COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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## HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY:	CITY:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1287	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-07-015	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Colorado Stained Glass  ADDRESS: 2550 W MAIN ST	OWNER: SCHWARZENBERGER, JOHN D 1/2 INT, ET AL 2540 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120			
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: Kraft Building	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAM			
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street	BLOCK: 3 LOT(S): 8 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872			
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-8 BY: Roger Whitacre 26	LOCATION OF NEGAT Littleton Hist. M		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1903 SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 10-16-03	
		Ш, 11	USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial	
			CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD  FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:   MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Painted brick; storefront altered; second story transoms covered.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Nineteenth Century Commercial	STC 2	1 -	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stone, Wood	100	. FOOTAGE:	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story rectangular brick commercial building with flat roof with molded brick near roofline and corbelled brick cornice. Walls composed of painted brick;			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:	
stacked Roman brick below second story sill line; deco second story windows; sill course on second story. Of bay clad with vertically incised wood paneling; door w light. Flanking entrance are plate glass display wind	orative string cour ff-center, inset en with large rectangu	entrance	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: NO NAME: DATE:	
covered with wood paneling. Upper story features four double-hung sash windows with rock-faced stone sills; arched transoms which are covered up. Projecting sign	tall, narrow, 1/1-light windows have segmental		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO	
	CONTINUED? YES	X NO	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO				

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1287
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry Kraft SOURCE:
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	Litt. Independent, 10-16-03
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):

CONTINUED YES х NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): Henry Kraft erected this building in 1903. Planned initial tenants included Fox and Stuart "dry goods, notions, ladies and gents furnishings, dishes, dolls, toys, and Christmas goods of all kinds." The proprietors of the firm were Mrs. S.J. Fox and Miss J.I. Stuart. The Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft had a meeting hall on the second floor of the building. By 1905, E.W. Page operated the Page Brothers Bowling Alley in the building; Fox and Stuart were then located elsewhere. The 1908 Sanborn fire insurance map showed "billiards" in the northern part of the building, with a long one-story bowling alley extending off the rear of the building. These uses apparently continued through the late 1940s: in 1932, the Page Billiard Hall occupied this location; in 1939, Recreation Pool was listed here; and in 1949, the Sanborn fire insurance map still showed the rear bowling alley. According to Houstoun Waring, the "Littleton Independent" newspaper (located in the building to the east) bought this building from Chester Tyler in 1955. The bowling alley was removed to house the paper's job printing department; the pool hall remained in the building until 1973.

> 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

Х CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with the historic commercial and recreational development of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1903 by Henry Kraft, and having housed a dry goods store, a bowling alley, and a billiard hall. The building is also associated with the fraternal and social life of the town, as it included an upstairs hall where the Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft met. The building, although altered, reflects commercial construction of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Littleton through its brick construction with flat roof, corbelled cornice, first floor store front, and the segmental arched windows with stone sills of the upper story.

> CONTINUED YES Х NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932, 1939, 1953-65; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1900-1949; Littleton Independent, 16 Oct. 1903; 4 Sept. 1903; and 4 Dec. 1903; Houstoun Waring, "Hous's Littleton," (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981), Ch. 2; Littleton Historical Museum files.

> CONTINUED YES Х NO

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