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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 Nathaniel W. Duke House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1409 Craig Street N/A not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | N/A in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | N/A being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name William Robert Prendergast

street & number 815 West 14th 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 & 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 Colorado 80203

7. Description

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <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 Nathaniel W. Duke House sits on the northwest corner of the intersection of West 14th and Craig streets in Pueblo, Colorado. The 2½-story brick residence was designed in 1889 by Pueblo architect Fred A. Hale in the Queen Anne mode. As is characteristic of the Queen Anne style, the house is asymmetrical in plan and exhibits a plethora of detailing. Prominent features include the broken roof line interrupted by gables and a large oversized three-story tower at the southeast corner of the structure.

The rounded southeast corner of the house wraps around the primary facade to form the massive tower. The first two stories of the tower are brick, with the two levels separated by a continuous stone band that extends around the south wall of the structure, integrating both the lintels and sills of the windows. The third story is composed of a twelve-sided polygon of frame construction, covered with wood shingles in a waved pattern. An oval window is inset in each of five alternating sides. The roof is a twelve-sided pyramid covered with wood shingles and capped with a finial.

Another design feature of the facade is a curved wood bay window located at the second story on the north end of the wall. Atop the bay is a small side gable placed into the main hipped roof. A lunette attic window is set in the center of the gable.

The central entranceway is given focus by the pediment of the one-story verandah which shelters the entrance and extends around the north side of the main block. The pediment is infilled with waved shingles matching that of the tower and front roof side gable. Another entrance onto the porch is located at the southeast corner of the house. The porch has a wood balustrade with wood piers supporting the shed roof. Directly over the central entrance, on the second floor, is a blind arch with stone voussoirs and an oddly placed small rectangular window in the middle.

The north wall has a small gable piercing the main roofline with shingles and a lunette matching that of the front gable.

The south wall is characterized by a projecting bay with an interior chimney inset. A gable projects over the bay, resting on oversized brackets.

A carriage house of brick construction is also within the nominated area and is located to the rear of the property. It is one and one-half story with a multi-gable roof and reflects the styling of the house. It has two large openings on the facade (east wall). A number of small vent-like openings are on the west side with a large opening on the second story's north side, leading into the haymow.

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

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On the corner of Craig and Fourteenth Streets Mr. N. W. Duke is building one of the handsomest homes of which Pueblo can boast. The plans were drawn by Architect Hale, and Pierson & Rinetsen are the contracting builders. The building occupies a plat of ground 120 x 170 feet, and the front of the structure is south and east. It will have twelve large, comfortable rooms, besides the bath, laundry, closets, etc., and it will be supplied with sanitary sewerage, hot and cold water, gas, furnace heat, elevators, and in fact every convenience that heart could desire or architectural skill suggest. Of all the handsome homes now in course of construction in Pueblo, none are more pleasing in appearance than this one, and the handsome cut published elsewhere in this paper will bear out this statement. But pretty as is the exterior, the interior is still prettier. Besides the furnace heat there are nine grates in the building, and the mantels used are really works of art. The first floor is finished throughout in hardwood, the parlor in cherry, the hall in English oak, the sitting room in antique oak and the dining room in natural oak, while the second floor is finished in Georgia yellow pine, which polishes and looks as rich almost as mahogany. The rooms are all very large, and are built with a view to comfort and convenience. Every window in the house will be supplied with French plate or cathedral glass, and from the observatory on the corner can be obtained one of the finest views to be had in the city, commanding a view of almost the entire city and a sweep of the Greenhorn mountain range from Pike's Peak to the Spanish Peaks, with their caps of everlasting snow. Mr. Duke already has his grounds nicely improved, and when his house is completed and ready for occupancy, which will be about the middle of November, it will have cost him about \$30,000 and will be worth every dollar of that sum.

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

The interior as described in the Colorado Chieftain is essentially intact.

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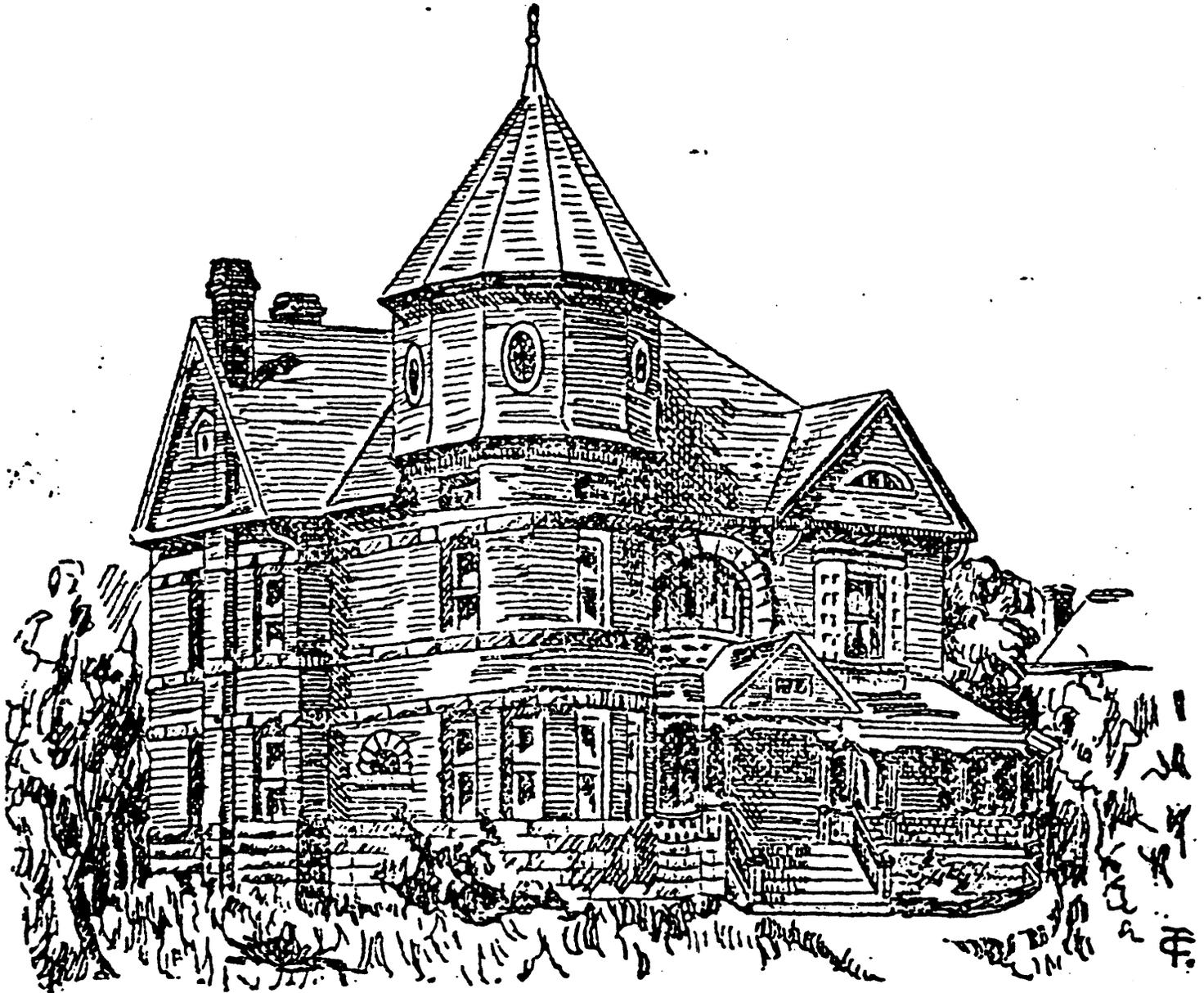
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Residence of N. W. Duke.

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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1889 **Builder/Architect** Fred A. Hale, Architect;
Pierson & Kinetsen, Contracting Builders;
Weston & Bicknell, Superintendents of
Construction

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Nathaniel W. Duke Home is significant for its association with Nathaniel W. Duke, a prominent pioneer businessman and as a well preserved example of Queen Anne styling.

Duke was born in the state of Kentucky in 1846. He moved to Pueblo in 1868 when it was a mere settlement and joined the Thatcher Brothers in their general mercantile store. In 1879, Duke ran for county treasurer and remained in that office for two years. He then formed a partnership with William Orman in the Dexter Livery Stable. Fire destroyed the stable in July, 1875, and the firm was dissolved. In 1876, Duke entered into the grocery business with Charles Henkel as a junior partner with the firm known as the Charles Henkel and Company. As the business grew it evolved into a wholesale grocery operation. Together, Henkel and Duke built one of the most successful wholesale grocery businesses in southern Colorado, serving both Colorado and adjacent territories. The firm carried a stock of \$200,000 and did an annual business of one quarter of a million dollars.

Duke died on December 18, 1893. In his obituary he was eulogized as "one of the best known wholesale grocerymen in the country, his acquaintance being large throughout the East and West. As a businessman, he showed himself to be possessed of unusual judgement and sagacity. In his death, Pueblo loses one of her most highly respected and public spirited citizens" (Pueblo Daily Chieftain, December 18, 1893, p. 5, C 5.). In a letter written by Charles Henkel to the Southern Colorado Pioneers Association on May 25, 1917, Mr. Henkel referred to Duke as "one of the most brilliant businessmen in the State of Colorado."

Following his death, the Duke family continued in the business with Mr. Henkel. Ella, his wife, and son Thomas became officers, and the firm became known as the Henkel-Duke Mercantile Company.

The structure is also a landmark on Pueblo's Northside, being the largest structure in the Craig Subdivision. It is a fine example of the architecture of Fred A. Hale of Denver and exhibits the work of contractors Pierson and Rinetsen and Superintendent of Construction, Weston and Bicknell.

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"Sale of Property," Pueblo Daily Chieftain, December 30, 1888, p. 4.

"Some Building Notes," Pueblo Daily Chieftain, April 6, 1889, p. 3, c. 1.

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