

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED MAY 7 1982

DATE ENTERED JUN 3 1982

**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
Gast Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

N/A

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1801 Greenwood Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Pueblo

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Colorado

CODE
08

COUNTY
Pueblo

CODE
101

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
N/A DISTRICT	N/A PUBLIC	N/A OCCUPIED	N/A AGRICULTURE
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	N/A MUSEUM
N/A STRUCTURE	N/A BOTH	N/A WORK IN PROGRESS	N/A PARK
N/A SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	N/A ACCESSIBLE	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
N/A OBJECT	N/A IN PROCESS	N/A YES: RESTRICTED	N/A RELIGIOUS
	N/A BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	N/A SCIENTIFIC
		N/A NO	N/A TRANSPORTATION
			N/A OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
David Hywel Davies and Lucie - Germaine

STREET & NUMBER
1801 Greenwood Street

CITY, TOWN
Pueblo

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Colorado 81003

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Pueblo County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
215 W. 10th Street

CITY, TOWN

Pueblo

STATE
Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE
Ongoing

N/A FEDERAL X STATE N/A COUNTY N/A LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gast Mansion is a delightful mixture of the Richardsonian Romanesque and Queen Anne styles of architecture, a mixture used widely in the large homes built in Colorado in the early 1890s. Located on almost one-half acre, this imposing home stands in a prominent residential section of the city. The house is three stories plus a basement, and is accented with a four-story tower.

The house is generally square in shape with the tower at the corner, and an encircling porch at the same corner with a stone balustrade, double sets of pillars supporting the roof of the porch and a pediment over the stairway leading to the front door. A flat arched window at the first floor, a bay window above this and a fish-scale decorated gable with windows at the attic make up the other half of the main facade. The large number of windows are generally rectangular, some with decorative upper sashes. The roof is gabled.

The massive double oak doors at the main entrance give an immediate feeling of strength and elegance. The home includes seven bedrooms, a marble-floored entry hall, three fireplaces, stained glass windows, a wine cellar and full-size bowling alley in the basement. The main structure is made of red brick with the four-story tower made of red sandstone from Castle Rock, Colorado. The inlaid parquet hardwood floor in the library uses four different kinds of wood to form an interesting pattern. Beautiful stained glass windows accentuate the living room, dining room, and a second floor bedroom. An open oak staircase leads to the second floor. The interior was refinished with elegant woodwork in the 1920s.

One of the most interesting rooms in the house is the dining room. With its beamed ceiling, panelled walls, fireplace and window composed of eight sections of leaded stained glass, the room suggests that of a medieval castle. The residence is in excellent condition and has been a Pueblo landmark since its construction.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1892

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gast mansion is significant both for its delightful and imposing late Victorian architecture and for its connection with one of the city's most important families. It was built by Charles Edwin Gast in 1892.

Charles E. Gast was one of Southern Colorado's most outstanding attorneys and one of Pueblo's foremost builders. Gast came to Pueblo in 1872 and went into partnership with Henry C. Thatcher, who later became Colorado's first Chief Justice. They were partners until Thatcher's death in 1884. Edwin Gast was largely instrumental in persuading the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to build the branch from La Junta to Pueblo, an important step in the city's growth. He also was one of the original promoters of the Pueblo Gas Company and later the Electric Light Company. Gast was counsel for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1876 until 1908, and was one of the lawyers that represented the Santa Fe in 1878-79 in a case against General William J. Palmer's Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. The battle for the right to build tracks along the Arkansas River through Royal Gorge was fought both in the courts and more literally without. Gast was one of the first members of the Colorado Bar Association and during 1898-99, served as the second state president of the organization.

Robert Schaeffer Gast, Edwin Gast's only child, practiced law with his father in the firm of Gast and Gast until the elder's death in 1908. He then formed a partnership with Alva B. Adams which lasted until Adam's death in 1941. Adams became United State's senator from Colorado. Robert Gast inherited his father's mansion and lived there until passing it on to his son, Robert Gast, Jr. who lived in it until 1960 when he moved to Denver. Robert, Jr. also followed the legal profession.

In all, the Mansion was lived in by four generations of the Gast family over a period of sixty-eight years. Dr. Harold Smith bought the residence in 1960 and the Kenneth McCabe family acquired it in 1969.

The mansion is one of Pueblo's most imposing domestic structures, commanding in size, delightful with its late-Victorian exuberance of detail, and masterful in the handling of the many and varied elements of the exterior. The interior of the house was lavishly finished when originally built and modifications have been made in keeping with the original atmosphere. Its continuity of ownership has left it in a condition which is unusually good for a home of its vintage and which leaves a particularly detailed glimpse into the Colorado of that period.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pueblo Star-Journal & Sunday Chieftain 10-9-77
Pueblo Homes Illustrated (Sales Brochure) 8-4-79

County Clerk & Recorder, Pueblo County Courthouse

Hall, Frank. History of the State of Colorado. Chicago: Blakely Printing Co., 1889

UNNOTIFIED
ADVERTISING

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Northeast Pueblo

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 5,3,3 8,4,0 4,2 3,7 1,7,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

E

F

G

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 13-16 Block 15
Bartlett and Miller's addition to the City of Pueblo

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

N/A

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

N/A

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ray W. Bryan

ORGANIZATION

N/A

DATE

June 19, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

64 Cornell Circle

TELEPHONE

Home 566-1374 Work 542-6405

CITY OR TOWN

Pueblo

STATE

Colorado 81005

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL NA

STATE ✓

LOCAL NA

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

William C. Johnson

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

William H. Brannan

DATE 6.3.82

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION