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National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Barndollar-Gann House

and/or common Barndollar-Gann House

2. Location

street & number 1906 Court Street n/a not for publication

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Pueblo code 101

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Richard E. Donley

street & number 1901 Court

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pueblo County Courthouse

street & number Tenth and Main streets

city, town Pueblo 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 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 on Court Street directly north of the Mineral Palace Park in Pueblo, Colorado, is the Barndollar-Gann House, designed in the Queen Anne style by P. P. Mills. The residence is a two and one-half story brick structure utilizing a cross plan. Its distinguishing features include a multi-gabled roof, a Colonial Revival portico that encircles the north, west, and south sides of the house, and a square tower with bellcast roof placed at the northwest corner of the building. Significant to the design is the degree of surface detail, all of which survives intact.

A break from the Queen Anne form is the Colonial Revival one-story porch, supported by round Doric columns. Other classical elements include a swag of garland pattern in the central pediment and a dentiled boxed cornice. There is a wood balustrade with latticework covering the crawl space.

The roof gables are enlivened by decorative brackets, diamond and fish-scale shingles and ornate bargeboards. Other features lending animation to the wall surface include two molded bands encircling the house at the first and second levels, and masonry drip molds over most of the bays. The windows are generally rectangular with one-over-one sash. The exceptions are the roundheaded windows in the gables, the large window placed in the first floor facade and a window on the north wall.

From a small line drawing of the structure, which appeared in the October 3, 1889 Colorado Chieftain, the only alteration to the exterior appears to be the removal of the finial from the top of the tower.

The interior also exhibits many features original to the interior design, including oak flooring on the first floor, pine flooring on the second, and molding and baseboards throughout. The most significant element on the interior is the staircase with the baluster comprised of turned spindles alternating with wood inlay panels and with an elaborately carved newel post. The wood panels match panels in the sliding pocket doors which separate the dining room from an adjoining parlor.

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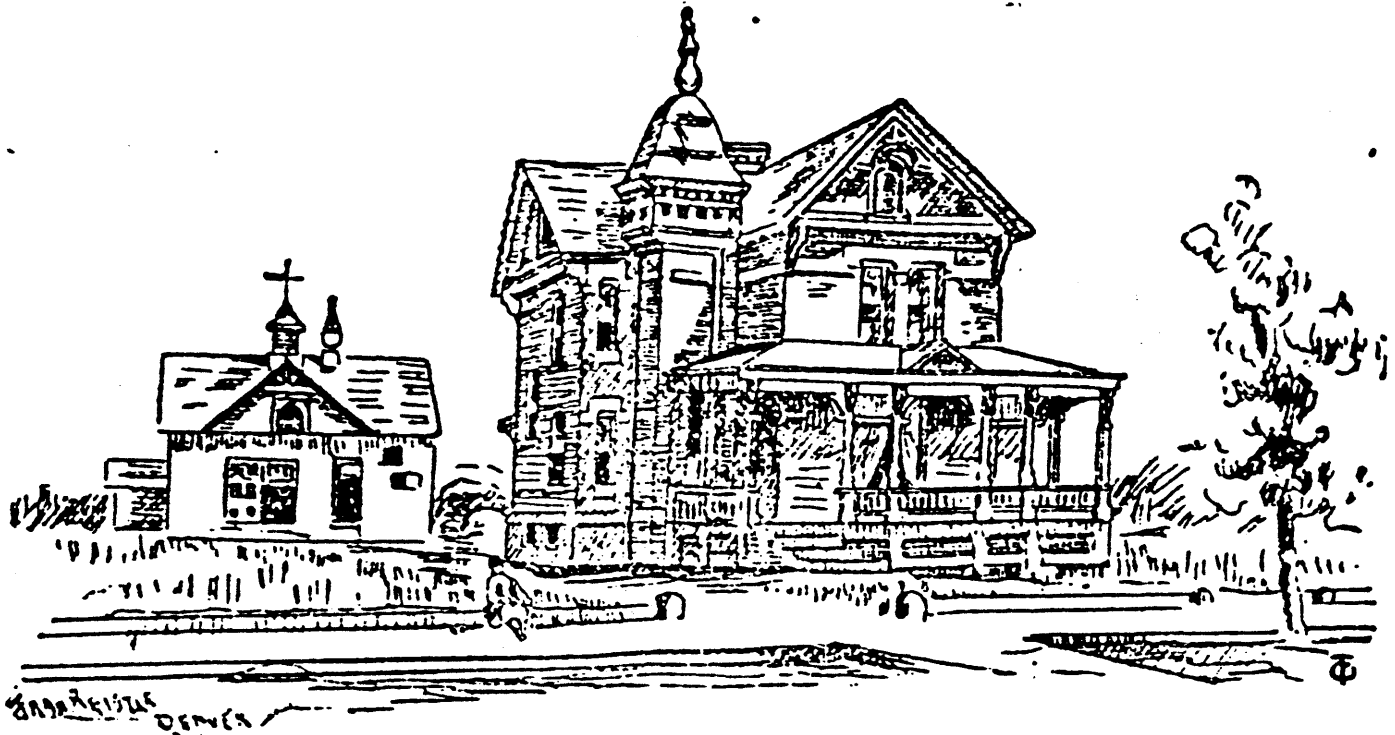
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Residence of W. J. Bardollar.

Source: Colorado Chieftain Weekly, October 3, 1889.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1889 **Builder/Architect** Architect: P.P. Mills

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Barndollar-Cann House is significant in representing a well preserved example of the Queen Anne style in the community of Pueblo, Colorado.

The house was built by W. J. Barndollar, a prominent banker, businessman and politician in Pueblo. He was born in Everett, Pennsylvania, in 1850. He later moved west and settled in Pueblo in March of 1871.

Barndollar joined his brother Ferdin in the real estate business in 1875 as a notary public. The business was expanded to include banking and abstractor of titles.

In 1875 and 1877 Barndollar served as a deputy to the county clerk. In 1878–1879 he served as deputy county treasurer. In April 1890 Barndollar was elected as a member of the Pueblo Board of Aldermen, representing the First Ward. He served on the Finance Committee and was reelected in 1892. In May of 1889 he was elected as a director of School District No. 1 for a four-year term.

In his work within the school district, he suggested several capital improvements including enlarging the Centennial School Building and the construction of a number of additional schools. Barndollar retired from politics in 1893 to give more attention to the banking business and to return to work in the county treasurer's office. On March 21, 1896, at the age of 46, he was shot and killed by an unknown assailant in a robbery attempt a short distance from his home.

The residence was subsequently purchased by George L.L. Gann, a pioneer Pueblo merchant. Gann, like Barndollar, was an early settler, arriving in Pueblo in 1872. Gann was born in 1850 in Pennsylvania and came to Pueblo from St. Joseph, Missouri. After arriving in Pueblo, he embarked in the clothing business in partnership with George Hobson.

In 1876 Gann purchased Hobson's interest in the business and the firm's name was changed to G. L. L. Gann and Company. The firm grew to include both a wholesale and retail business in clothing, furnishings, hats, caps, boots, and shoes. In the 1890s the Gann Company enjoyed a bigger trade than any similar kind of mercantile business in southern Colorado.

With all of its original exterior detailing intact, the house represents the animation characteristic of the design and execution of the Queen Anne style. Important features include the wrap-around porch, multi-gabled roof, a tower, shingled gables and tall chimneys piercing the roof line. The building's architect, P.P. Mills, was responsible for many of Pueblo's most significant commercial structures. However, he designed very few residences. The Barndollar-Gann House is a well-preserved example of his work as well as an excellent illustration of a popular late 19th century style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Northeast Pueblo

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 (less 50 ft. E); Block 21; Barndollar Second Addition.

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 James F. Munch and Ed Simonich Edited: Gloria Mills

organization Pueblo Regional Planning Commission date September 27, 1984

street & number One City Hall Place telephone (303) 543-6006

city or town Pueblo state Colorado 81003

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 9-27-85

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

Alvares Byers Keeper of the National Register date 11-7-85

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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