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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Costillo	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70-205-0005	2/26/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Garland

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Garland

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
One block south of Highway 10-160, on ~~Highway~~ ^{U.S.} Highway 159

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Garland

STATE: Colorado CODE: 05 COUNTY: Costillo CODE: 023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" 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

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200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Jennings Thomas' Costillo Estate Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 2/62 & 6/67 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Colorado State Museum

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

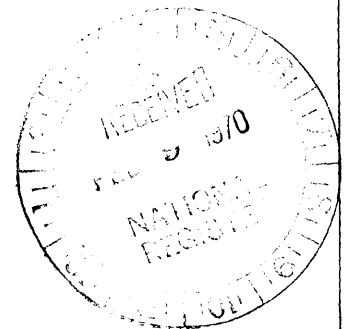
Of the original fourteen adobe buildings, six now stand as a museum and monument to the early military efforts within what is now Colorado.

The fort was constructed in 1858 to replace Fort Massachusetts, six miles to the north. At that time the area was part of the Territory of New Mexico. General construction was adobe plastered with mud and whitelime. Roofs were of sod while floors were laid board. The arrangement of the buildings formed a rectangle about the parade ground with an ice house located near a pond.

Today, the officers' quarters and the barracks stand. Highway 159 dissects the original grounds to the east and pass over the area where the hospital stood.

In 1945, the citizens of San Luis Valley presented the land and the fort to the State Historical Society of Colorado for use as a regional museum. Since that time, restoration of the remaining buildings has taken place; the exhibits of military life have been installed; and rooms have been refurnished to the period when Kit Carson was in command of the facilities.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1858

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Settlement of</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>the West</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>RECEIVED</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<u>FEB 9 1970</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<u>NATIONAL</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		<u>RECORDS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Garland was constructed in 1858 as a replacement of the camp known as Fort Massachusetts which was six miles to the north. At that time the area was part of the Territory of New Mexico. Fort Garland was named after the commander of the Territory of New Mexico, Colonel Brevet Brigadier General John Garland. The original units which constructed the Fort were Company E, U. S. Mounted Riflemen; and Company A, 3rd U.S. Infantry.

The purpose of the Fort was as a base of operations against hostile Indians and to protect the settlers of the San Luis Valley. During the outbreak of the Civil War, the Fort was manned by volunteers; the regulars participating in the main theaters of the War. In 1866, Colonel Kit Carson with a regiment of New Mexico Volunteers was assigned to man Fort Garland. He stayed until the summer of 1876 when the Volunteers were mustered out. The critical period following the Meeker Massacre at White River Agency in 1879 saw a tremendous increase in the number of men garrisoned at Fort Garland. At one time, camping in the area, were 1500 troops. With the coming of more peaceful times, the Fort was abandoned in 1883.

Today, the Fort Garland site belongs to the State Historical Society of Colorado which has utilized the facilities, after restoration, as a regional museum to the public. The story of the military, its impact on settlement in the area and its role in Indian affairs, as they concern Colorado, are presented to the visitor.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Fort Garland" A pamphlet prepared for free distribution by the State Historical Society Research staff.

The Colorado Magazine-journal of the State Historical Society of Colorado Vols. XXVI, XXVIII

The National Archives - Records of the War Department, Office of the Quartermaster General, Consolidated File. (Map of the original layout)

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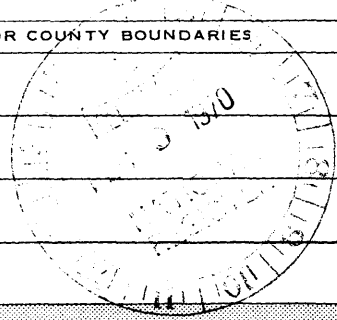
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NW	37° 25' 34"	105° 26' 06"				
NE	37° 25' 34"	105° 25' 37"				
SE	37° 25' 15"	105° 25' 37"				
SW	37° 25' 15"	105° 24' 06"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 62.1

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

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Colorado DATE: Feb 4, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 W. Harris

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: _____

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

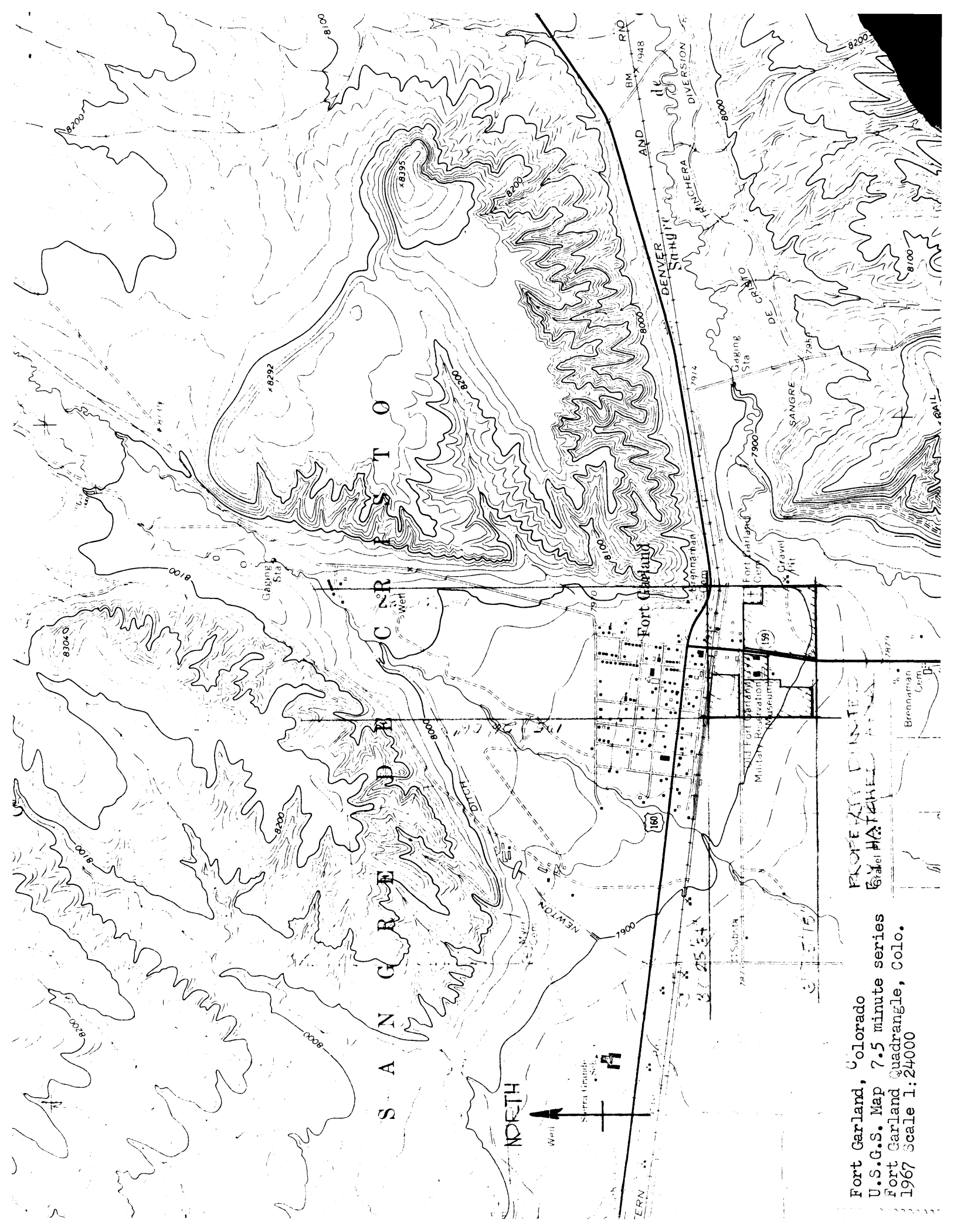
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Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Smutge
Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 17 1970



Fort Garland, Colorado
 U.S.G.S. Map 7.5 minute series
 Fort Garland Quadrangle, Colo.
 1967 Scale 1:24000

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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COMMON:		Fort Garland	
AND/OR HISTORIC:		Fort Garland	
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
On Highway 159, one block south of Highway 10-160			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Fort Garland			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Colorado	05	Costillo	023
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Map Fort Garland Quadrangle, Colorado			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

