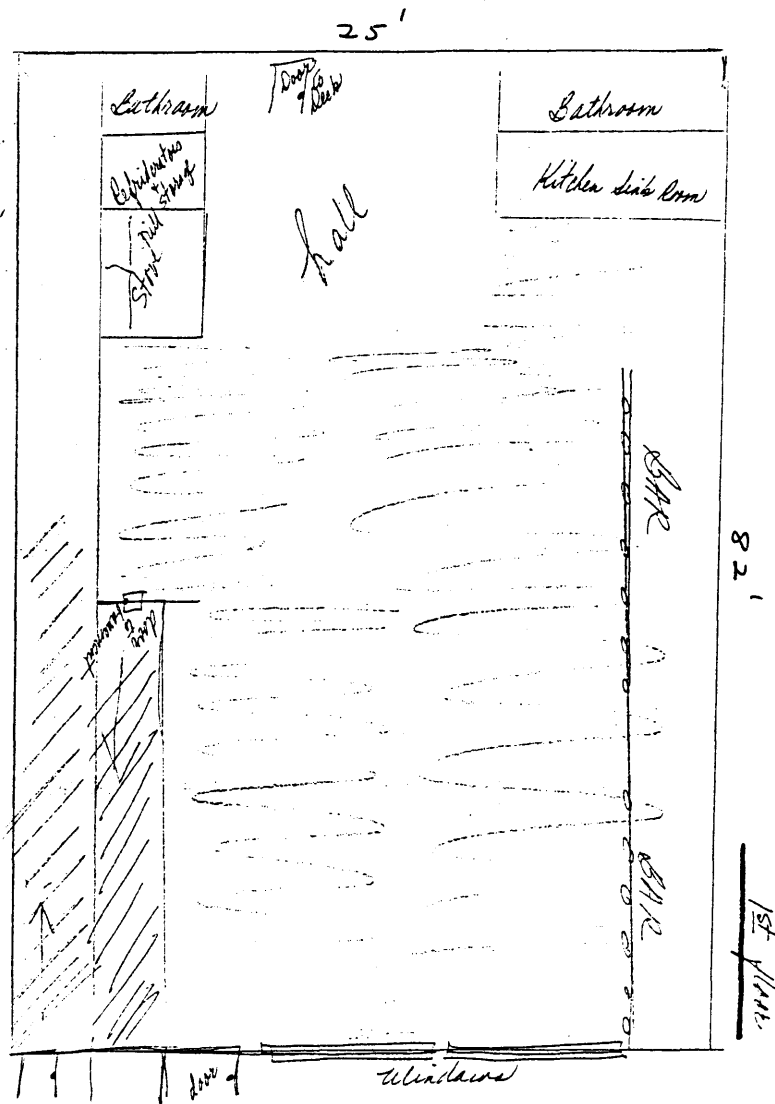
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ROUGH SKETCH 1st FLOOR PLAN
(not to scale)



North
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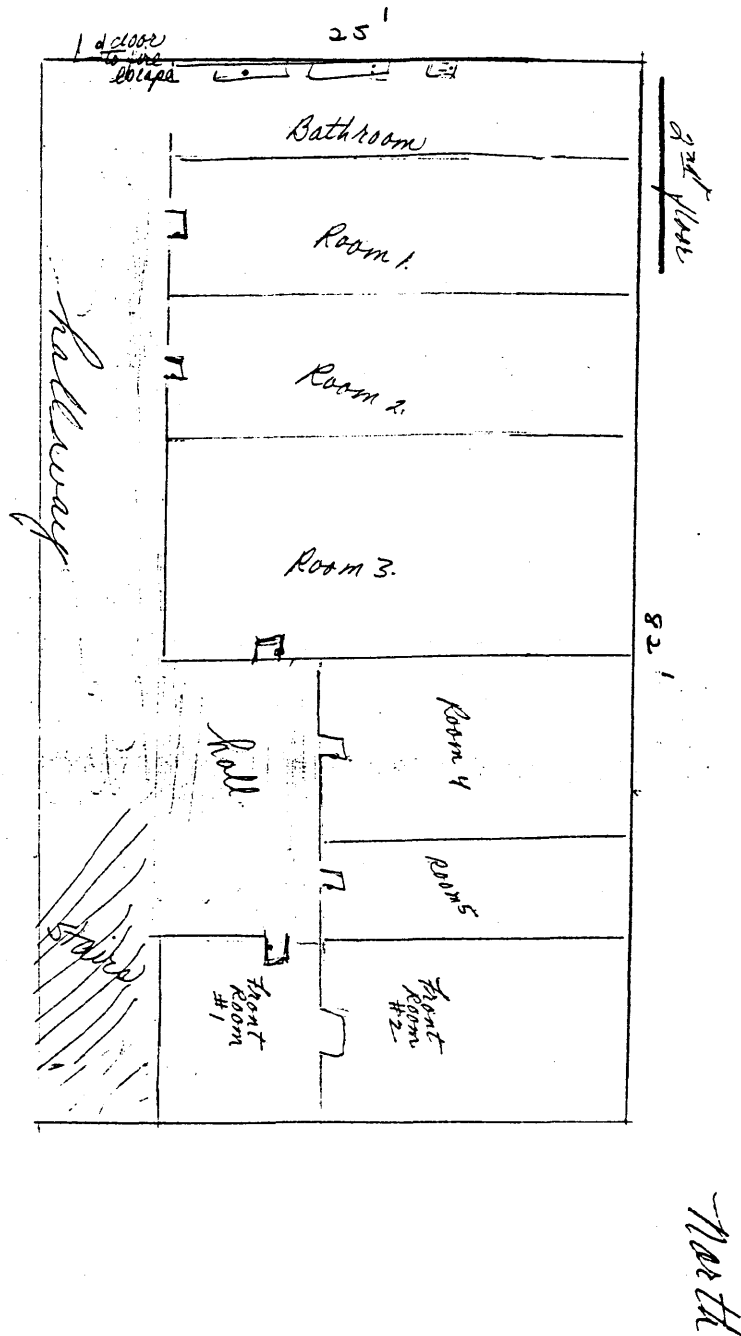
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Dolores County, Colorado

ROUGH SKETCH 2nd FLOOR PLAN
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Dolores County, Colorado

An 1893 Sanborn map indicates the existence of a one story, wood frame shed roof addition extending from the rear of the building. This addition also appears in 1902-1903 photographs of Rico's commercial area. No information is available at this time as to exactly when it was removed. Interviews with a former owner would indicate the removal occurred prior to the 1940s.

Interior

In the second floor office spaces, the original wainscoting, doors with transoms, trim moldings, and wood floors remain. In the first floor saloon, two of the three original back bars remain in place, and there is a circa 1945, 20' x 3' mural that was hand painted on south wall. The daylight basement still has the wooden dance floor that was used when the saloon functioned as a speak-easy during Prohibition. Access to the basement is provided by the original stairs in the bar area and through the door at the rear of the building.

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DEY BUILDING
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SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion A - Commerce

The Dey Building is significant under Criterion A in the area of Commerce. This two-part commercial block was built to accommodate a saloon in its first floor retail space, while the second floor housed offices. In the early 1940s, the owners began utilizing the second floor offices as living quarters, but the spaces remain much as constructed. While the first floor storefront has been modified, the saloon has remained in almost continuous operation since the building's construction in 1892. The building retains sufficient integrity to serve as a visual reminder of an important chapter in Rico's commercial history.

Throughout much of Rico's boom or bust economic history the first floor saloon has remained a viable commercial enterprise and gathering place. For many years, the closing time of midnight was announced with a flicker of lights when the local hydroelectric plant was shut down for the night. During Prohibition, the basement served as a speakeasy. After the Western Colorado Power Company came into Rico in 1926, many an all night party shook the building. Also significant is the fact that much of the important business of Rico was conducted by the attorneys, businessmen, and mine operators who debated controversial issues and business deals in their second floor offices.

Criterion C - Architecture

The Dey Building is significant under Criterion C for Architecture as a good local example of a late 19th century two-part commercial block exhibiting elements of the Romanesque Revival style. The facade of coursed, rough faced stone and the semi-circular arched window openings found in the upper portion of the building are hallmarks of the style. Although the first floor storefront has been modified over the years to meet changing needs, its current appearance attempts to replicate the original configuration. Available historic photographs should facilitate any further efforts to restore the storefront. Damage to the rear wall resulted from a lightning strike in 1988, and the weatherboard infill is not readily visible to those passing by. On the prominent Glasgow Avenue facade, the quality of the stone masonry and the clear delineation between the first floor retail space and the original second floor office use remain intact.

During a period of economic prosperity in the last decade of the 19th century, commercial buildings of brick or stone began to appear within Rico's business district. In many cases, they replaced earlier, fire-prone wooden buildings. Although constructed in an isolated mountain community, these substantial buildings included architectural detailing popular nationwide during the latter half of the 19th century. Of the approximately half dozen masonry commercial buildings constructed during the period that survive in Rico, the Dey Building is the only one exhibiting defining characteristics of the Romanesque Revival style.

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DEY BUILDING
Dolores County, Colorado

Historical Background

Rico began as a remote mountain mining camp along the Dolores River in the heart of the San Juan Mining Region in 1879. Over the years, it has experienced the ups and downs associated with Colorado's isolated mountain mining communities. Incorporated on October 2, 1880, when Dolores County was carved from Ouray County in 1881, Rico became the first county seat. During 1880, business establishments began to develop along Glasgow Avenue, Rico's commercial thoroughfare, and the town functioned as the primary commercial center of the northern portion of the Dolores River Valley.

The discovery, by David Swickhimer and his partners, of rich silver ore at the nearby Enterprise Mine triggered a boom in 1887. When the Rio Grande Southern Railroad arrived in 1891 there was a celebration that lasted for days. The railroad's division point at Rico contributed to the town's growth, with many railroad employees living there. By 1892, the population reached 5,000. The devaluation of silver in 1893 dealt Rico a severe blow. Many businesses closed and the population quickly dropped below 1,000. Subsequent mining activity has been influenced by fluctuations in the value of copper, lead, and zinc.

Although a May 8, 1891 article in *The Rico Democrat* referred to an H.J. Dey who was "moving his saloon and cigar store to the recently repainted, papered, and decorated Carpenter building," it is not known if he was subsequently involved in the construction of the Dey Building. Pete Schifferer is reported to be the first proprietor of the Metropole Saloon located in the Dey building. The saloon's name was later changed to Rico Enterprise Bar and Cafe. Circa 1939, the name became Enterprise Cafe & Lounge.

Jack and Lucy Fahrion purchased the property in the early 1940s and used the second floor as their residence. They operated the saloon as a team until his death in 1954. Lucy continued to operate the saloon, then often referred to as Lucy's, and live on the premises into the early 1970s. During the 1950s, she reportedly filled the original storefront opening with concrete block because of security concerns. The current storefront was installed in the late-1970s.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 18, Block 13, Town of Rico

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the parcel of land historically associated with the Dey Building.

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The information below is the same for all photographs:

Name of property: Dey Building, 3 N. Glasgow Ave., Rico CO 81332
Name of photographer: Keith Lindauer
Location of negatives: Marsha Massa P.O.Box 873 Telluride. Co. 81435
Date of photographs: September 2, 1998

- #1 View west; east facade
- #2 View west; east facade, second floor window detail
- #3 View west; east facade, roof line detail
- #4 View northeast; west and south sides
- #5 View southeast; north and west sides
- #6 View northeast; east end of saloon
- #7 View southeast; west end of saloon, mural at right
- #8 View northeast; second floor transom detail

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USGS MAP
Rico, Colorado

