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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Ward Rice House

and/or common Ward Rice House

2. Location

street & number 1825 Grand Avenue n/a not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<u>n/a</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>n/a</u> 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 Everett E. & Janet L. Stastny

street & number 1825 North Grand

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 & Main streets

city, town Pueblo state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historical Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Ongoing federal state county local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society, OAHP, 1300 Broadway

city, town Denver state Colorado

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved	date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed			

*since 1916

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ward Rice Home was designed in the Queen Anne style by architect F. W. Cooper. It was a one and one-half story, "T"-shaped structure with a multi-gable roof. The first story was constructed of brick and the gable of wood covered with wood shingles. Following is a description of the house, which appeared in the Sunday, July 17, 1892, Pueblo Daily Chieftain. (A rendering of the structure, which appeared with the article has been included as an attachment.)

MANY NEW BUILDINGS

The Home of Mr. Ward Rice in Dundee--Building Notes

"One of the most comfortable homes built in Pueblo this year is that of Mr. Ward Rice at No. 1825 Grand Avenue, in Dundee.

"The building is not particularly pretentious in size, but there is probably no house in the city, of the very large number built this year, that is more completely arranged and finished for convenience and comfort. Its location is one of the best in the city, and it does not at all suffer in comparison with the many other handsome houses in that portion of the city.

"The building has eight rooms, all of them of good size, and the entire house is heated by hot air and lighted by gas and electricity. The main entrance is into a reception hall 10 by 13 feet in size, and from this a broad easy stairway leads to the second floor. The large parlor is reached from the right of the hall, and another door from the hall leads into the cozy sitting room. The rear part of the lower floor is occupied by a large dining room, kitchen, pantries, bath and other rooms necessary for the convenience of the housekeeper. The second floor is divided into three chambers, each having large and convenient closets.

"The outside finish of the house is made very attractive by walls of handsome pressed brick, and the second story being finished in gothic style. The grounds are ample, well fenced and already make a fine lawn."

Today, the house is a two and one-half story, "T"-shaped structure with a multi-gable roof. The second story, of wood frame construction and covered with decorative patterns of wood shingles, and the wrap-around front porch were added between 1912 and 1916 by the second owner of the house, Mrs. Florida B. Moore Hart. When the second floor was added the roof was raised. However, the roof line of the structure, as it appears today and in the 1892 newspaper rendering, remains essentially the same.

The most prominent features of the house are the multi-gable roof, the wrap-around front porch, the highly decorative surfaces, and the random arrangement and variety of architectural features exhibited.

There are four roof and gable treatments found on the house. The main gable, in the facade and the south side is boxed with a decorative bargeboard. The roof of the dormer to the left of the main gable, which was added when the roof was raised, is boxed with a return. The square bays attached to the facade and the south side hipped roofs, and the gable over the main entrance is pedimented.

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The pediment over the main entrance is supported by modified Doric columns and is attached to the wrap-around front porch, enclosed many years ago. The first story decoration includes two decorative horizontal bands of brick or string courses. One is near the foundation, and the other is over the window. A decorative belt course of round wood shingles separates the first and second stories, and this pattern is again repeated over the second story windows. Alternating bands of fishscale and hexagon-shaped shingles are used to decorate the gable. The square bays attached to the facade and south side are also decorated with fishscale and hexagon wood shingles.

A variety of window styles and window treatments are also found. The most ornate window is found in the second story of the facade. It is basically a rectangular window flanked by two smaller horizontal sidelights, which appear to be supported by carved brackets which lay flat against the house. The glass in these windows is arranged in a multi-paned diamond mullion pattern. This diamond mullion pattern is also found in a number of other windows in the house.

Due to the care and sensitivity taken in the execution of the alterations, which have taken place in the course of time, it is felt that these actions may have acquired significance in their own right and are evidence of the history and development of this structure and the neighborhood.

The interior is relatively intact. Original features of interest include a parquet floor with mahogany inlay in the entry hall and--also in the entry hall--wallpaper finished to resemble leather. This wall treatment is applied from floor to ceiling and extends from the entrance area to the second landing of the staircase.

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Residence of Ward Rice.

Source: Pueblo Daily Chieftain, "Many New Buildings," July 17, 1892, p. 5.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1892; 1912; 1916 **Builder/Architect** (1892): F. W. Cooper

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ward Rice House as built in 1892 and modified in the early 1900s is significant for its Queen Anne design and excellent state of preservation.

The residence was built in 1892 by Ward Rice of New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. Born in 1856, Rice moved West in 1883 for health reasons, settling in Pueblo, Colorado. During the next several years, he was included in a number of businesses aimed at improving his health. In 1889 he joined Albert and Miller in the real estate/insurance business and later joined E. C. Mattes and Company in real estate/insurance and rental ventures. He joined Mr. B. Benson and John H. Kirkland in 1892 in the insurance loans and real estate business. During that same year, he accepted the position of deputy county treasurer. In 1895 Rice ran for the office of county treasurer as a Democrat and served in that position until 1900. Rice became treasurer of the Pueblo Savings Bank in 1901 and the following year he joined the Pueblo Traction and the Light Company as its treasurer.

In 1903 at the age of forty seven, Rice moved from Pueblo to Los Angeles, California. The house then passed into the hands of Florida Bryner Moore.

The original design of the Rice House is credited to Pueblo architect F. M. Cooper. Cooper grew up in New York, graduating from Cornell University in 1874. After working in Ohio and Wyoming, he moved to Pueblo in 1881, where he established a successful architectural practice. He designed homes for many of Pueblo's more prominent citizens, such as Ward Rice.

The expansion of the residence in 1912 and 1916 by Mrs. Hart (architect of the renovation, unknown) retained much of the original plan of the first floor. The enlargement consisted mainly of adding a second floor and wrap-around porch while keeping the original front gable and roof configuration. The windows and decorative elements of the second floor added to the richness and interest of the design while keeping with Cooper's original concept. With the alterations, the house is somewhat unique in the city in that most of Pueblo's larger Queen Anne residences are built of either brick or stone. As it stands, the home is highly decorative and typical of its style in the use of multi-gabled roofs, a variety of window sizes and treatments, and the application of shingles over the frame construction. The house, and its neighbor to the north, the Moses Nusbaum House, occupy a prominent location on Grand Avenue, historically one of Pueblo's more fashionable streets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .41

Quadrangle name Northeast Pueblo Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	3	5	3	13	9	17	10	4	2	3	7	2	1	2	1	0
Zone			Easting				Northing									

B

Zone			Easting				Northing									

C

Zone			Easting				Northing									

D

Zone			Easting				Northing									

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Zone			Easting				Northing									

F

Zone			Easting				Northing									

G

Zone			Easting				Northing									

H

Zone			Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 2, 3, & 4 -- Block 16 -- Bartlett & Miller Addition; Part N of Alley -- Block 26, Brown Addition; Lots 27, 28, & 29 -- Block 28, Dundee 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

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city or town Pueblo

state Colorado

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 9-4-85

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

for Allene Eyer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 11-7-85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Ward Rice.

Source: Pueblo Daily Chieftain, "New Men in Charge," July 12, 1892, p. 8.

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