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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Sacred Heart Orphanage
other names/site number: Sacred Heart Home 5PE.569

2. Location

street & number: 2316 Sprague Street (n/a) not for publication
city, town: Pueblo (n/a) vicinity
state: Colorado code: CO County: Pueblo code: 101 zip code: 81004

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
(x) private	(x) building(s)		
() public-local	() district	<u>2</u>	<u> </u> buildings
() public-State	() site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
() public-Federal	() structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	() object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register <u>0</u>	
<u>N/A</u>			

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this (x) nomination () request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (x) meets () does not meet the National Register criteria.
() See continuation sheet.

Barbara Swiler 1-12-89
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of Commenting or Other Official Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- () entered in the National Register. Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 3/3/89
() See continuation sheet
- () determined eligible for the National Register. () See continuation sheet _____
- () determined not eligible for the National Register. _____
- () removed from the National Register. _____
- () other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Institutional Housing

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Institutional Housing

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Romanesque

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

foundations sandstone

walls brick

roof ceramic tile

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Sacred Heart Orphanage is located at the corner of Sprague Street and Acero Avenue in a residential area in southwest Pueblo. The site consists of two detached buildings situated in the center of a ten acre tract amid trees, shrubbery, and grass immediately south of the old Catholic cemetery and west of the historic Mountain View cemetery. The main building has an irregular L shaped plan. (See page 4 for the 1902 Sanborn Map drawing of the complex's layout.) The building has three stories and three main divisions. The building is constructed of red pressed brick with a running bond. The white sandstone foundation extends to the bottom of the first floor windows. The flat tile shingles on the roof of the original building are arranged in a diamond pattern while the western addition has pantile ceramic tiles. The roof itself is hipped with cross gables.

The entry is impressive with sandstone stairs leading to the round arched porch. The arches spring from two free standing piers and two engaged sandstone piers all topped with intricately carved cushion capitals. The arch voussoirs are of rusticated limestone and its surrounds are decorative carved panels. Emphasizing the entryway corners are colonnettes which are located above the two piers. Two similar colonnettes are located above the porch on the third floor and define the corners of the bay and the parapet. The parapet also has sandstone coping and inlay.

Above and behind the parapet there is an original bell tower with the bell still in place. The spire is supported by four piers decorated with geometric tracery and topped with a stone cross.

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The majority of the windows in the orphanage are single hung segmental arched windows. Some of the windows have aluminum storm windows placed over the original windows. A brick beltcourse runs above and beneath the windows on the first and second floors and forms the rusticated sandstone sill under each of the windows. Windows on the third floor above the entry porch and on the cross gables have hood moldings. The windows of the third floor dormers are plain with no lintel or arch elaboration. There are two sorts of dormers on the orphanage. The larger of the two are wall dormers while the smaller are hipped dormers.

The location of the chapel is evidenced on the exterior by an engaged tower. While the polygonal tower is three stories high, it does not rise above the roofline of the cross gable and the tower roof is also engaged. The third story windows on the chapel are all round arched with hood moldings.

A small square, brick structure on the roof accommodates the elevator. This structure has a hipped roof.

The interior of the original main building is characterized by spacious halls, decorative woodwork, and heavy, transomed doors. The rooms are large and the floors are constructed of maple. The reception rooms on the first floor are located on both sides of the entrance. The main office also has a reception room connected to it. The two dormitories are divided by an ante-room. The dormitory floors are polished maple and the walls are decorated with wainscoting. Tiled bath and washroom facilities are located throughout the dormitories. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the interior is a finely carved birch staircase, located on the main floor which features a newel post topped with a cross.

Classrooms and dormitory space are located on the second floor as well as a large chapel, sacristy, and choir lofts. The ceiling of the chapel is two stories high and arched. Located on the third floor is the assembly hall with a stage at one end. The basement provides space for the storage rooms, wardrobe, children and staff dining rooms, kitchen, and playrooms for the children.

The separate boiler house is a medium hipped structure, constructed at the same time and with the same materials as the main building. This building is contributing. The foundation is also made of rusticated sandstone. The entrance is on the south of the building facing the rear of the main structure. A polygonal stack chimney attached to the boiler house reaches a height of more than fifty feet. A coal chute is located on the east side of the stack. The boiler house is also the location of the laundry room, a store room, and the ironing room. This boiler house is joined with the main building by a tunnel that leads to the main building's basement.

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The main building's front entry gateway is made of brick with four piers, two on each side of the double iron gate. There is a chain link fence attached to the brick walls which surround the property.

An addition to the orphanage's main building was dedicated on April 4, 1952 and completed by October 7, 1953. This addition was constructed of similar materials and on the same scale as the main building and was built in a compatible style. Consequently, the addition does not compromise the integrity of the original building. The addition was designed by Thomas and Sweet, an architectural firm from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The building contractor was Howard E. Whitlock of Pueblo. The new west wing contains a chapel, five classrooms, an infirmary, and nun's quarters.

The addition is attached to the original building on the west side. It has a side gabled roof as well as numerous bays, extending to the north and the south. Two large bays are located on either side of the addition at its west end. These bays are decorated with parapets which are coped with sandstone. The main entrance to the addition is located on the east side of the southern bay extension. Above its wood double doors is a visor porch. Over this porch is an arched amber glass window with rusticated sandstone voussoirs. At the second floor level there is an arched stained glass window with a religious design. On the west facade of the addition on the third story level there is an amber glass wheel window. Above this window is an arched air vent. Following the line of the eaves is an arched corbel table. The addition also has a simple spire located on the ridge of the gabled roof.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: () nationally () statewide (x) locally

Applicable National Register Criteria (x) A () B (x) C () D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) () A () B () C () D () E () F () G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Social
Architecture

Period of Significance

1903 - 1938

Significant Dates

1903

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Frederick William Paroth, architect
Dan Mahoney, builder 1903
Howard E. Witlock, builder 1953

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Sacred Heart Orphanage meets criterion A for its historic role in Pueblo's social history as the largest orphanage in the city. The building also meets criterion C for its Romanesque Revival institutional design which contains fine workmanship in the construction and design of the architectural detailing.

The Sacred Heart Orphanage has architectural significance because, while the basic design of the building is large and institutional, it contains superior craftsmanship in the detailing of the building. The most prominent example is the entrance bay with its columned porch which provides relief from the institutional appearance. The intricately carved cushion capitals on the sturdy columns enhance the main entrance bay as does the repetition of the smaller columns above. The tower which originally contained the chapel emphasizes the ties that the orphanage had with the Catholic church by articulating the use of interior space on the exterior of the building. This attention to detail communicates the nobility of the purpose of the orphanage and the care and pride of those working and living within.

The construction of the orphanage was the result of the need for such an institution in Pueblo. Prior to 1902, Sister Mary Doneta, Mother Superior and director of Saint Clara's Orphanage in Denver, was the one to identify the need for an orphanage. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate a suitable site in Pueblo, she contacted Captain John J. Lambert for help. Lambert, a Civil War veteran, a journalist, and the publisher and editor of the Pueblo Daily Chieftain from 1870 to 1903, located 10 suitable acres at Sprague Avenue and Acero Street in southwest Pueblo. He bought the land and donated it to the Franciscan Sisters

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of Saint Clara Orphanage for their new building. The sisters of St. Francis is an order of Catholic nuns who have dedicated their lives to charitable causes like their work with St. Clara's Orphanage in Denver and St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs. The order is one of the largest and most important of the Catholic Church.

On February 6, 1902, the Pueblo Daily Chieftain announced that, "Pueblo is to be the site of one of the largest and most important Catholic Orphanages in the West." The mission of the orphanage was to care for and educate orphan children of all racial backgrounds.

After the completion of the \$90,000 institution, a dedicatory high mass was celebrated by the Right Reverend N.C. Matz, Bishop of the Denver Diocese in the chapel of the new orphanage on April 19, 1903. The building was dedicated to the memory of Susan E. Lambert, the late wife of Captain Lambert, who had died in 1891. Known as a lady with a kind heart, Mrs. Lambert was actively interested in Pueblo's charitable and philanthropic societies.

With a full force of teachers supplied by the Sisters of St. Francis, the orphanage formally opened on May 1, 1903. The records show the first child was enrolled on April 12, 1903. Sister M. Jerome was the first director.

Captain Lambert continued his support of the orphanage throughout the construction period and after his death in 1916, when his entire fortune was left to the orphanage. Lambert's funeral mass was celebrated in the orphanage chapel.

By 1952, the orphanage was in need of additional space and renovation. A campaign for funds was launched to build a west wing. The goal was \$450,000, but at the end of the drive, the pledges amounted to \$750,000. On April 4, 1952, ground was broken for the new west wing of Sacred Heart Orphanage. Rt. Reverend Joseph C. Willging, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Colorado, used the same shovel used by Captain Lambert fifty years earlier to break ground for the new wing. The new west wing and chapel were blessed by the Bishop at the dedication on October 7, 1953.

It was during the fund drive that the name of the orphanage was changed to Sacred Heart Home and a new board of directors was formed. The new mission of the institution was to receive and treat behavioral problems in emotionally disturbed children sent to the home by the Colorado Social Service Department.

In 1982, the Franciscan Sisters turned over the Sacred Heart Home to the Catholic Charities with Reverend Marvin Kapushion as the director.

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The orphanage's period of significance to the social history of Pueblo has been arbitrarily ended at 1938 in order to meet the fifty year criterion for eligibility.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Sacred Heart Orphanage, Book of Records #1, Names of Entrants.
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Progress Report - 1955. author unknown. New west wing addition, remodeling the old structure.
Stauter, Patrick J., "The Willing Years," Adams Press Chicago, 1986.
Sacred Heart Home, pp. 64, 144, 256, 286, 288, 289.
Franciscan Sister, pp. 196, 268, 278, 279, 281.
Sanborn Maps. 1902-1954.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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| () preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | Primary location of additional data:
() State Historic Preservation Office
() Other State agency
() Federal agency
() Local government
() University
() Other |
| () previously listed in the National Register | Specify Repository:
_____ |
| () previously determined eligible by the National Register | |
| () designated a National Historic Landmark | |
| () recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____ | |
| () recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____ | |

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: 4 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification The property involved, the Sacred Heart Orphanage, is located at the southwest part of the city lot (Block 29, Uplands Park). To the east a fence divides it from the Mountain View Cemetery. To the north the boundary line has been drawn to avoid a garage which is less than fifty years old and is not historically associated with the orphanage. To the west, it is bounded by Acero Avenue and to the south is bounded by Sprague Street. It is commonly referred to as the address of 2315 Sprague St. It is part of the land historically associated with the property. () See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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City or Town: <u>Pueblo</u>	

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Pueblo City Directory, 1903-1954.

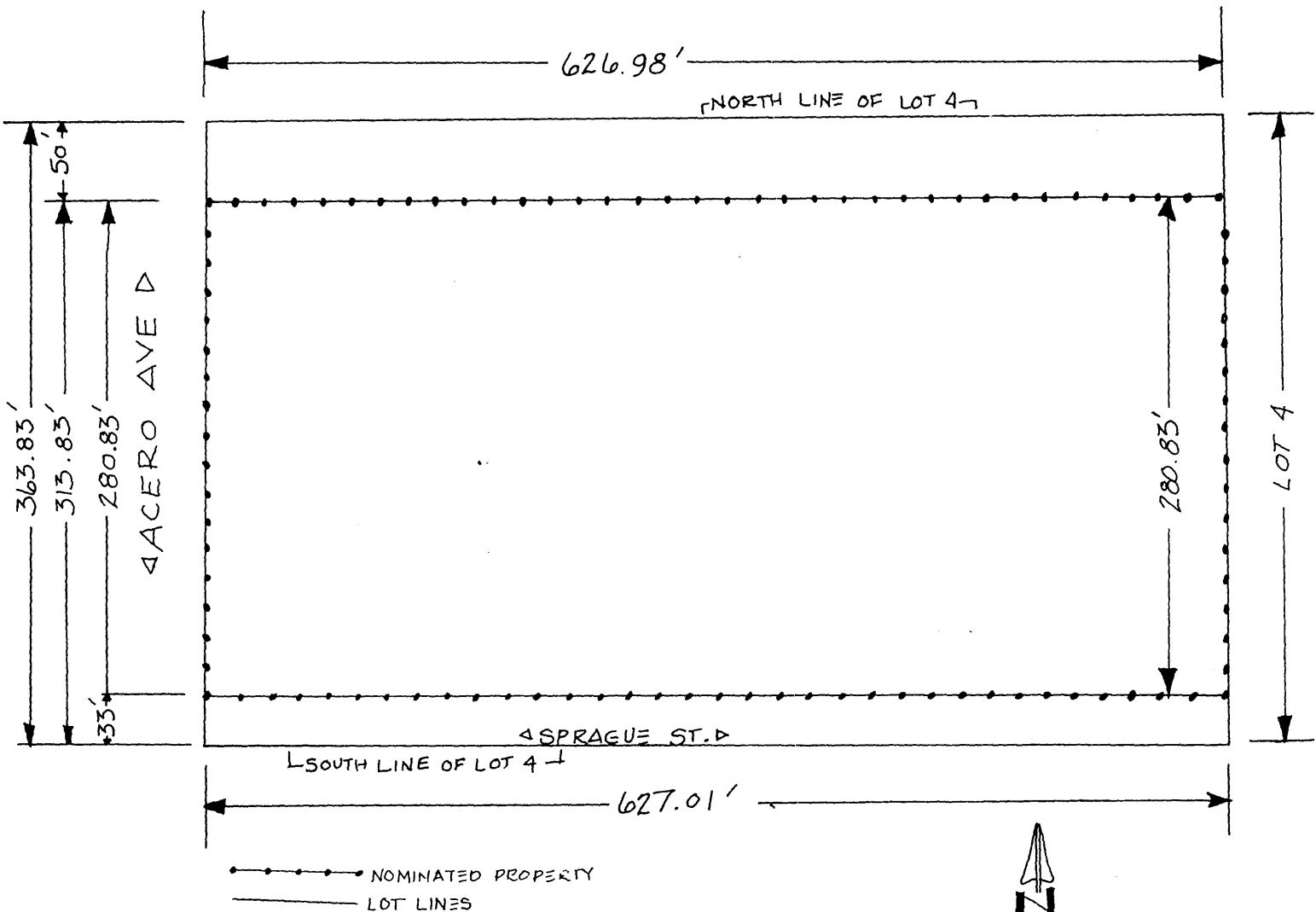
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The nominated property is described as the north 280.83' of the south 313.83' of Lot 4, Block 29 in Uplands Park, as recorded in the Pueblo County Assessors Office.



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1. Sacred Heart Orphanage
2. Pueblo, Colorado
3. Ed Simonich
4. October 1988
5. Colorado Historical Society

The above information is the same for all photos.

1. South facade, View N
2. South facade, View NE
3. East side, View W
4. Boiler room, east elevation, View W
5. North rear, View S
6. North elevation of new west wing, View SW
7. West end of new wing, View NE
8. North rear elevation of original building and west wing, View S