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**National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic JAMES N. CARLILE HOUSE

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number 44 Carlile Place n/a not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Richard David Robinson

street & number 44 Carlile Place

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 Historic Sites Inventory of Colorado 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 Colorado

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The J.N. Carlile House was built in 1872-1873 and simply designed. The following article announcing the construction appeared in the Colorado Chieftain newspaper on December 31, 1872: "Moore & Carlile--two Choice family residences on the high table land on the southside of the river, when completed, will be quite an ornament of our city. These residences will have all the modern improvements and will cost \$4,000 each."

The architect, Frank West, carried out an extensive remodeling of the house in 1883-1884, adding porches and elaborate Queen Anne detailing. As it appears now, it is a one-and one-half story frame structure with gable roof. The Queen Anne applied elements include a one-story verandah which encircles the front (south) and east sides of the building with a pediment centrally located over the entrance; a second story open screened porch over the front entryway; an enclosed main entrance; and two bay windows flanking the entrance. As was characteristic of the Queen Anne style, the wood trim is intricate, as seen in the pediment of the two porches, the patterns of the porch balustrades, the ornately turned porch post supports, and the bargeboard of the front gable. Also of interest are the bay windows on the facade, capped by wood frame cavetto-type molding.

The only alteration to the exterior is the covering of the original lap siding with composite shingles.

The improvements to the property are described in an article in the Pueblo Chieftain newspaper January 25, 1884:

SHELTERED FROM STORMS. "Jim" Carlile Contrives to Get a Roof Over His Head and a Place to Keep His Chattels.

For the past twelve or fifteen years Hon. J. N. Carlile has been knocking around in this country, securing a well-earned dollar now and then, and keeping his family in bread and butter as best he could. By good luck and strenuous exertion he has managed to worry along and keep the wolf from the door, and it is even alleged that he has for several years owned no less than three extra boiled shirts for Sunday wear. A few months ago Mr. Carlile had an extraordinary fortune to win in a raffle for a solitaire garnet ring. He wore it with such grace and pride, and got to putting on so much style, that there's no getting near him with a ten foot pole. It is even rumored that he refused to shake hands with "Jim" Orman the other day because the latter didn't have his shoes blacked.

And now Mr. Carlile has got the idea that he must have some sort of a house to live in where he can receive parlor company, and where he can have chromos on the walls and a brass gong on the front door. For some three months his hospitable home at the upper end of the mesa has accordingly been a scene of dire confusion and woeful disorder. Carpenters, painters, and plasterers

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have been turning everything upside down and tearing things endways, till there wasn't a moment's peace. Mr. Carlile got so disgusted that he went off to Oregon or somewhere and built a new railroad or two, just to keep himself from going crazy. The workmen are still running things up there on the mesa, but a CHIEFTAIN reporter who called yesterday found that the improvements are very nearly completed, and that the house looms like a new steamboat. What was heretofore a very plain house has been transformed into a veritable palace. It was of pretty good size before, but a new wing has been built on one side, containing a spacious dining room and a large pantry. The building looks all the larger from the great spread of verandahs, porches, porticos and bay windows bulging out all around. These verandahs are seven feet wide, and are elegantly built, decorated with expensive wood work, and border the whole front and south side of the house. An upper portico, handsomely constructed, shades the front windows of the second story, and sets of the appearance of the building well. The new bay windows are made after the most approved style. Not only the house, but the surroundings, have been improved. New fences extend in every direction, and new stables fitted with every equestrian convenience, a new wash house and other buildings have been erected. In the stables the visitor especially noticed one small stall occupied by that diminutive pony that Mr. Carlile's little daughters drive about.

Within the house the improvements were found quite up to the alterations on the outside. Beautiful marble mantels, tiled hearths, brilliant and costly wall paper, frescoed ceilings, a sumptuous bathroom, a cozy new library, fine Brussels carpets, patent window screens, and all such comforts are found on every side. Good taste and faithful workmanship are displayed throughout.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlile are quite proud of their remodelled home, yet the carpenters have not been able to hammer out of it the old hospitality for which it was known among the many friends of the generous occupants.

The visitor was piloted in his raid by the architect of the original house when it was built eleven years ago, Mr. Frank Weston, of the firm of Weston & Trust. These gentlemen have shown their well known taste in these improvements, which have cost about six thousand dollars. They have been ably seconded by the excellent workmanship of Mr. McCarthy's painters and grainers, Mr. Minium's wood workers and Mr. Kearney's plasterers.

(Colorado Chieftain, January 25, 1884.)

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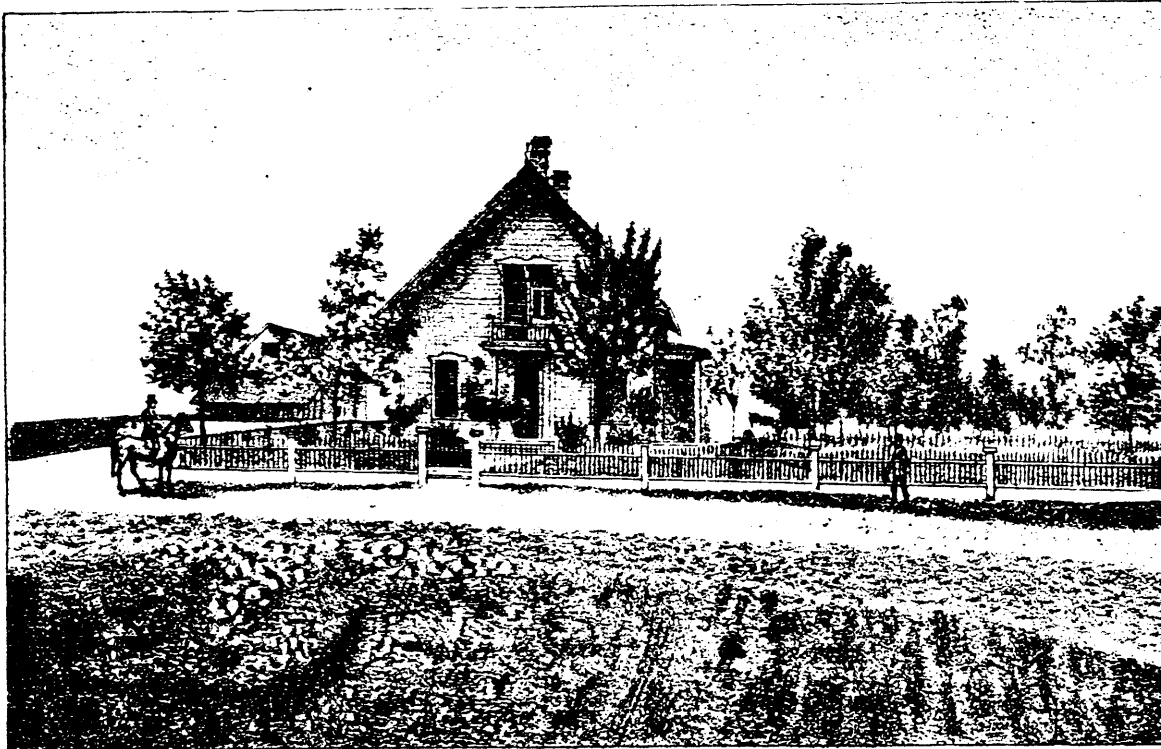
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RESIDENCE OF HON J.N.CARLILE.ON THE MESA, SOUTH PUEBLO, COLO.

Please Note: The above drawing was made prior to the 1883 Additions described in the newspaper article.

Source: History of the Arkansas Valley, Colorado, O. L. Baskin and Company; Historical Publishers, Chicago, 1881.

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

Specific dates 1873
 1884 (Renovation) Builder/Architect Architect: Frank Weston

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The J. N. Carlile House is notable for its association with J.N. Carlile, a prominent figure who, with his two brothers Walter and Lewis, influenced the development of Pueblo and the state of Colorado through the many roles he played as a pioneer railroad builder, rancher, banker, businessman, real estate developer, and politician. The architectural merits of the building rest with its elaborate Queen Anne detailing.

When J. N. Carlile died on October 18, 1921 at the age of 85, his obituary heralded him as "one of the State Best Men...known far and wide as an empire builder." Carlile was born in 1836 in Ohio. After leaving school at fourteen, he took various jobs, working for a time in Iowa and Nebraska. When gold was discovered in Colorado, he became a part of the Gold Rush. He mined in certain areas of the state, later entering the freighting business.

It was in 1866 that Carlile and William Moore joined to form the firm of Carlile and Moore, railroad contractors and builders. As a railroad contractor, Carlile had the distinction of laying the first mile of railroad in Colorado --and, at the time of his death, the most railroad track in the state.

The firm's first contract involved the construction of forty miles of the Denver-Pacific Railroad from Cheyenne, Wyoming, south toward Denver. Other lines built by the firm include the Colorado Central line between Denver and Golden; the greater part of the Kansas-Pacific between Sheridan, Wyoming, and Denver; and most of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad between Denver and Pueblo and between Pueblo and Canon City.

In 1874, Carlile and Moore merged with the firm of Orman and Company.¹ The new firm were contractors for 97 miles of Atchinson, Topeka, and Santa Fe into Pueblo. In the years between 1877 and 1891, they built railroads in every section of the state. Among the tracks laid were the Atchinson, Topeka, and Santa Fe line from Pueblo to El Moro; the Denver and Rio Grande from Walsenburg to Alamosa; one-half of the line for the Denver and Rio Grande between Canon City and Malta in Lake County; all of the trackage from Leadville to Kokomo in Summit County; about forty miles of the Denver and South Park Railroad; the Rio Grande extension from Leadville through Tennessee Pass to Red Cliff; and 175 miles of the Rio Grande southern from Dallas to Durango. Outside the state, the firm built 150 miles of Missouri-Pacific trackage in Nebraska and the Oregon shore line.

Carlile and Moore also began the Pueblo Street Railway, laying the first track between the Union Depot and Sixth Street. In 1889, Carlile, along with R. F. Weitbric, built the first toll road to the top of Pikes Peak. He, along with a

¹William Moore withdrew from the firm in 1877, his place filled by William Crook. The firm's name was then changed to Carlile, Orman, and Crook.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .25 acres

Quadrangle name Northwest Pueblo, Colorado-Quad #10

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1, Holman & Wagner Subdivision

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

state Not applicable code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Edward J. Simonich, Historic Surveyor Edited:GM
James Munch, Planner

organization Pueblo Regional Planning Commission date September 21, 1984

street & number P. O. Box 1427 (1 City Hall Place) telephone 303/543-6006

city or town Pueblo state CO

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state XX 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

John Andrew Byers
Keeper of the National Register
National Register date 2-8-85

Attest: Chief of Registration date

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number of other investors, were responsible for the construction of Bessemer Ditch. In 1890, they built the oil line between Florence and Overton.

As a businessman, Carlile was one of the incorporators of the South Pueblo Flour Mill in 1874. He was also a partner in a number of mercantile companies. As a banker, he served as a director of both the Central National and Pueblo Savings Bank. As a real estate developer, he platted a 400-acre track west of Pueblo known as Carlile Park. Trees and shrubs were planted; lakes developed, and streets and building lots were laid out. The development did not materialize, however, and in 1903 Carlile Park was purchased by the city to become Pueblo's City Park.

In the political arena, Carlile was elected to the first Colorado General Assembly in 1876 and served two terms. In 1880 he was elected county treasurer. He also served many terms as a city alderman. In 1890, he was elected Colorado state treasurer.

Along with all his other interests, Carlile's greatest passion aside from railroading was the cattle business and raising blooded horses. He held interests in a number of liveryies, the most famous being the Dexter Livery. He also owned the Hatch Ranch near Crow and the 3-R Ranch between Beulah and Rye. Carlile, in association with George Babcock, ran a daily express line, as well as the stage from Pueblo to the end of the South Park line at Weston. Always interested in blooded horses and in horse racing, Carlile was the owner of Mineral Park race track and promoted the racing events at the Pueblo County and state fairs.

The Carlile residence remains as a landmark on Pueblo's Southside. As the developer of the area, his home sits prominently at the end of Carlile Place and shares this street with a number of other significant Pueblo residences. The improvements to the house carried out in 1884 make it one of the city's more interesting examples of Queen Anne detailing as applied to frame construction. Of special note are the porches and the first floor bays which add distinction to the otherwise modestly designed gable front house.

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