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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Montrose City Hall

AND/OR COMMON

N/A

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 433 South First Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Montrose

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
3

STATE

Colorado

CODE
05

COUNTY
Montrose

CODE
MN

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input 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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Montrose

STREET & NUMBER 433 South First Street

CITY, TOWN

Montrose

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Colorado

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montrose County Courthouse - Clerk

STREET & NUMBER 320 South First Street

CITY, TOWN

Montrose

STATE
Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Colorado Inventory of Cultural Resources

DATE

April 24, 1981

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Colorado State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE
Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
NA EXCELLENT	NA DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	NA RUINS	NA ALTERED	NA MOVED DATE <u>NA</u>
NA FAIR	NA UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in downtown Montrose, Colorado, the Montrose City Hall is a single detached structure that is irregular in shape. The two story building was originally designed to house both the City Hall and the City Library thus there are distinct main entrances on the south and east sides. The south facade has eight bays and the east, west and north facades have seven, four and twelve bays respectively.

The architectural style of Montrose City Hall is a vernacular adaption of art deco. The building's foundation is concrete and the exterior walls are red and yellow brick laid in stretcher and Flemish bonds featuring geometric decorative patterns which include cross and diamond motifs. Corners of the building have brick quoins and the parapet wall resembles a battlement which surrounds the flat roof. The east parapet wall features a curvilinear parapet. The building has multi-pane double-hung sash windows with brick lugsills. Some of the second floor windows are single sash units.

The south entrance has a rounded brick arch with a concrete cap while the east entrance features a semi-elliptical arch with a gabled roof. Each entrance has two panel double-leaf doors. The south doors have a flush light mullion transom while the east doors have flush light muntin side panels.

The interior of the building has been remodeled over the years to meet the requirements of an expanding City Hall. The changes include a new ceiling, lighting and new wood frame walls to create office spaces.

The .38 acre landscaped grounds include a brick wall, walkways and pool with sculpture. The ship's bell from the troop carrier the U.S.S. Montrose, hangs in the center of the grounds. The brick used in the landscaping are a red color sympathetic to the red brick used on the City Hall building.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed in 1926 BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.H. Antrobus

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Montrose City Hall is significant for its association with and identification as the center of government in Montrose. It is also significant as a distinctive example of the Art Deco style as it was commonly adapted in the Rocky Mountain West.

The Montrose City Hall was constructed in 1926, more than forty years after the town was founded in 1882. Prior to its construction, city government was carried out in back rooms or upper stories of commercial buildings in town. Then, as now, the building provides space for the local police department, courts, and all offices of city government. As such it is both the center for and symbol of local government in Montrose.

Architecturally, the Montrose City Hall is probably the earliest and most prestigious example of the Art Deco style of architecture in Montrose. Typical of the style are the brick polychrome features found along the cornice and spandrels. The building also exhibits mission details at the entryways and brick quoining, typical of the classical revival period. It was not uncommon in Colorado during this period, to find features of different architecturally styles interwoven into a single design. This structure is a particularly good and well executed example of this trend.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

AGREEMENT NOT VALID
 UTM NOT VALID

"Historic Survey of Colorado Communities", Delta survey conducted by Larry Steele, 1981

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .38 Acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Montrose

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 249230 4262710
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is a 95' x 175' rectangle located at the northwesterly corner of Uncompahgre Avenue and South First Street. The south 95' of Lots 18 through 24, Block 8 Town of Montrose Plat.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

NA

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NA

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Roger Shores - City Planner

ORGANIZATION City of Montrose

DATE August, 1981

STREET & NUMBER 433 South First Street

TELEPHONE (303) 249-4534

CITY OR TOWN Montrose

STATE Colorado

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL NA

STATE NA

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 Arthur C. Townsend

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3.27.82

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Entered in the National Register

DATE 6/3/82

ATTEST: Delores Byers
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION