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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
Victor Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Victor Hotel; New Victor Hotel; Bank Block

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4th Street and Victor Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Victor

VICINITY OF

3

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Colorado

08

Teller

119

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENC

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: none

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

New Victor Hotel Corporation

STREET & NUMBER

126 West Bennett Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cripple Creek

VICINITY OF

Colorado

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk & Recorder Teller County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cripple Creek

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

(60/03/0053)

DATE

Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Denver

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at the corner of 4th Street and Victor Avenue in Victor, the Victor Hotel is a semi-detached, rectangular structure, four stories in height, and built of load-bearing brick set over a basement that originally held a bank safe. The main or west facade has five bays, the south facade three bays, though in each case the width of the bays varies since they are subdivided into single or paired windows. The roof is flat, and there are four chimneys.

The secondary features give the structure its characteristic appearance as a turn-of-the-century building. The west and south, or street sides, are made of hard-burned, tan brick, while the north and east sides are simple sand brick. All are laid in courses of stretcher bond. The main entrances and windows are also done in brick, but they are put into arched designs, and there are rounded edges below all the windows. The southwest corner of the building has brick arches that allow for a recessed entrance, which was common on all structures in the Cripple Creek/Victor area. The roof extends three feet beyond the walls and has a boxed cornice with frieze and supporting brackets. The original roof was copper, but this was later replaced with galvanized sheet metal, which was in turn replaced with a tar covering now deteriorated badly. The four chimneys are built into the east and north walls so as not to be seen from the street. The fenestration on the first story has been changed somewhat from the original, but the openings are still the same. The main windows are very large squares or rectangles. The mouldings are simple with rounded brick trim. The second and third story windows are double hung with one over one sash. All are rectangular and generally paired. The fourth story, however, has paired double hung windows that form a broken arch, but again, the even bays of paired windows are interrupted by smaller ones.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bank Block is significant for its association with the commercial life of the mining camp of Victor and for its architectural features which reflect the characteristic style of commercial architecture at the turn-of-the-century. It is also significant for its association with the Woods brothers, who were among the founders of Victor and who played a prominent role in the town's development.

Frank and Harry Woods came out to Colorado from Ohio and eventually got into mining and real estate promotion in Cripple Creek, site of the great gold boom in the early 1890s. A short distance away they bought the so-called Mt. Rosa placer for \$1000 and converted it into a townsite that they named Victor. As the mines in the locale developed into the most important gold-producing area in the state, Victor grew rapidly, particularly as a community inhabited by working-class people. The Woods brothers got control of a number of mines, including the Gold Coin, and became instant millionaires--at least on paper. Then they branched out into other businesses including banking. They established a firm on the corner of 4th and Victor in Victor, but in 1899 came disaster. Many structures in Victor had been built of readily combustible materials, and as happened in most mining towns, a fire broke out, roared through the streets, and destroyed virtually the entire community. Yet Victor rebuilt, and the Woods brothers took this occasion to erect the Bank Block, which they completed on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1899. Over the next few years their bank and several successors operated in the structure, as did many retail and consulting businesses; and of course, there were rooms that could be rented for the night. The Woods brothers, however, eventually overextended themselves and when the Gold Coin began to give out, their fortune dwindled, and they eventually died in poverty. Ironically, "millionaires row" in Colorado Springs was then and now named Woods Avenue for them.

From an architectural perspective the Bank Building manifests the salient characteristics of turn-of-the-century commercial design. The large storefront windows, the bays, and the cornicework above are all typical of Italianate style in commercial buildings but what makes this structure even more important is that it is the largest in Victor, dominating the city streetscape.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Cripple Creek South

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 4,8,7,7,8,0 4,2,8,4,4,5,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

West 50 feet of Lots 17, 18 and 19, Block 12, City of Victor, Teller County, Colorado

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Rodney B. Proffitt, Secretary - Treasurer

ORGANIZATION

New Victor Hotel Corporation

DATE

July 31, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

126 W. Bennett Avenue

TELEPHONE

(303) 689-2503 or (303) 471-2777

CITY OR TOWN

Cripple Creek

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

Arthur C. Jensenud Feb. 21. 1980

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: William H. Bratnam
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 4/10/80

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