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**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 FRANK PRYOR HOUSE

and/or common Pryor Hill/Von Ahlefeldt Chateau

**2. Location**

street & number 1325 Greenwood Street n/a not for publication

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Pueblo code 101

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Rolf Von Ahlefeldt

street & number 1325 Greenwood Street

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of state Colorado

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pueblo County Courthouse

street & number 10th 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

city, town Denver state CO

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## 7. Description

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<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		

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

The Frank Pryor House is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of North Greenwood and Fourteenth streets in Pueblo, Colorado. The large 2½-story residence was designed by A. M. Stuckert in 1889. Queen Anne in styling, the house exhibits features common to the style, such as asymmetrical plan, broken roofline, and the use of projecting bays and towers. A certain heaviness to the design is lent by the use of Manitou red stone on the first floor and in the construction of the three-story tower that composes the northeast corner of the facade. The second story of the main block is of red brick, laid in stretcher bond, with a corbelled brick belt course separating the two levels.

The primary facade, which faces east, consists of a central entrance sheltered by a one-story pedimented porch. (The porch has been rebuilt, with the original wood supports replaced by wrought iron.) Directly above the entrance is a rounded bay window containing three double hung windows. Entered above these elements is a polygonal dormer, projecting from the main roof.

Because of its size and stone construction, the tower becomes the most prominent feature of the building. The balcony at the third story is also of stone, with voids forming a checkerboard pattern. The open gable projects from the northeast corner of the main roof and is supported by turned wood posts and an open bracket. Fish-scale shingles cover the pediment and the sides of the porch.

The southeast corner of the building is composed of a polygonal wing which has on the first floor facade, just to the left of the main entryway, a large Palladian window. With the exception of a double window on the first floor south wall the remaining windows are all rectangular, one over one, and double hung. Those on the second story have stone lintels and slipsills.

The only changes which have occurred to the house include the rebuilding of the front porch and rebuilding and enclosing two porches at the rear. The interior space remains essentially intact, with some doorways enclosed. All the original woodwork and chimney pieces survive.

A description of the house appeared in the October 3, 1889 issue of the Colorado Chieftain newspaper as follows:

Another beautiful residence now in course of construction is that of Mr. Frank Pryor, of which an accurate cut appears elsewhere. It is located on a commanding site on the corner of 14th and Greenwood Streets, the ground having an east frontage of 120 feet and a north frontage of 176 feet. The building is two stories above the basement and has 11 rooms besides the bath and laundry rooms and numerous closets. It is built of Manitou red sandstone and pressed brick after plans drawn by A. M. Stuckert. The exterior appearance of the building is very striking and beautiful, but the great feature about this structure is its interior beauty and comfortable arrangement. On the first floor we find all the rooms except the kitchen and pantries finished in hardwood. The large reception hall is finished in antique oak; the parlor in mahogany; the sitting room in natural oak; the library in brick; and the dining room in antique oak. By means of

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large folding doors and arches, the rooms just mentioned can all be thrown into one, making it very convenient. The rooms on the second floor are all finished in yellow pine, which is equal almost to any hardwood finish that might be selected. The main heat to be supplied to the building will come from a furnace, but Mr. Pryor also has a number of open grates in the building surmounted by some of the handsomest mantels we ever saw. All the front windows in the building are supplied with French plate glass, while at the side entrance is a reception room for the children, which is a model in its way, containing stationary washstands, mirrors, etc., intended especially for little ones. The building is supplied with hot and cold water throughout and the best sanitary sewerage possible to secure. The circular tower on the corner as shown in the cut is a beautiful piece of cut stonework, and the stone porch is another thing of beauty. From the balcony a magnificent view of the whole City is obtained, and Mr. Pryor will undoubtedly take a great deal of comfort in his home when it is completed. The entire grounds are surrounded by a terra cotta coping, which gives the building and grounds a finished appearance that is very pleasing. Hunt and DeWitt are the contractors constructing the building, which will cost about \$15,000. Mr. Pryor hopes to occupy his new house about the last of October, when it will be finished in a becoming and appropriate manner.

Colorado Chieftain, "A City of Homes," October 3, 1889, p. 3

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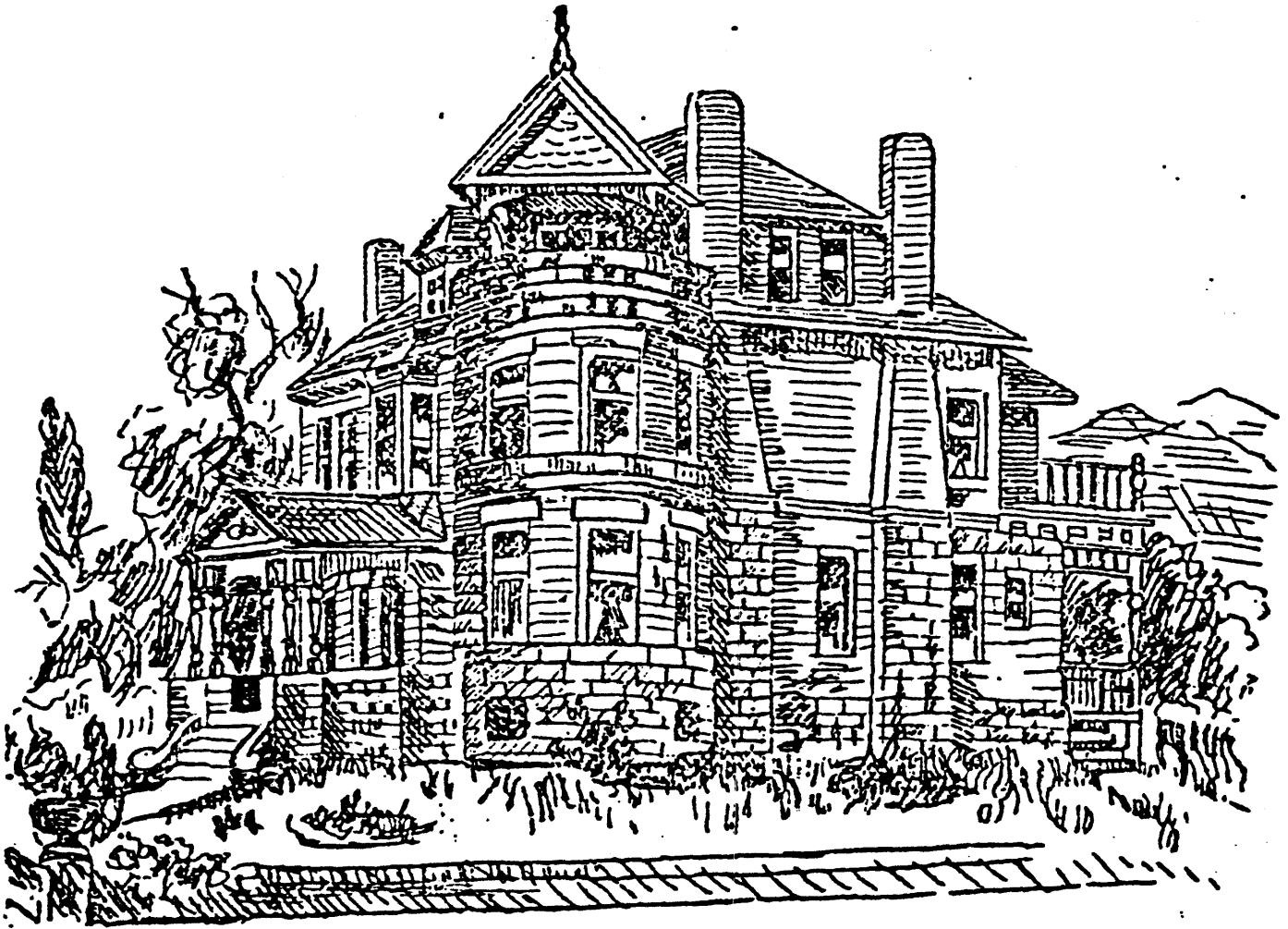
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*Frank Pryor's New Residence:*

Source: Colorado Chieftain Weekly, October 3, 1889, (Enlarged 295%).

## 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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1889 **Builder/Architect** Architect: A. Morris Stuckert  
Contractors: Hunt & DeWitt

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Frank Pryor House is significant as an important well-preserved example of Queen Anne styling in Pueblo and for its builder, noted businessman, Frank Pryor.

Frank Pryor was born in 1850 in Schullsburg, Wisconsin. He spent his boyhood days in Galena, Illinois, where he was educated and learned the furniture business. He attended the Galena Commercial School, graduating in 1869 as a bookkeeper.

In 1877, Pryor moved to Denver, Colorado, where he worked as a cabinet maker. Two years later he moved to Leadville and embarked in the furniture trade, founding with two other partners the firm of Pryor, Hagus, and Cooper. Business did not prove profitable, however, and Pryor relocated to Pueblo in 1881 where he opened a second store on Second and Main streets. The Pueblo store thrived and by 1885 it was serving southern Colorado as well as areas in the neighboring states of Kansas and New Mexico.

In March 1885, Pryor purchased his partners' interests and became sole owner. The store continued to expand and by 1890 he recorded his biggest year in sales. In 1891 another two floors featuring furniture from noted factories in Colorado and Grand Rapids were added to the building at Second and Main. The business remained under family management following Pryor's death in 1927 and is today one of the oldest continuously operating furniture businesses in the state.

Pryor was also known for his interest in community affairs. He was twice nominated and unsuccessfully ran for mayor of Pueblo on the Republican ticket. He was three times elected to the Colorado senate (1893, 1903, and 1904) representing the second senatorial district.

Geographically, the Pryor Home is located on the top of a rise at the southwest corner of 14th and Greenwood streets. It, along with O. H. P. Baxter Home (northeast corner of 15th and Grand streets) and the A. J. Beaumont House (northeast corner of 15th and Greenwood streets), bracket the block occupied by the J. A. Thatcher House. All of these residences are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Pryor's home is the architectural work of A. Morris Stuckert, a prominent Denver architect. Before coming to Colorado, Stuckert had served an apprenticeship as a carpenter in Albany, New York, and served as a draughtsman in Newark, New Jersey. Later he opened his office in Newark and built some of the finest residences in that city. With his health failing, Stuckert came to Colorado on January 18, 1888, and practiced in Denver, Pueblo, and other cities in Colorado. The builders of Mr. Pryor's home were Mr. Hunt and Mr. DeWitt.

The building has architectural interest for its Queen Anne design as carried out in brick and stone. The exterior, with the exception of the porch, is basically unaltered, as is the interior. As such, the house is a good example in Pueblo of the eclectic tastes of the late Victorian period.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .33

Quadrangle name Northeast Pueblo

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A	<u>13</u>	<u>5313</u>	<u>81710</u>	<u>412316</u>	<u>71015</u>	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing				Zone	Easting	Northing		
C						D					
E						F					
G						H					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 & 2 & E. 30.2 feet of N. 110 feet of Lot 3, Block 38, County Addition.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

Edward J. Simonich, historic surveyor, Pueblo Regional Planning Commission;  
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organization Pueblo Regional Planning Commission date September 20, 1984

street & number 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 date 12-21-84

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

for Nelson Byrum date 2-8-85  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

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