

PH0087432

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
 COUNTY: Pueblo
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: APR 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Rosemount
 AND/OR HISTORIC: John A. Thatcher Residence

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 419 West 14th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #3
 STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Pueblo CODE: 101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Pueblo Metropolitan Museum Association
 STREET AND NUMBER: 419 West 14th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

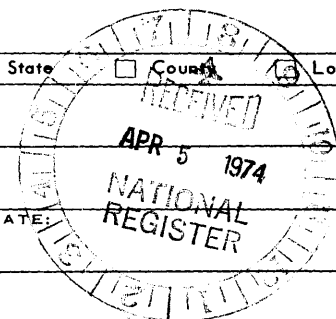
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk's Office, Pueblo County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER: 10th and Main, P.O. Box 878
 CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: none
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Rosemount" is situated in the middle of a square block at the highest point in North Pueblo. It is a three story mansion with attic and basement and contains thirty-seven rooms and ten fireplaces. It was built in 1891-1893 by John A. Thatcher for his family.

The New York based architectural firm of Holly and Jelliff drew up the plans for the house which are now preserved in the library. The builder of the house was a Mr. McGonigle of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The heating system, extensive wood carving, fireplaces with hearths and mantels, interior hardware, stained glass windows, electrical and gas lighting system, inside finishing, hand decorated frescos and ceilings, etc. were sublet to experts in their fields. Many of the interior furnishings, rugs, draperies, pictures, lighting fixtures, etc. were planned and designed by Wanamakers' of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The house and its furnishings (many of which were purchased when the house was built) remain just as they were when the family lived there.

The foundation of the house was laid in 1891, but the house itself was not begun until 1893. It was occupied by the John A. Thatcher family until the death of the youngest son in 1968, when it was given to the Pueblo Metropolitan Museum Association to establish as a historical museum for the preservation of early Pueblo and Southern Colorado History.

The brick house is faced with cut rose lava stone and is naturally textured in a stretcher bond with string coursings at the second and third stories. The roof is a hipped gable with slate roofing. The dormer windows hipped along the front and rear facades. The roof trim sports a boxed and decorated cornice and frieze. The chimneys are columned. A round turret-style tower rises from the roof.

The porches on the ground floor extend nearly completely around the structure. The main porches are of a modified veranda style, rounded and graced by Ionic capped pillars and balustrades. The second story has an open porch with stone railings.

A separate building houses the stable with an apartment on the second floor. It followed the general plan of the "big" house and was faced with the same stone.

The house is typical of the Victorian eclectic urban architecture of the Front Range. It is also one of the few granitestone houses remaining the the southern region of the state.

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6. 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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

John A. Thatcher was born in Pennsylvania in 1836 and emigrated in Pueblo, Colorado in 1863. Upon arriving in Pueblo, he opened a general store with goods bought by ox cart on his trip West. Finding his business good and business opportunity in the growing town still better, he associated himself with a younger brother Mahlon and together they found a bank that was later to become the still extant First National Bank of Pueblo. In conjunction with Mahlon, they enlarged their mercantile business into other southern Colorado outlets and expanded their investments into land holdings both in Colorado and New Mexico, after which they ventured into the cattle business.

As their assets grew, they were able to finance and invest in a number of business enterprises important to the development of the local and state economy. Mining, smelting, and agriculture, particularly the sugar beet industry, were of great interest to the Thatcher brothers who also brought their influence to bear on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad company to attract the railroad to Pueblo. At its height, the Thatcher empire included a controlling interest in thirty-two Colorado banks including not only the First National Bank of Pueblo but the First National Banks of Denver, of Trinidad, of Durango, and of Lake City.

From the very beginning, personal interest in each of their varied enterprises was hallmark of their business operations. Numerous travels and voluminous reports made by themselves and their managers attest to the meticulous attention to detail, a sound evaluation of their employees, and a phenomenal perception of the opportunities available during this period of the expanding Colorado population and economy.

In June, 1913, while returning home from a business trip to Nevada and California, John Thatcher became ill, and on August 14, 1913, exactly fifty years from the day that he established his permanent residence in Pueblo, he died. The Thatcher mansion, "Rosemount" continued to be occupied by members of the John Thatcher family until the death of his youngest son in 1968.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

John A. Thatcher correspondence
 Pueblo Chieftain newspaper clippings
 Ralph Taylor's "Colorful Colorado"
 "X-ray pueblo," compiled by the Business & Professional Women's Club
 Short sketches of the Thatcher family and description of the Rosemount, compiled by Rebecca Emory Morton

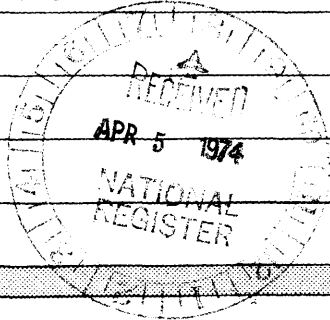
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ms. Jolene B. Truan

ORGANIZATION: Pueblo Preservation Commission DATE: 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Pueblo City Council

CITY OR TOWN: Pueblo STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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: [Signature]

Title: Colo. State Liaison Officer

Date: 5/27/74

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/30/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 7.29.74

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