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# What's New

in the

## COLORADO STATE REGISTER of HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically listed in the State Register.

### LISTED IN THE STATE REGISTER

#### White School

County Rds. 191 & 30, Kim vicinity

National Register 8/1/2008, 5LA.11139

Built in 1921 and expanded in 1936 under the [Works Progress Administration](#) (WPA), the school exemplifies one-room schools constructed in eastern Las Animas County during the homesteading boom of the 1910s and 1920s. The school addition and its adjacent WPA-constructed barn, intended to store coal and shelter student's horses, reflect Depression era [New Deal](#) efforts

to improve rural education facilities in eastern Las Animas County. The WPA constructed new schools and barns for several rural school districts and repaired the facilities of many others. Constructed for a small school district with minimal matching funds, the project typifies WPA efforts to improve education and to help small communities with limited resources. The buildings are good examples of [WPA Rustic](#) design applied to a simple barn and a school addition. The similarity of the stonework of the original building and the addition shows how WPA construction drew strongly on local building traditions. The stonework displays the labor-intensive, hand-craftsmanship associated with the WPA. The work crew quarried and finished all the stone. Abbey Christman of Colorado Preservation Inc. prepared the nomination. (2007 photograph)



#### Pleasant Valley School

County Rd. 142 just south of US Hwy. 160,

Branson vicinity

National Register 8/13/2008, 5LA.11144

Constructed by the [Works Progress Administration](#) (WPA) in 1938, the Pleasant Valley School presents an important visual record of the federal relief programs administered in Colorado's eastern plains during the Great Depression. Though the dire economic conditions of the Depression affected all of Colorado, drought and dust storms hit the agricultural-based economy of the Eastern Plains especially hard. President Franklin Roosevelt's [New Deal](#) legislative agenda to rescue the United States from the Great Depression included the creation of an unprecedented number of policies, programs, and agencies to provide relief,



employment, conserve natural resources, and assist in construction of public works—all with the greater goal of stimulating the devastated economy. Criticized by some as make-work boondoggles, WPA projects such as the construction of the school provided much-needed employment in an isolated, rural area of Las Animas County where little other work was available. The stonework displays the labor-intensive, hand-craftsmanship associated with the WPA. Abbey Christman of Colorado Preservation, Inc. prepared the nomination. *(2007 photograph)*

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

909 Robinson Ave., Trinidad  
State Register 8/21/2008, 5LA.5906

The work of the prominent architectural firm of [Isaac H. and William M. Rapp](#), the 1907 the building is one of only two churches in Trinidad identified as designed by the Rapp brothers' firm. A well-preserved example of [Romanesque Revival](#) style construction for [religious purposes](#) in Trinidad, the style is reflected in the building's locally quarried rock-faced sandstone walls, simple rectangular plan, semi-circular windows and entrance, vaulted ceiling, square belfry topped by a spire, and stone buttresses.



Mount Carmel, the second Catholic church built in Trinidad, is also significant for its association with the local Italian American community. The church, as reflected in the heritage of its priests and the names of contributors and members, served a predominantly Italian American population and focused its efforts on the Catholics in the western and southwestern parts of the city. Its churchgoers were primarily families headed by workers employed in area coal mines, farms, and railroads. The Italian lodge met in the church, and its members included the priest and the entire Mount Carmel band. Hispanics formed a second, smaller ethnic group served by the church. Front Range Research Associates prepared the nomination. *(2008 photograph)*

### **Ponderosa Lodge**

La Foret Conference and Retreat Center  
6145 Shoup Rd., Colorado Springs vicinity  
National Register 8/29/2008, 5EP.5887

The Lodge is an excellent representation of the master craftsmanship of prominent Denver architect [Jules Jacques Benois Benedict](#). Designed in his “Colorado Alpine” or [Rustic style](#), the 1928 building originally served as the summer home of Alice Bemis Taylor. The planning of large urban and mountain residences constituted the major source of commissions for Benedict throughout his career. His mountain homes represent a blending of the formality he displayed in his urban residences combined with his extensive work in the [Denver Mountain Parks](#). Known for his attention to detail, Benedict's mountain homes and lodges employed native construction material and displayed the finest craftsmanship. Ponderosa Lodge utilized ponderosa pine lumber cut from the western slope of Pike's Peak. The lighting fixtures and fireplace screens throughout the Lodge were constructed of custom hammered iron featuring various western and nature motifs. The elaborate fireplace and outstanding staircase in the main hall form signature elements of Benedict's design. Abby Laine Sienkiewicz of the La Foret Conference and Retreat Center prepared the nomination. *(2008 photograph)*



The **State Register** is a listing of Colorado's significant cultural resources deserving of preservation for the future education and enjoyment of residents and visitors. Properties listed in the State Register include individual buildings, structures, objects, districts and historic and archaeological sites. Over 1,700 individual properties and districts are currently listed in the State Register. The State Register program is administered by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) within the Colorado Historical Society. The Society maintains an official list of all properties included in the State Register. Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically placed in the State Register. Properties may also be nominated separately to the State Register without inclusion in the National Register.

### **NOMINATION CRITERIA**

Criteria for consideration of properties for nomination and inclusion in the State Register include the following:

- The association of the property with events that have made a significant contribution to history;
- The connection of the property with persons significant in history;
- The apparent distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction, or artisan;
- The geographic importance of the property; and
- The possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.

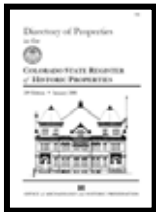
### **BENEFITS OF LISTING**

Listing in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties provides:

- ✓ Formal recognition of a property's importance to the history of the community and the state of Colorado.
- ✓ A body of information for local community planning, tourist promotion, neighborhood revitalization.
- ✓ A sense of community history and pride.
- ✓ Eligibility to compete for grants from the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund. These grants may be used for acquisition and development, education, and survey and planning projects.
- ✓ Eligibility to apply for state tax credits for restoration, rehabilitation, or preservation.
- ✓ Limited protection from state agency actions that would affect the property. Agencies must solicit the comments of the Colorado Historical Society to assure that State Register properties are given consideration in the state planning process.

### **RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS**

The Colorado Historical Society imposes no restrictions as to what private property owners may or may not do with their property as a result of listing. Private property owners may alter or demolish a State Register-listed property subject only to applicable local government regulations and permitting procedures. In some communities, properties listed in the State Register may be automatically designated as local landmarks. Such landmark status may include the local review of proposed changes to the property through the application of design guidelines. A list of Colorado communities with local landmarking programs is available from OAHP and is also posted on the office website at [www.coloradohistory-oahp.org](http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org).



For a complete list of all State Register properties in Colorado, visit our website at [coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/register/directory.htm](http://coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/register/directory.htm)  
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