
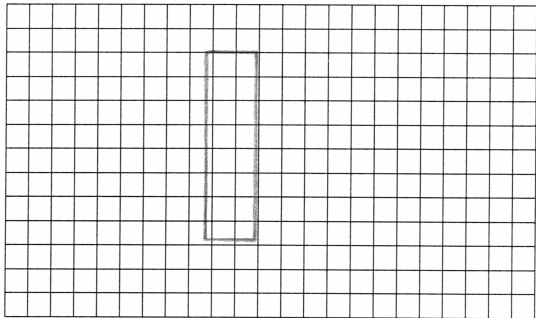


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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.: 5AH1270
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Thomas Building		OWNER: CLK-LLC PO BOX 129 LITTLETON CO 80160		
ADDRESS: 2400 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Thomas Building		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 8 LOT(S): 6 E 1/2 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 9 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 14	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1954 SOURCE: Arapahoe County Assessor	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial	
			HISTORIC: Commercial	
			CONDITION: X EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Painted brick, doors and windows on northeast newer; stucco on south and west walls; covered up entrance on east and on south.	
STYLE: Twentieth Century Commercial			STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
MATERIALS: Brick			SQ. FOOTAGE: 3282	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story rectangular corner commercial building with angled corner on northeast. Flat roof with parapet at center of east wall. Walls composed of buff colored brick; the lower half of the walls to lintel level has been painted. Five storefronts on east with slightly inset entrances with doors with large rectangular lights flanked by plate glass windows with concrete sills. At north end of east wall and including north wall, first story is clad with Roman brick. Angled northeast corner has entrance with metal frame glazed door flanked by sidelights; large plate glass windows on either side of entrance. South wall is stuccoed, with stepped roof with brick coping and paired casement windows. West wall is stuccoed.			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 SOURCE: <hr/> BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown SOURCE:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1270 ORIGINAL OWNER: U.C. Thomas (?) SOURCE: Building Nameplate & Directory THEME(S): Post World War II Era, 1945-Present		
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):				
CONTINUED YES X NO				
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building was erected in 1954 by Ulva Clair Thomas. The 1953 city directory lists U.C. Thomas as having a real estate business here in an earlier building, the eastern corner part of the Culp Block, which had been erected in 1892. Portions of the Culp Building further west still remain. Houstoun Waring stated that "Mr. Thomas had participated in about every civic activity that went on in Littleton after moving here in 1918." Born in Iowa in 1880, he became a partner in his father's mercantile business when he was 13. When his mother contracted tuberculosis in 1897, the family traveled to Boulder in a covered wagon. Thomas returned to Colorado in 1918 and acquired a ranch southeast of Littleton and grew sugar beets and alfalfa. In 1919, he became manager of the Columbine Mercantile Co. and the first grain elevator in Littleton's history was erected under his supervision. In 1922, Thomas purchased the Littleton Hotel and in 1924-25 erected an earlier Thomas Block. Thomas was involved in real estate and insurance, was secretary of the Nevada Ditch Holding Co. for almost 30 years, and was on the board of the Centennial Turf Club. He was president of the Littleton Creamery Assoc., a founder of the Arapahoe County Fair, board member of the YMCA, and a leader of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1955, the new building was divided into two storefronts, both of which were listed as vacant. In 1959, this building housed Littleton Stationers and Printers, which continued to occupy the building through 1965.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is less than 50 years old and has not yet achieved historical significance.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1949; Littleton City Directories, 1953-1965; Littleton Historical Museum Files, Biographical File, U.C. Thomas.				
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SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: October 1997		