
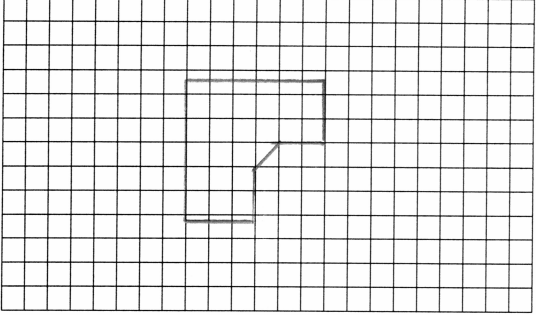


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE			
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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1263
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-16-3-06-011		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Centennial Vacuum and Sewing		OWNER: MCCAUGHEY, BRUCE 5686 S SYCAMORE ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2299 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 16 NW 1/4 SW 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Sommers Oil Service Station		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 29 LOT(S): 1 P ADDITION: STATE ADDITION YR. OF ADDITION: 1889		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 6 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 26	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1922 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Repair Shop HISTORIC: Service Station	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Porch of filling station enclosed; garage door enclosed on east section of building and door covered up; buildings are connected by angled wall; tile roofing replaced with composition. CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: No Style		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Concrete Block; Concrete, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 1305	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X YES NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Commercial building, originally two automobile service station buildings (south filling station and east greasing facility), now joined together with angled wall. Southern section of building has hipped roof with widely overhanging eaves. Front wall of southern section has two thick piers with decorative ornaments which originally held lanterns. Between piers, which originally supported porch, enclosure consists of glazed door flanked by plate glass windows with brick sills; brick under windows and wood panels above windows. Walls composed of layers of wide and narrower blocks. East wall of southern section has wood siding and plate glass window. Angled wall with vertical siding and plate glass window between two sections. Eastern section of building has flat roof with parapet elaborated by coping.			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
			NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown SOURCE:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1263 ORIGINAL OWNER: Sommers Oil Company SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 7-22-38 THEME(S): Colorado Town Form in Early Auto Era, 1920-45		
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): Sanborn maps indicate that this lot held a two-story building, a one time the C. Franzen Saloon, and later a paint shop, which was removed when this building was constructed in 1922. This building was originally two buildings, a service station projecting south and a greasing facility projecting east.				
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): In 1922, Sommers Oil Company of Denver built this station at the coner of S. Sycamore and W. Main streets in Littleton and had a formal opening on June 17. The facility was still listed as Sommers Oil Service Station in 1932. In 1938, the Claude Yowell Service Station was located here. Its motto was "Littleton's Conveniently Located Service Station." Shoppers on Main Street were invited to leave their cars for a complete servicing while visiting the stores. "You waste no time or extra steps this way, and our reliable service will save you expense on car maintenance." Conoco products were offered at the station. The station's architecture was vaguely Spanish, with a tile roof and projecting porch supported by thick piers with globe lanterns. The greasing facility was less ornate, with a parapet roof. The 1959 city directory indicates that Yowell's Conoco Service was still here. In 1962-1965 directories, this was the home of Littleton Glass.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS X CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			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 X CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the development of automobile service businesses in Littleton, having been erected by the Sommers Oil Co. of Denver in 1922. The building, although altered, is representative of service station architecture of the 1920s in its hipped roof service facility with overhanging eaves and thick pier supports and its functional greasing facility with parapet roof.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938; Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1914-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932-1965; Littleton Historical Museum, Photograph Files, #1756.				
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