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 I	FIELD	USE	
 Eligible Det. Not	Eligible		Nominated Certified	Rehab.

PROJECT NAME: Littleton His	COUNTY:	CITY:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1290	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-04-020
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Fritter's Cafe/Remember Who	OWNER: J & M REEVES ASSOCIATES LLC 2072 W RIDGE RD LITTLETON CO 80120			
Littleton, CO 80	0120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: Batschelet Building	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'			
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Ma:	BLOCK: 4 LOT(S): 18, 19-20 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872			
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 7 BY: Roger Whitacre	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1908 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38	
				USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial
				CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING
		Amiques		EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: First story storefronts restored after 1955. Painted brick.
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STYLE: Twentieth Century Cor	S 2	STORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Wood		Q. FOOTAGE:	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Rectangular, two-story, flat	CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X YES NO			
cornice and frieze with dent windows. Brick walls have o	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: Yes			
course of brick with stone				
entrances on front wall with		pular lights and transoms.		NAME: Littleton DATE: 11-15-1994
Plate glass display windows awnings. Evenly spaced 1/1- architrave lintels.				ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO
	3 X NO	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:		

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1290	
	Unknown SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	ORIGINAL OWNER: E.F. Batschelet SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 7-22-38	
	Unknown		
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920	

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): First floor converted to garage/auto sales between 1914 and 1921. One-story addition added across width of rear between 1921 and 1932.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): The Littleton Independent reported in 1908 that E.F. Batschelet had erected his business block on Main Street next to the H.H. Lilley block. Edward F. Batschelet operated a large ranch at Sedalia, Colo. He died in 1912. In 1908, the building was divided into two storefronts on the first story (with an unspecified store on the west side and a clothing store on the east), with a hall occupying the second story. In 1912, Dr. Walter A. Palmer of Castle Rock sold the Batschelet Block to George E. Nickel. A dry goods store was located in the west part of the first floor in 1914. By 1921, reflecting the growing importance of the automobile, the lower floor of the building had been converted to a garage. The 1932 and 1939 city directories showed C.E. Stephenson Motor Co. in the building, with Stephenson Hall on the second floor. C.E. Stephenson was the owner of the Dodge-Plymouth dealership and had operated an auto business in Littleton since 1915. Stephenson was born in Silverton, Colo., in 1888, and was educated in the Denver Public Schools. He married Jessie R. Edgerton in Littleton in 1916. Stephenson worked for Leyner Engineering (1905-12) as an auto mechanic for Goehring Garage (1912-1914), and was a partner with I.W. Hunt in a garage/car dealership (1914-17). He was mayor of Littleton (1926-1928), as well as chief of the fire department and president of the Littleton Optimists. A one-story, full-width rear addition for repairing cars was constructed between 1921 ando 1932. The 1953 city directory listed the Heckethorn Manufacturing and Supply Co. in the building and large letters spelling "H E C O" were displayed on the facade. Heckethorn made hardware, pulleys, war medals, and other metal products. During the late 1950s and early 1960s Shopper's Mart occupied this building. CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS

X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is significant for its association with the development of commerce in Littleton, having been erected by prominent businessman E.F. Batschelet, for almost 90 years it has housed businesses such as dry goods and clothing stores and an automobile dealership/garage. The building is representative of twentieth century commercial construction in Littleton, as reflected in its brick construction, prominent cornice, first story storefronts, and evenly spaced double-hung windows with continuous sill course on the second story.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1908-49; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, and 1953-1963; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, #2006, 2621, and 583 and People and Places file, C.E. Stephenson and Roy E. Batschelet; Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938, 20 August 1948, 8 July 1971

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YES

X NO