
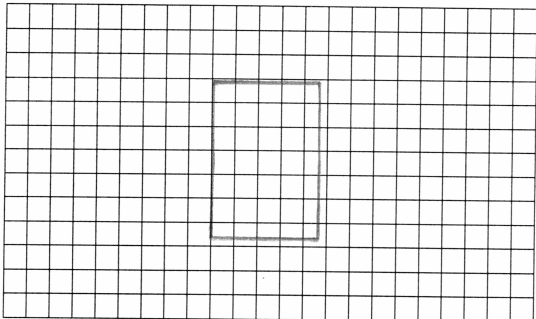


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
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Date _____	

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1264
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-16-3-05-021		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: LittleTown		OWNER: SCISM, JOHN D & CHAPLIN, BONNIE, 50% INT ET AL 2608 N OCEAN BLVD POMPANO BEACH FL 33062		
ADDRESS: 2329 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 16 NW 1/4 SW 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: I.W. Hunt Building		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 28 LOT(S): 1-5 ADDITION: STATE ADDITION YR. OF ADDITION: 1889		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 6 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 28	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1919 SOURCE: Plaque on Building	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial	
			HISTORIC: Commecial-Auto Dealer	
			CONDITION: X EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Setback addition of three stories to rear on north and east with central gabled glazed atrium. Main entrance on Main Street enlarged. Awnings.	
STYLE: Twentieth Century Commercial			STORIES: 1-3	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete			SQ. FOOTAGE: 41067	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Large, rectangular, corner, brick commercial building which includes original building of one story and stepped back addition with central, gabled, glazed atrium. Walls composed of red pressed brick; paneled brick wall piers with white tile insets; concrete foundation. Flat roof with contrasting white concrete coping along roofline; brick piers with concrete caps project slightly above roof. Courses of molded brick with tile insets with letter "H". Central entrance facing Main Street has inset entrance with double wood doors with large rectangular lights and divided transom. Glazed white brick surrounding entrance area. Plaque above entrance inscribed "I.W. Hunt 1919." Flanking entrance are large metal frame plate glass display windows with smooth white concrete sills; clerestory windows; fabric awnings. CONTINUED? YES X NO			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
			NAME: DATE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:				

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1264
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: I.W. Hunt
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Littleton Historical Museum
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 This building was originally one-story and was remodeled and expanded to three stories with a stepped back rear addition visible on the north and east.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 This building was erected by Ivy W. Hunt in 1919 to house his Ford car dealership. Ivy Wood Hunt started his Ford dealership in 1913 and the franchise's region extended south of Denver from the Continental Divide to Deer Trail. A dwelling had been on the site in the early 1900s, but by 1914, the lot was vacant. Hunt's building contained offices, a show room, and an auto parts section. By 1932, the facility included the auto sales room, a garage with 75-car capacity, and a filling station at the southeast corner of the building. The building was indicated as having a wood truss roof and concrete floor. By 1939, the building housed the Ben Anthony Service Station and Chrysler-Plymouth dealership. In 1949, the building was indicated on Sanborn maps as housing a fire extinguisher factory, the Red Comet Fire Extinguisher Co., with offices on the south, a storeroom on the east, and the factory on the west. The Red Comet continued in this location through 1963. Red Comet Fire Extinguisher Company moved its offices to Littleton in 1933 because of its central location, easy access to railroad and mail facilities, and closeness to an airport. Its extinguishers were shipped worldwide. The company began in Denver and then moved to the Ingersoll-Rand buildings north of downtown. In 1943, the business moved into this building, which was purchased from W.C. Sterne. The company was one of the largest employers in Littleton. During World War II, it manufactured extinguishers for military use. In 1949, a fire resulted in \$40,000 in damages to the building, the most destructive blaze in Littleton's history. Undeterred, the company rebuilt and continued operation.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- ☐ REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
☐ POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
☒ REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- ☐ ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
☒ ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
☒ CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with automobile related businesses in Littleton, having been built in 1919 as the I.W. Hunt Ford dealership. The building later served as the headquarters for the Red Comet Fire Extinguisher Company. The building, although altered, is representative of early twentieth century commercial construction for car dealerships through its brick walls with piers and broad front with large display windows.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton Historical Museum files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932-1965; Rocky Mountain News, 16 April 1946; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938; Littleton Sentinel Independent, 3 Dec. 1986 and 29 June 1988; Littleton Times, "Littleton Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," July 1990, 17.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

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