COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

## HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

	NOT FOR FIELD	USE
Eligible		Nominated
Det. Not	Eligible Date	_ Certified Rehab.

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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY:	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH181
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littiecon	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-07-016
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:  ADDRESS: 2575 W ALAMO AVE	OWNER: ADJUSTMENT SPECIALISTS OF COLORADO INC 9350 W CROSS DR #211 LITTLETON CO 80123		
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: People's Congregational Church	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:	BLOCK: 3 LOT(S): 2 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-10 NEGATIVE NO.: BY: Roger Whitacre 18	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1892 ACTUAL: SOURCE:
			Lit. Indep., 6 Aug. 1892
			USE: PRESENT: Offices
			HISTORIC: Church
			CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD  FAIR DETERIORATING
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Dormers added on east and west (1908-1914); porch altered (1939-1949).
		<u> </u>	CONTINUED YES X NO
STYLE: No Style (Vernacular Masonry)			ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
MATERIALS: Brick, Wood, Stone		1890	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Brick building with steeply pitched front gable roof with widely overhanging			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO
eaves; composition roofing; three shingled, gabled dormers with steeply pitched			
roofs and 1/1-light double-hung sash windows on east and west. Brick walls with			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No
sill course; rock-faced stone foundation. Full-width, hipped roof, projecting			NAME:
porch with column supports atop low brick wall with c		log boren	NAME: DATE:
deck; concrete foundation; porch has overhanging eaves with decoratively shaped			
exposed rafters. Slightly off-center entrance with paneled and glazed door with two vertical lights. Segmental arched windows with rock-faced stone sills. Sash			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:
and transom windows with leaded glass in transoms fla			
triple window with taller central window. Corbelled brick chimney on west toward			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:
rear. Pipe and wire fence encloses front yard. CONTINUED? YES X NO			
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			

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ARCHITECT: Unknown

SOURCE:

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STATE ID NO.: 5AH181

ORIGINAL OWNER:

People's Congregational Church

SOURCE:

Littleton Independent, 8-6-1892

THEME (S):

Rail Era: Rail Town Physical

Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): The 1908 Sanborn map indicates that the building, then a church, was one story, with a small porch. Between 1908 and 1914, the building was enlarged to one-and-a-half stories and it was shown in 1914 and 1921 as a dwelling. In 1932 and 1939, the building was indicated as vacant. In 1949, the building was indicated as apartments and had a full-width porch. In 1953, the building was listed in the city directory as owned by Carl A. Paulsen and subsequent directories through 1961 list is as Carl's Apartments (four units). CONTINUED YES NO

Littleton Independent, 10-25-63

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: J.J. Stuart

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):

In May 1892, the Littleton Independent reported that "Mr. Henry Curtis, Sr., made a trade this week with Harry Knight for the corner lot on Melinda and Curtis Sts., and has given the Peoples Congregational church a clear title to it...It will enable the church to go right ahead and build and 'worship under their own vine and fig tree.'" The following month, the Independent noted that Curtis had been successful in collecting money for the church. On 6 August 1892, the newspaper reported that "the People's Congregational church was dedicated last Sunday." Reverend Dr. Fitch was the first pastor. The church was erected by J.J. Stuart. The first Board of Trustees thanked the citizens of Littleton for their donations toward the building fund and stated that "the People's Congregational Church [is] in union and communion with all evangelical churches, especially with the American Union of Congregationalism." The church moved from the building before 1914. The building was a dwelling by 1914 and was vacant by 1932 and continuing through 1939. By 1949, the building had been converted to apartments. The 1953 and later city directories through 1961 indicate that the building was the four-unit Carl's Apartments, owned by Carl A. Paulsen.

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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS

X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS

CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with the history of religious organizations in Littleton as it is the oldest remaining building originally erected as a church within the city, built as the People's Congregational Church in 1892. By 1914, the building had become a dwelling and had been enlarged and remodeled to its present appearance, which reflects popular elements of early twentieth century domestic architecture.

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## REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Littleton Independent, 28 May 1892, 18 June 1892, 6 Aug. 1892; Littleton Historical Museum files; Arapahoe County Assessor records; Colorado Cultural Resource Inventory Record Form, 15 5AH181, 15 June 1982; Littleton Historic Building Record and Evaluation, 2575 W. Alamo, August 1972.

> CONTINUED YES NO Х

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