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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Denver	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Governor's (Executive) Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC: Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 400 East 8th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver

STATE: Colorado CODE: 05 COUNTY: Denver CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Colorado

STREET AND NUMBER: Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tax Assessor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: City and County Building

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Junior League Survey of Historic Denver Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society of Colorado

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mansion, built in 1908, has 27 rooms and stands 2½ stories. The construction is of wood and brick. In addition to the large, well landscaped grounds which possess house nurseries; the Mansion's main attractions are its furnishings. Furniture from the Vatican, Gobelin tapestry from Russia, and a White House chandelier are among the historic pieces. Period furniture in the French Provincial, Louis XIV, and Italian Renaissance style provide the decor for the interior rooms.

The exterior facade of the Mansion is done in the Colonial architectural style. The Mansion and its out buildings occupy approximately a little more than one acre of ground.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1908, the mansion has been the residence of three of Denver's prominent families. Since 1960, the Cheesman-Boettcher residence has been the official mansion of Colorado's Governor.

Walter S. Cheesman, founder of the Denver Union Depot Company, also the city's water works, began work on the site in 1904. He died before the mansion's completion. However, his wife and daughter completed the work in 1908.

Cheesman's daughter, Gladys, married John Evans, II, the son of the Governor and a noted banker. The couple lived in the mansion, possibly until 1926. At this time (1926) Claude Boettcher bought the residence. Claude was the son of the founder of the Great Western Sugar Company.

The Cheesmans, the Evanses, and the Boettchers are considered among Colorado's empire building families.

When Boettcher and his wife died, the house was given to the State of Colorado via the Boettcher Foundation. In 1960, Governor McNichols accepted for the State of Colorado the historic Boettcher mansion.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Denver Dwellings by Davis and Baldwin (1963) pp. 42-3

Denver's Historic Mansions by E. E. Kohl (1957) pp. 247-63

"Colorado's Executive Mansion" pamphlet by State Historical Society of Colorado

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One (1)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Robert Fink

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Colorado DATE: 10-23-69

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Robert Fink*

Title President, Board of Directors

State Historical Society

Date November 5, 1969

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: Insurance Maps of Denver, Colorado by Sanborn Map co.
vol. 1

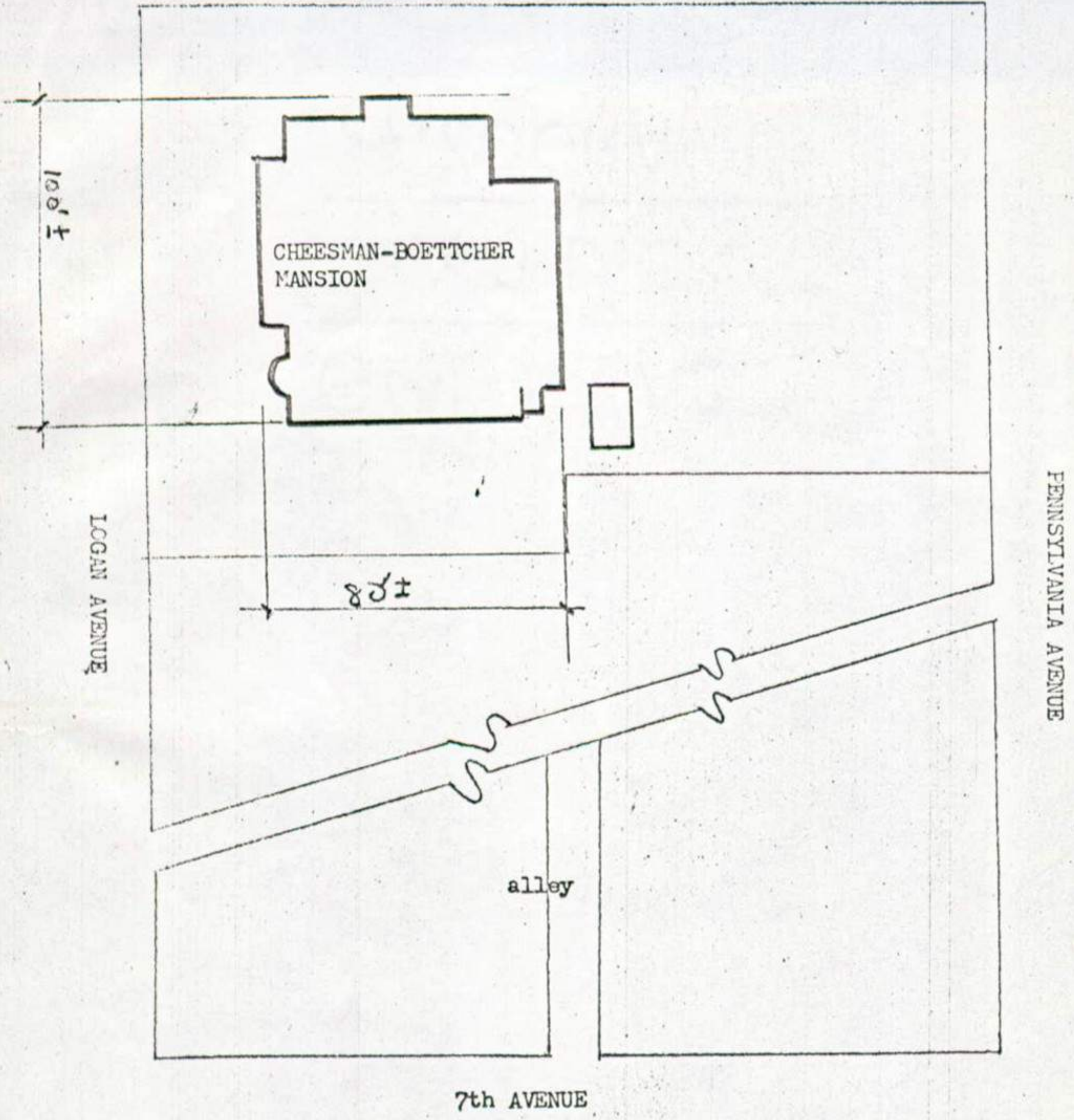
SCALE: 1" = 50'

DATE: 1929

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

#400 8th AVENUE



CHEESMAN-BOETTCHER
MANSION

100'±

85'±

LOGAN AVENUE

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

alley

7th AVENUE

North



Scale: 1"=50'

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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031

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT:

DATE OF PHOTO:

1968

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Colorado State Museum

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View is to the south

