

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic TUTT BUILDING 5PE585 e

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 421 CENTRAL PLAZA n/a not for publication

city, town PUEBLO n/a vicinity of

state COLORADO code 08 county PUEBLO code 101

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name LUIS G. VALERIO

street & number BOX 7805 HIGHWAY 165 WEST

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 AND MAIN STREETS

city, town PUEBLO state COLORADO

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title COLORADO INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes  no

date ONGOING \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1300 BROADWAY

city, town DENVER state COLORADO

## 7. Description

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

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Tutt Building was erected in 1890. The building is in its original physical appearance and is a triangular structure 43.86 feet along the line of Union Avenue and 41 feet along the south line of the alley in Block 31 of the city of Pueblo. The structure is the only unaltered triangular shaped building in the community.

The original construction material remains intact and nondeteriorated. Exterior walls are 12 inches in thickness with a red brick surface. Footings are three feet wide and were poured to support three levels. Interior walls are also of red brick construction with one-half inch smooth surface stucco texture. Ceiling surface of the ground level floor is pressed metal. Ceilings are thirteen feet high with a ceiling girder traversing the mid-point of triangular structure.

Interior space consists of three levels: basement, ground floor, and second story. Each level is 830 square feet in living area. Flooring is tongue and groove oak wood. Interior partitions are of wood lathe with a stucco smooth surface. The wallpaper of flower print depicts an early 1900s decor.

The building's facade consists of five full-width glass windows, 8' x 8' in dimension. The full width of the building is plate glass covered with transom window lights. The size of each transom window light is 2 1/2' x 8'. They extend below an I-beam support that extends the full length of the facade, curving at the triangular point in the opposite direction. The I-beam itself is supported by five tubular supports extending from the ground floor. Each of the cast iron columns are eight inches in diameter approximately thirteen feet in height.

The basement floor is two-inch concrete. Inside walls are cement block. The ceiling joists supporting the ground floor are 2' x 12' pine.

Plumbing fixtures are cast iron, copper, and 3/4" galvanized pipe. The heating system is natural gas forced air adaptation. Heating ducts are provided to the ground floor only.

Wood trim at all levels is in excellent and original condition. Door and window trim is grooved with corner decoration (also of wood). All trim is six-inch wide pine.

The second floor consists of a unique floor plan designed to accommodate a photography studio. Special design features include a north-facing wall glass light and a convex shaped wall across which the backdrops were hung. Access to this floor is by way of a party wall easement from a commercial establishment adjacent to this structure. Entrance to the second floor is a waiting area with easterly window exposure. The waiting area is separated by a convex-shaped wall. Interior doors from the waiting area open inwardly into a 4' x 4' foyer that further serves to control public traffic. The entire length of the second floor is window framed (easterly) to complement the lower floor facade of the building. The second floor, as does the first floor, includes bathroom facilities. Plumbing, heating, and electrical systems on the second floor require total replacement.

The west side of the second floor has two windows. One is of original design and is 4' x 10' in size. The second window is of metal frame replacing what originally was a wall glass light of 10' x 10' proportion.

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A stairwell two and one-half feet wide extends to a small living area perched at roof level. The shed design roofing structure provided for a small triangular-shaped space is used as a darkroom for photography. The 100-square foot area can serve as a space for a water heater, heating plant, and storage.

The apex of the triangle of the second floor is framed to house a curved window glass. Three sections of glass 2' x 5' in size provides northern visual access to the City of Pueblo's Main Street.

The original facade of the building has provisions for awnings extending the full length of the building. The ground floor had three entrances--a front main entrance recessed into the front facade, an entrance at the apex of the triangle which extends to the basement level, and the alley side of the building retains a service entrance that is barricaded. This rear entrance also served as a Coors drive-up distributorship.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tutt Building is architecturally significant in Pueblo for its uniqueness of design--the only local example extant of an unaltered triangular building--and as a good example of a commercial structure with streetfront intact.

At the time of construction, the Tutt Building was located at the point of intersection of two of Pueblo's most prominent downtown commercial streets, Union Avenue and Main Street. This prime location and the resulting value of the land provided the impetus for the construction of the structure on the small triangular lot.

The original owner of the building was Charles Leaming Tutt, Sr. who owned it from 1890 to 1911. Charles Tutt, Sr. was born in Philadelphia in 1864. He arrived in Colorado in 1884 and was very active in ranching and real estate. He was the discoverer of the C.O.D. mine in the Cripple Creek district and participated in the first Trans-Pacific Yacht Race to Honolulu in 1906. Charles Tutt, Jr., son of Charles Tutt, Sr., was the chairman of the Broadmoor Hotel and First National Bank of Colorado Springs, and president of the El Pomar Foundation.

When Charles Tutt, Sr., died in 1911, the property passed onto his heirs and was sold to Adolph Coors. The property remained in the Coors family until 1913 when Adolph died and the property was transferred to the Coors Brewing Company of Golden, Colorado. The property was sold to the Goodman family in 1947 and was a jewelry company until 1982 when Mr. Valerio purchased the property.

The building is one of few intact commercial structures in the downtown area. The design of the building proved an interesting and successful solution to the problem presented by the odd-shaped lot. Important features of the building include the curved "apex" of the structure with its cast-iron support, the cast-iron intermediate cornice, and the rusticated stone detailing over the arched windows. The storefront of the building is notable in that it is unaltered and contains elements typical of the period, such as a recessed entrance, large pane display windows with kick plates underneath.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Colorado Bibliography, "Memorials," Boldan S. Wynar, Editor. Published by Libraries Unlimited, Inc., for the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado, Littleton, Colorado, 1980, p. 457.  
Property Abstract, Lawyers Title of Pueblo, Inc., Pueblo, Colorado.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .008 (367 square feet)

Quadrangle name Northeast Pueblo

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

(see continuation sheet)

Dimensions of lot: 41'x 43'x 18'

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Luis G. Valerio James F. Munch Owner	date	March 15, 1983
organization	Pueblo Regional Planning Commission	telephone	(303) 489-3326
street & number	Box 7805 Highway 165 West 1 City Hall Place/P.O.Box 1427	telephone	(303) 543-6006
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 (Acting) date July 11, 1983

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 8/18/83

James Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the South line of the alley in Block 31 in the City of Pueblo, as surveyed and platted by H.M. Fosdick for the Probate Judge of Pueblo County, with the N.W. side line of Union Avenue in said City of Pueblo; thence running S.W.ly along said N.W. side line a distance of 41 feet; thence running N.W.ly at right angles to said N.W. side line of Union Avenue, a distance of 43.86 feet, more or less, to the said South line of the alley in Block 31, thence following the said South line of the alley to the place of beginning.

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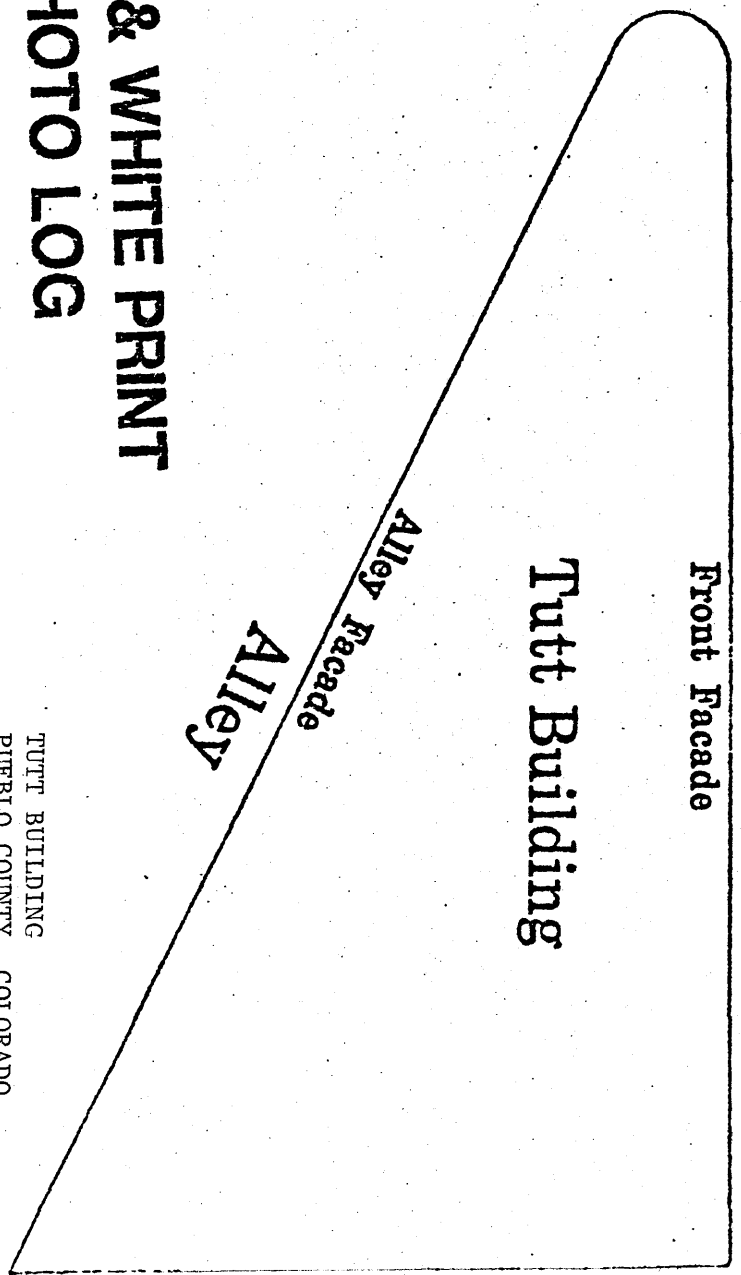
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Plaza



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