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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 The Collins Block/Aspen Lumber and Supply (Historic Resources of Aspen-
MRA)
and/or common Aspen Hardware

2. Location

street & number 204 South Mill 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not for publication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	
<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 checked="" 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 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"/> in process	- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multiple resource		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name High Country Lumber Company, Property Tax Department
street & number P. O. Box 50
city, town Boise — vicinity of n/a state ID 83728

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 no
date Ongoing n/a federal 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 Collins Block (Aspen Hardware), which has a Victorian commercial style first story and a Neoclassical second story, is a prominent corner building with a flat roof and a projecting one story roof supported by Tuscan columns covering the sidewalk of both street elevations. The exterior of the building combines rusticated stone blocks on the first story with brick on the second.

The Mill Street elevation has large, full height display windows with small vertical leaded glass panes in the upper portions and a wide recessed entry. (photo #19) On the East Hopkins elevation, the openings consist of a large display window near Mill Street, a double door at the rear and a small, high rectangular opening. (photo #19a)

On the second floor, the Mill Street elevation has a broad, recessed porch with a wooden railing and Ionic columns on top of the railing. The second floor windows are evenly spaced, one-over-one sash. There is a denticulated cornice attached to the brick parapet on both building elevations.

The dates of alterations are not known since the Building Department records were unavailable. The sidewalk covering is not original to the building, but is believed to date from the 1920s.

This building is a locally designated landmark and is in the local Commercial Core Historic Overlay District. It is the only building on the site.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1891–1893	not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Collins Block is significant as one of the last buildings completed before the 1893 Silver Crash, which virtually ended all major construction in Aspen until the 1950s and 1960s. It is the only Aspen commercial building which has elements of the Neoclassical style that became so popular in other cities after 1900.

Construction of the building, originally owned by Samuel G. Collins, began in 1891 as a business block with first floor commercial spaces and second floor offices. Problems with the Carpenters' Union delayed the opening of the building until 1893.

Little is known about who owned or occupied the building after the Silver Crash. In 1938, when Tom Sardy came to Aspen, he opened a hardware store and a mortuary in the building. In the 1940s, Sardy and Walter Paepcke became partners in the business known as the Aspen Lumber and Supply Company. Today the building is more commonly referred to as the Aspen Hardware.¹

The construction delay may account for Victorian appearance of the rusticated stone first story and the second story's Neoclassical elements which may have been inspired by the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Footnotes

1. Heather Hopton and Lilo Shuldener, Aspen's Early Days: A Walking Tour (Boulder: Aspen Historical Society, 1975)

"Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures", prepared for the city of Aspen by Vera Kirkpatrick and John P. Stanford, 1980.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property under one

Quadrangle name Aspen

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 88, lots A, B 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

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Denver state Colorado

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

n/a national n/a 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 Norgren

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-8-87

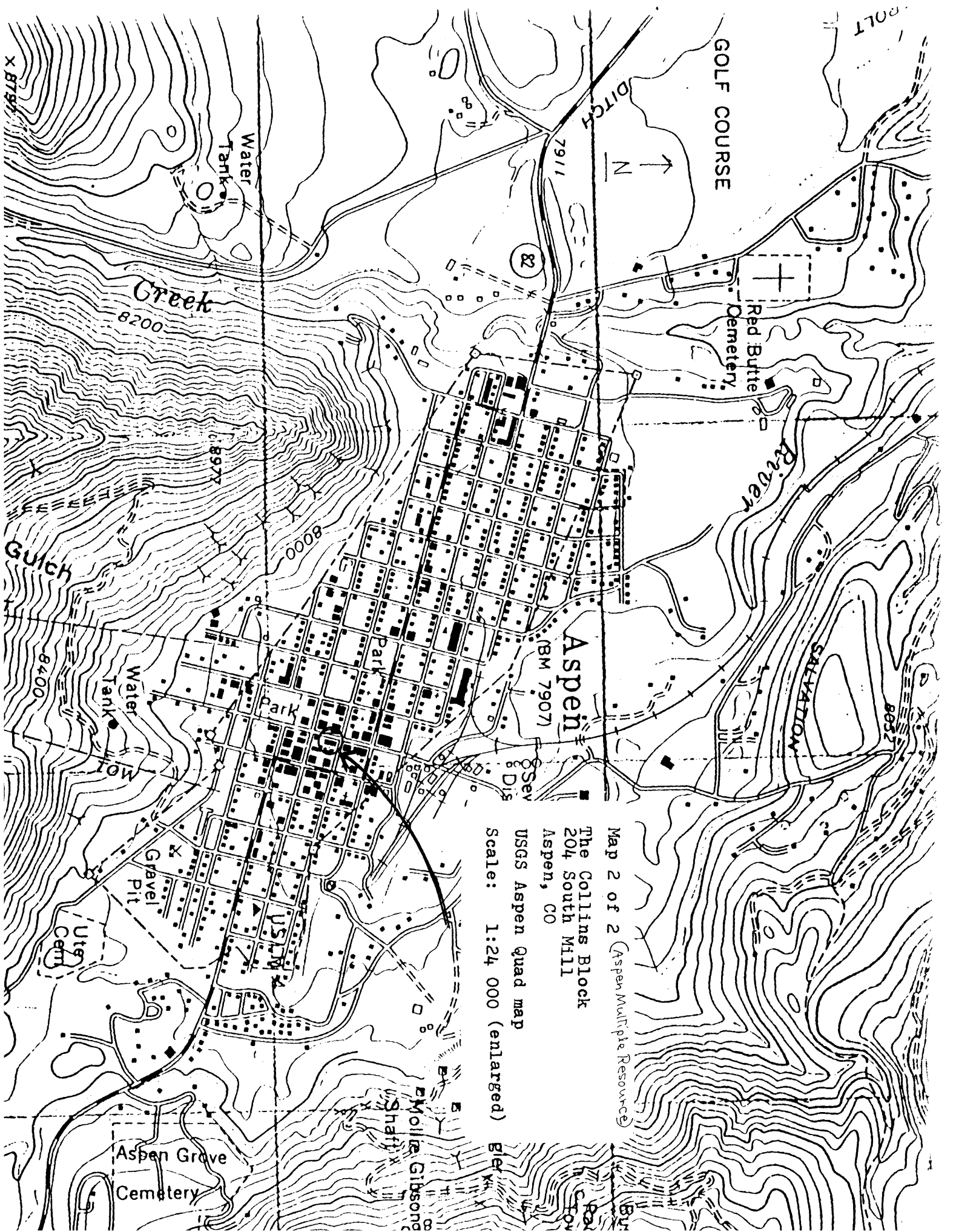
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Allan Byer date 3-6-87
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration



Map 2 of 2 (Aspen Multiple Resource)
 The Collins Block
 204 South Mill
 Aspen, CO
 USGS Aspen Quad map
 Scale: 1:24 000 (enlarged)

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ROLL

GOLF COURSE

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Aspen
 (BM 7907)

Creek
 8200

Guich

Water Tank
 8400

Gravel Pit

Aspen Grove
 Cemetery

Mollie Gibson
 (Shatt)