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National Park Service

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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 D. E. Frantz House (Historic Resources of Aspen - MRA)

and/or common D. E. Frantz House

2. Location

street & number 333 West Bleeker Street n/a not for publication

city, town Aspen vicinity of n/a

state Colorado code 08 county Pitkin code 097

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
n/a district	n/a public	X occupied	n/a agriculture	n/a museum
X building(s)	X private	n/a unoccupied	n/a commercial	n/a park
n/a structure	n/a both	n/a work in progress	n/a educational	X private residence
n/a site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	n/a entertainment	n/a religious
n/a object	n/a in process	n/a yes: restricted	n/a government	n/a scientific
	n/a being considered	n/a yes: unrestricted	n/a industrial	n/a transportation
X multiple resource		X no	n/a military	n/a other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ruth Whyte

street & number P. O. Box 202

city, town Aspen n/a vicinity of state CO 81612

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pitkin County Court House

street & number 506 E. Main Street

city, town Aspen state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? n/a yes X no

date Ongoing n/a federal X state n/a county n/a local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society - OAHP

city, town Denver state CO

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 date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		n/a

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The D. E. Frantz House is a two story wood frame dwelling with a cross gable roof and faced with clapboard. It is sited on four corner lots with a large side yard to the east fenced with a six foot wooden fence constructed in 1972. The front of the house has two very large blue spruce trees on each side. On the west elevation there is a row of mature cottonwood street trees and a small irrigation ditch running parallel to the street. At the rear, on the alley, is a gable roof, wood frame garage, which is a converted barn.* The house has changed little over the years and still retains its original integrity.

The north front elevation of this house, a high style version of the Queen Anne style, features the important design elements. In the center of a gabled bay is a large and elaborate oriel window with paired windows with one-over-one, double hung wood sash. Above the windows is a divided sun-burst design topped by a band of fishscale shingles. The peak of the gable has a decorative bargeboard projecting out slightly from the bargeboard on the lower part of the gable. The west roof slope extends down to the top of the first story level and creates a roof for the front porch which has a spindle frieze and a turned post at the outside corner. The wide first story front window has a wood label mold and one-over-one wood sash. In the lower portion of the gable is a wide frieze of thin vertical wood strips.

The regularity of the clapboard facing is broken up by board beltcourses at the top and bottom of the first floor windows and the bottom of the second floor windows. The french doors on the second floor of the rear and a rectangular window in the gable peak may be later additions although the date is unknown. (photo #3, 3a)

On the interior, the moderate sized rooms have high ceilings and unpainted woodwork and panel doors. (photo #3b, 3c) The kitchen and bathrooms have been updated and the back porch enclosed, but little else has been changed on the interior.

* The outbuilding is considered as contributing. The date of construction is not known.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
n/a prehistoric	n/a archeology-prehistoric	n/a community planning	n/a landscape architecture	n/a religion
n/a 1400-1499	n/a archeology-historic	n/a conservation	n/a law	n/a science
n/a 1500-1599	n/a agriculture	n/a economics	n/a literature	n/a sculpture
n/a 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	n/a education	n/a military	n/a social/ humanitarian
n/a 1700-1799	n/a art	n/a engineering	n/a music	n/a theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	n/a commerce	n/a exploration/settlement	n/a philosophy	n/a transportation
n/a 1900-	n/a communications	n/a industry	n/a politics/government	n/a other (specify)
		n/a invention		

Specific dates ca. 1886 **Builder/Architect** D. E. Frantz (possibly the builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The D. E. Frantz House is significant for its high style interpretation of the Queen Anne style and for its unusual design elements. The prominent oriel window on the second floor front elevation is the only one of its kind in Aspen. The extension of the gable roof on the west side which creates a porch roof, is also an unusual design feature. This house has further significance in the use of local lumber and the excellent craftsmanship found in the architectural details of the oriel window which has elaborate brackets, a sunburst design and band of fishscale shingles above the window and wood corbelling below.

BACKGROUND

The house was constructed ca. 1886 and was owned by D. E. Frantz, who also owned a number of other houses including the Miner's Cottage at 131 West Bleeker Street. It is not known whether Frantz ever lived in this house, but it is likely that Frantz built the house with lumber from his sawmill which was first listed in the Colorado Business Directory in 1886. 1

The Frantz House, a locally designated landmark, is a pattern book design from The Cottage Souvenir, No. 2 (Knoxville: S. B. Newman & Co., 1891), p. 41, by George F. Barber, Architect.

Footnotes

1. Aspen City Directory, 1889

Vera Kirkpatrick and John P. Stanford, "Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures", prepared for the City of Aspen, Mayor Herman Edel, Aspen, Colorado, December 1980.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property under one

Quadrangle name Aspen

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

A

1	3	3	4	2	3	6	0	4	3	3	9	5	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

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F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 44, lots A, B, C, D Aspen Townsite

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

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

n/a national n/a state X 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 1-8-87

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

Katrick Andrus

date 3/6/87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

