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**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 Boggs Lumber & Hardware Building

and/or common Eckley Grange Hall

2. Location

street & number 125 North Main Street n/a not for publication

city, town Eckley n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Yuma code 125

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Eckley Grange #271

street & number 125 North Main

city, town Eckley n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Yuma County Courthouse, County Clerk

street & number

city, town Wray state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Ongoing federal state county local

depository for survey records Colorado Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, 1300 Broadway

city, town Denver state Colorado 80203

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Boggs Lumber and Hardware Building, located on seven corner lots, is a visual landmark dominating the two-block long commercial section of the small town of Eckley, located on the eastern plains of Colorado. The building, now known as the Eckley Grange Hall, is brick faced, two stories and rectangular in plan with 2,800 square feet of interior space. It has a flat roof and a symmetrical facade facing west with a central recessed entrance on the ground floor flanked by large display windows. The window on the left side of the entrance was destroyed by gun shots in 1975 and was replaced by filling in the opening resulting in a smaller window space consisting of five narrow vertical lights. This treatment was also carried around the corner to the smaller display window on the north side of the building. All other openings in the building are segmental arched with lintels of double rows of brick work laid vertically. The window openings are 1 x 1 double hung sash with rusticated stone sills. There are several doors on the south side, two on the rear and two on the north.

A notable feature of the building is the excellent craftsmanship and design of the brick detailing seen in the exterior belt course, the banding near the top of the walls and the lintels. The belt course between the first and second floors has one brick course laid vertically outlined by a narrow border. Below the top of the wall, on the front and two sides of the building, is a horizontal band of brick diapering emphasized by a projecting brick border with delicate corbelling beneath. The border and corbelling have been painted as has the narrow bands over the window lintels.

In the rear, the back wall of the building was stuccoed sometime in the 1920s. There is an open wooden stair leading to the second floor. There was a gabled roof structure adjoining the rear wall which was removed sometime after the wall was stuccoed as evidenced by the unstuccoed bricks on the back wall.

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"/> 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 1915 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Boggs Lumber and Hardware Building, constructed in 1915, has significance as the oldest standing commercial building in Eckley. It was the first of five brick buildings in the community in the early 20th century. Prominently located on a corner site overlooking the two-block Main Street of Eckley, the building is the largest in town. The exterior displays some fine architectural detailing and craftsmanship in the ornamental brickwork. In addition, the Boggs Building has played an important role in the social and cultural activities of the surrounding rural community. It was constructed originally with space on the second floor for entertainments and community gatherings and is still in use today as the Eckley Grange Hall.

The original owner of the building was B.F. Boggs, who conducted his lumber and farm implement business on the first floor and was also the proprietor of the Boggs Opera House on the second floor. The opera house was used for vaudeville performances, dances and in the 1920s, served as the town hall. The building was sold in the late 1930s and became a grocery and meat market known as Catchpole's. In the early 1950s, it became Murrow's grocery and meat market. About 1954, the Eckley Grange bought the building and is still used today for grange meetings and rented out to various groups for their functions.

Little is known about B.F. Boggs. Prior to moving to Eckley sometime between 1911 and 1913, he lived in Wray, the county seat of Yuma County some 15 miles east of Eckley, where he was the proprietor of the Valley Barn, a livery stable.¹

The town of Eckley dates back to the early 1880s before the creation of Yuma County in 1889 when it was still part of Weld County. Eckley began life as a railroad town on the "Burlington Route", the third railroad line to be constructed between Denver and the Missouri River.² Construction began in 1881 on the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad line between Denver and Kansas City and was completed in the summer of 1882.³ The town was a small station on the "B & M" railroad 151 miles from Denver in an area whose chief industry in the mid-1880s was cattle raising.⁴ It was named for Adam Eckles, a foreman for J.W. Bowles, an early cattleman in the area. Although platted in the 1880s, the plat was not officially filed by the Lincoln (Nebraska) Land Company until May 30, 1890.⁵

The ups and downs of Eckley's fortunes can be traced in the State Business Directory through the increase or decline in business listings. By 1893, the area around Eckley had become agricultural and the population of the town numbered 100 people.⁶ This dropped to 50 in 1900, but by 1930, the population soared to 500 and then dropped to 400 in 1935. The present population is 280.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes, #8, page 2.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .53 acre

Quadrangle name Eckley, Colorado

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	3	7	1	4	0	5	0	4	4	4	3	1	5	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 12-18, Block 7, Town of Eckley

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

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Florence Halstead & Mrs. Ellen Gilbert/Barbara Norgren

organization Eckley Grange Hall/Preservation Consultant date 3/22/84

street & number P.O. Box 25/7453 E. Jefferson Drive telephone 359-2296 or 359-2273

city or town Eckley/Denver 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 Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12-4-84

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

for Melissa Byers
Keeper of the National Register

entered in the
National Register

date 1-18-85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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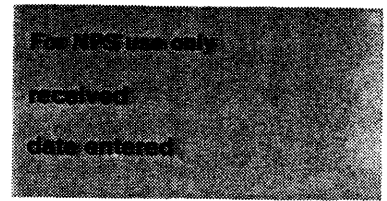
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When the Boggs Lumber Building was constructed in 1915, the town was a bustling, growing town offering the necessary support services for the surrounding rural community. By 1921, the town expanded even more with new businesses including a newspaper, a real estate, loan and insurance office, several restaurants and others.⁷ The Boggs Lumber business was one of two in Eckley during those years and is still the most prominent building, a reminder of more prosperous times in the little town.

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⁷State Business Directory, 1916 - 1935.