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

# HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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Eligible Det. Not	Eligible Nominated  Certified Rehab.  Date

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1281	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapanoe	Littlecon	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-07-007	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Antiques Vintage  ADDRESS: 2500 W MAIN ST	200 ROLL	OWNER: KAMPHAUSEN, BUCK  200 ROLLINGWOOD DR  VALLEJO CA 94591		
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: Kauer Block	U.S.G.S. QUAD NA	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street	BLOCK: 3 ADDITION: LITTLET	BLOCK: 3 LOT(S): 6 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-8 NEGATIVE NO.: BY: Roger Whitacre 34	LOCATION OF NEGAT	Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1899	
			SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 6-16-99	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial	
MAIN.	Han L		CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING  EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Shingled mansard; painted brick; storefront alterations; cornice gone.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Nineteenth Century Commercial	STO 2		ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stone, Wood		3000	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Rectangular two-story pressed brick corner commercial building with molded brick cornice; also shopfront cornice. Shingled mansard overhangs first story.			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:	
Painted brick walls; stone foundation. Pilasters divide upper story into four bays; each bay has two 1/1-light double-hung sash windows with shared lava stone sill. Course of molded brick terminates bays. Similar windows on second story of east wall; first story is stuccoed. First story divided into two storefronts.			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: NO NAME: DATE:	
Each storefront has a metal frame glazed door with the storefront are paired plate glass windows extending to upper story. Architectural tile under windows. Entra wood and glazed door flanked by glass block sidelights architectural tile.	oward central entrance to second stor	rance to Tary has	ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:  IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO	CONTINUED: 1E3	X NO		

# PLAN SHAPE:

ARCHITECT: F.C. Eberley

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Littleton Independent, 6-16-99

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ORIGINAL OWNER: August Kauer

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

T.F. Jull

THEME(S):

Rail Era: Rail Town Physical

Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): The building was "modernized" by owner George Malcolm.

SOURCE .

CONTINUED YES

X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): The Kauer Block was erected in 1899 by August Kauer at a cost of more than \$8,000. Kauer had acquired the lot in 1898, which had been occupied by "an unsightly hole in the ground" since about 1893. F.C. Eberle of Denver was the architect and T.F. Jull of Littleton the contractor. The two-story, 50'X60' building was constructed of brick with a lava stone basement and trim. The first floor was divided into two storefronts, with the east one used by Kauer for his meat market and the other rented to another merchant. Kauer used the basement for making sausage and curing meat, while the second floor was divided into two residence suites, one of which was occupied by Kauer and the other rented. The "Independent" featured a picture of the building in 1903 and described it as "one of Littleton's leading structures." The 1905 city directory showed the building occupied by Kauer and Kinkel Meats and W.H. Caley Groceries. Caley, a University of Michigan Law School graduate, was a lawyer who served as Littleton Town Attorney in 1908-09. He died in a mine accident in 1918. Sanborn fire insurance maps show a meat market and grocery sharing the first floor of the building through 1932. In 1932 the city directory listed Pieper's Market in the corner store with Mrs. Edith Kauer living on the second floor with two other residents. By 1939, the Service Drug Co. (T.K. McCain, prop.) was in the corner storefront, with Moore's Grocery (C. L. Moore, prop.) and Lemcke Meat Market (Rudolph Lemcke, prop.) to the west, and the Malcolm Apartments on the second floor. The grocery and meat market continued in the building until the early to middle 1960s. The Service Drug was replaced by Sell 4 Less Drug, Rudy C. Hornstein, prop., from 1942-1983. The drug store featured a soda fountain, veterinary supplies, and racing forms and was where everyone gathered. CONTINUED YES X NO

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
- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
- X CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with the historic development of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1899 by August Kauer to house his meat market and another store, as well as upstairs residences. The building was one of the finer examples of commercial architecture in Littleton during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, having been designed by Denver architect F.C. Eberly. The building, although altered, represents the nineteenth century commercial style through its two-story height, brick construction, molded cornice, double-hung windows with stone sills, and first story storefronts with large display windows.

CONTINUED YES X NO

### REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1900-1949; Littleton Independent, 4 Nov. 1898, 16 June 1899, 31 July 1903, Anniversary Edition 1963; Littleton Historical Museum files, People and Places Index and Photograph Collection; Littleton Sentinel-Independent, 13 Jan. 1989.

CONTINUED YES

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

AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

DATE: October 1997

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