

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Las Animas	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-2-05-0009	DATE 2/26/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bloom House

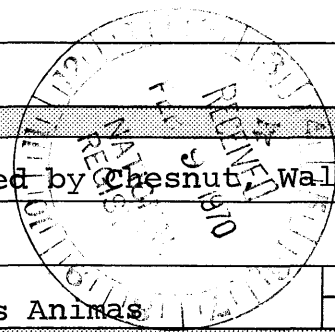
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Frank G. Bloom House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 block of Main; the entire block bordered by Chesnut, Walnut & First

CITY OR TOWN:
Trinidad

STATE Colorado	CODE 05	COUNTY: Las Animas	CODE 071
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State Historical Society of Colorado

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
State Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver,

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None known - see continuation sheet 10-300 a

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

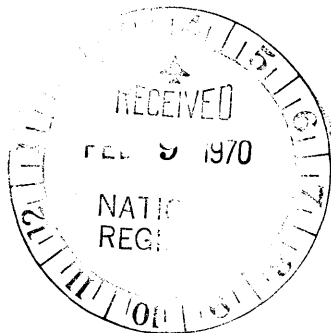
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built by a Trinidad business man in 1882, the Bloom House has been described as "rich, rococo Victorian." The exterior, of brick and native stone, reflects a French influence, especially in the metal-clad Mansard roof. A porch or veranda of wood surrounds the house on three sides.

There are 15 rooms in the three story structure, not counting those in the basement. The Interior has been refurnished with period pieces of the 1880's. The walls have been recovered with the elaborately designed paper of the day. In many places, wood trim is of walnut.

In the backyard is a recreated Victorian rose garden utilizing many authentic species that were grown before the turn of the century. The garden alone has been recognized by leading magazines as outstanding.

Today the property is a regional museum of the State Historical Society of Colorado. It is opened to the public seasonally, free of charge.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1882

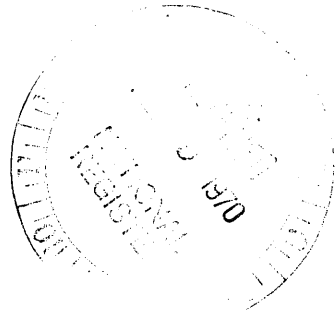
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Trinidad, Colorado, was the headquarters for some of the West's largest cattle companies. One of these, the Bloom Land and Cattle Company was owned by Frank G. Bloom, a pioneer merchant, banker and cattleman. Trinidad also overlooks the Santa Fe Trail as it winds through the mountains to Taos and Santa Fe. As a Trail stop-over and a business center, Trinidad became prosperous. This prosperity was reflected generally in its architecture and wealth, and, specifically, in the Frank G. Bloom House, now a state regional museum.

Its ornate style of architecture, combining Victorian, French and even rococo elements, is an example of the period's taste for eclectic, exotic decor. It stands as a symbol of "Elegant Eighties" of Colorado.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Colorado Magazine by the State Historical Society
Vol. 38, pp. 105-07, 1961

"Bloom House and Baca House" - pamphlet by State Historical
Society of Colorado, 1968

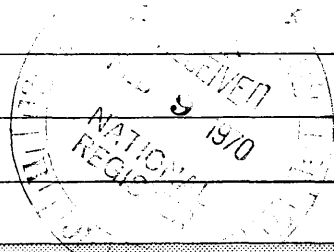
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37° 10' 10"	104° 30' 07"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Robert Fink, Assistant to Director**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Colorado** DATE: **1/14/70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **200 Fourteenth Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **05**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Stephen H. Hart*

Stephen H. Hart

Title State Liaison Officer

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Cunnally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 26 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Mustang
Keeper of The National Register

FEB 17 1970

Date _____

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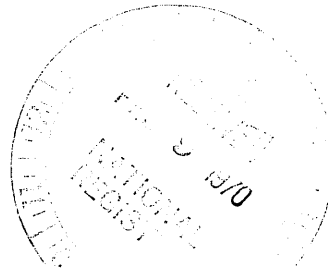
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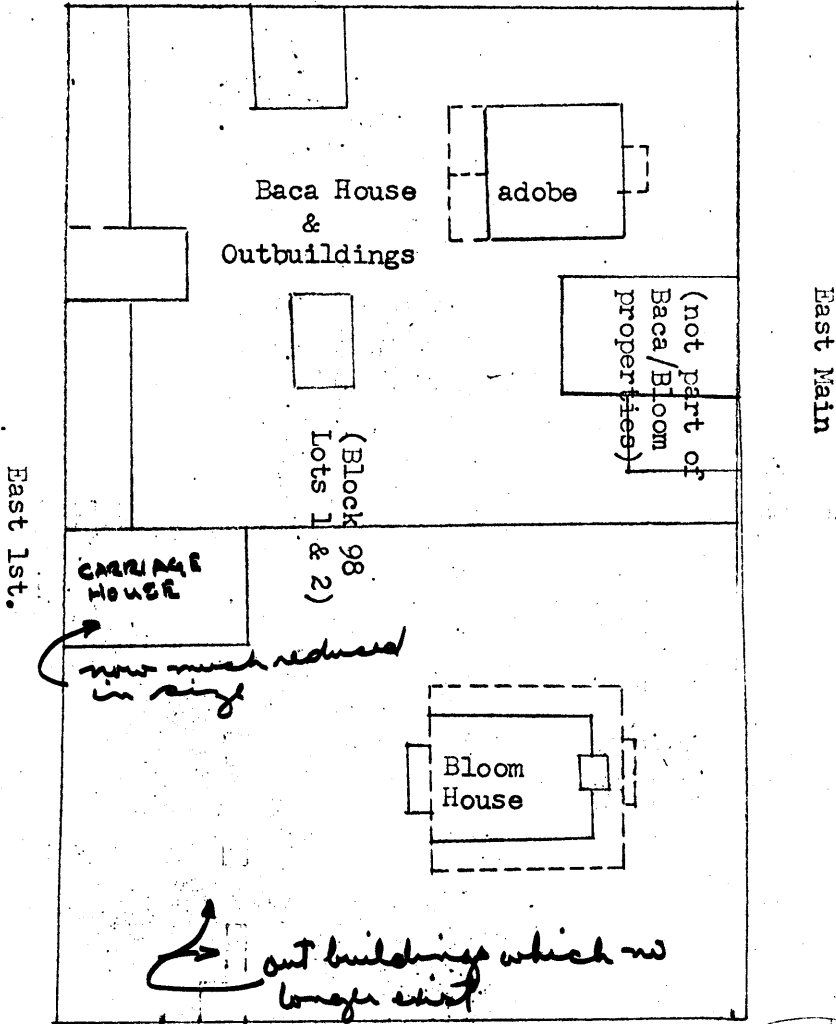
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The only surveys known are those done by regional curators, etc., and the property designations given in deeds and title abstracts.

This information is filed with the State Museum of the State Historical Society of Colorado.



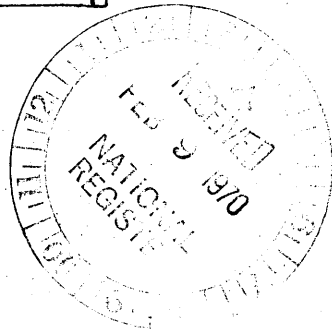
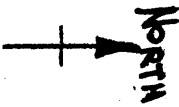
So. Chesnut



East 1st.

East Main

So. Walnut

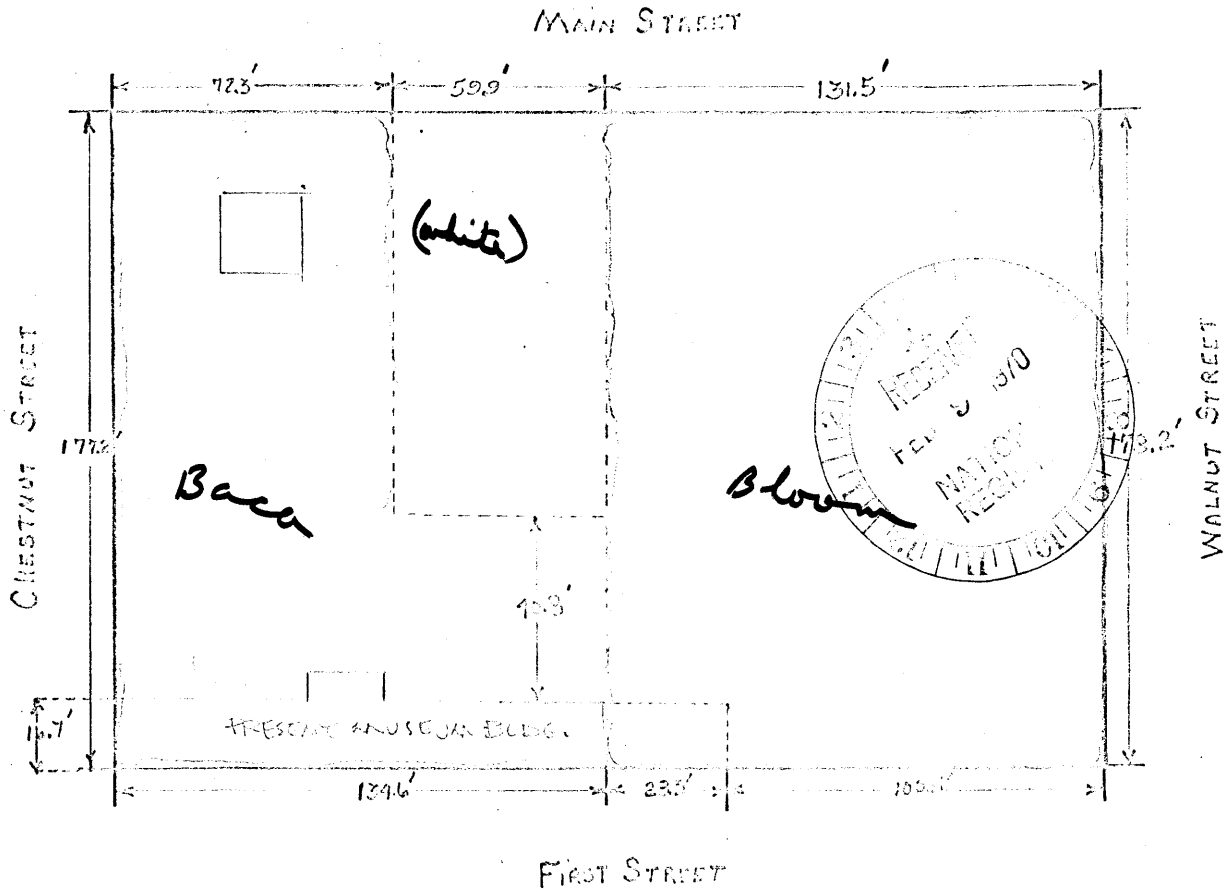


Baca/Bloom Properties
 Sanborn Insurance Map of Trini-
 dad, Colo. (1930) sht. #5
 Scale: 1"=50'

POSTOFFICE PARKING LOT

NORTH

DAVID GIVENS



- YELLOW AREA IS OLD BACA HOUSE LAND
- GREEN AREA IS OLD BLOOM HOUSE LAND
- WHITE AREA IS DR. BARGLOW LAND

Scale 1 in = 50 ft.

Bloom House

U.S.G.S. Map
7.5 Minute Series
Trinidad Quadrangle, Colorado
1951
scale: 1:24000

