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

## HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

ADDITIONAL PAGES:

YES

X NO

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

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY:	CITY:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1272	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-06-004	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Family Bar and Restaurant  ADDRESS: 2410 W MAIN ST	TEN 1836 W LAI	OWNER: GRIFFITH, RONALD K & BARBARA T JT		
ADDRESS: 2410 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: Culp Block/Theater	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAM	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street	BLOCK: 8 ADDITION: LITTLET		OT(S): 6 W 1/2, 7 P YR. OF ADDITION: 1872	
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 9 BY: Roger Whitacre  NEGATIVE NO.: 12	LOCATION OF NEGAT	Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1892 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 5-2-91	
R	Nicy RES AURA and BRA		USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Restaurant  HISTORIC: Commercial-Store, Theater  CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD	
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STYLE: No Style	ST 1		ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stucco		076	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story flat roof commercial building. Lower walls brick with brick planters which angle inward toward contains an enclosed glazed vestibule projection with glazed sign in upper part of vestibule. Plate glass rectanged horizontally on front flanking entrance. Above entransports	center entrance. E metal frame doors; gular windows orien ance projection is	ed Roman Entrance ; neon inted flat	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES X NO  LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: NO  NAME: DATE:	
canopy which shelters lower part of building. Above and has projecting thin vertical wood strips and resta		tuccoed A	ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
CONTINUED? YES X NO			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1272
	Unknown SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: S.T. Culp SOURCE:
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: J.P. Warner	Littleton Independent, 5-2-91
	SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 4-2-92	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
Historical Background, Cont.--S.T. Culp was a jeweler from Canada who eventually owned 13 stores on Main Street. He built
a mansion costing \$10,000 (razed). According to Houstoun Waring, Culp was "the town's outspoken character."

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): In May 1891, the Littleton Independent reported that "S.F. Culp has bought F.W. Ostrander's lot, and intends building and filling all of Culp block, making in all five stores." It appears that the Culp block was constructed in stages during 1891 and 1892. (One portion of the original block east of this section of the building was torn down and a new building erected in 1954.) The 1893 Sanborn map shows this building as being divided into two businesses, a boot and shoe store on the east and a grocery store on the west. In 1900, the Sanborn map indicates that the building had a boot and shoe stoe on the west and a meat market on the east. The 1905 city directory lists the Fox & Stuart dry goods business and the D.L. Nester shoe store in the building. On the 1908 Sanborn, the building is shown housing a boot and shoe store and a millinery. By 1914, one side of the building (east) was vacant and the other held the boot and shoe store. A big change to the building was apparent by the 1921 Sanborn map, when a motion picture theatre was contained in the building. This was the Lux Theater, the first movie theater created in Littleton in 1915. The theater showed three silent films each week in the 1920s and the first talkie in 1928. The theater was gone by 1932 and the building was listed in the city directory as vacant. By 1939, the Grand Theatre, managed by A.N. Beezley, was operating in the building and continued into the 1940s. By 1953, the theater was known as the Vogue, which was also listed here in 1955. Houstoun Waring reported that the theater closed as a result of the Woodlawn Theater opening. The Family Bar was listed in the building in 1959, becoming the Family Bar and Restaurant in 1961 and known as the Family Restaurant and Bar today.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

 ${\tt ARCHITECTURAL \ SIGNIFICANCE:}$ 

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
REPRESENTS A TYPE PERIOD OR ME

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:

Alterations to this building have diminished its historic integrity.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932-1965; Littleton Independent, 21 March 1891, 2 May 1891, 14 May 1891, 4 Feb. 1987, 2, 2 April 1892; Littleton Times, Littleton Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, July 1990, 12; Houstoun Waring, "Hous's Littleton" (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981); Bemis Public Library Clipping Files, Houstoun Waring Columns; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph file, #906.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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