
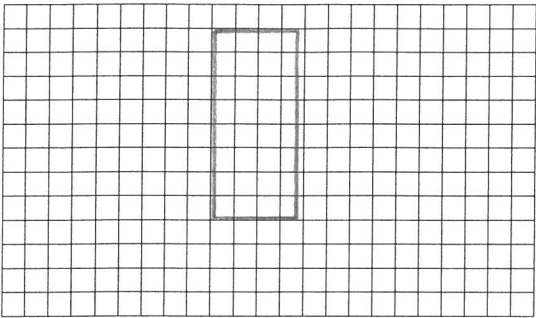


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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.: 5AH1302
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-08-011		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Vintage [Part]		OWNER: VINTAGE AUTO BODY INC  2676 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2676 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Bussard Motor Co.		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 2 LOT(S): 15 P, 16 ADDITION: HILLS RESUB BK 2 YR. OF ADDITION: N/A		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 8 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 4	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1929 SOURCE: Arapahoe County Assessor
				USE: PRESENT: Commercial
				HISTORIC: Commercial
				CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING
				EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Painted brick; awning; new display windows and door; gas pump gone; newer garage door.
STYLE: No Style		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick		SQ. FOOTAGE: 6856	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story brick commercial building with flat roof with stepped parapet; skylights on roof. Painted brick walls. Facade divided by brick piers. Toward west are two large plate glass display windows. Glazed door east of windows. At eastern end of front is large overhead garage door. Continuous fabric awning above doors and windows.		INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO		
		CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO		
		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No		
		NAME: DATE:		
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:		
		IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:		
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		CONTINUED? YES X NO		

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1302
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE:
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Colorado Town Form in Early Auto Era, 1920-45
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): According to the Arapahoe County Assessor, this building was constructed in 1929. The building is not on the 1921 Sanborn fire insurance map but is present on the 1932 edition. In the latter year, the building is labeled "auto sales and service." The 1932 Littleton city directory identified this as the location of Bussard Motor Co., G.D. and J.M. Bussard, proprietors. Another auto dealership was located in the building by 1939: C.E. Stephenson Motor Co., a Dodge-Plymouth dealership. Charles Emmett Stephenson was born in Silverton, Colorado, in 1888 and educated in the Denver public schools. He worked at Leyner Engineering Works (1905-12), as an auto mechanic at the Goehring Garage (1912-14), and was a partner with I.W. Hunt (1914-17). Stephenson married Jessie R. Edgerton in 1916 and the following year started his Dodge-Plymouth dealership, which he operated until 1941. He was mayor of Littleton from 1926 to 1928, fire chief, and president of the Littleton Optimists Club. Roth-Burk Motor Co. (later Roth Motor Co.) succeeded Stephenson as the Chrysler-Plymouth agency and operated in this location until 1965. Mr. and Mrs. Orville O. Roth were the owners and operators. Orville Roth came to Littleton in 1944 and had the Chrysler-Plymouth dealership until 1958. He also sold the Hillman and Sunbeam English cars. Roth then operated the Studebaker agency for five years and dealt in International Scouts. When Roth Motors closed in 1965, it was the last auto dealership still operating on Main Street, which once had eight new car dealerships, including one which employed 23 car salesmen.		
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 X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the history of automobile-related businesses in Littleton, having been erected in 1929 as an automobile sales and service company, and continuing to serve as a auto dealership for many years. The building reflects auto dealership construction of the early twentieth century through its brick walls, stepped parapet, large garage entrance, and display windows.		
CONTINUED      YES      X      NO		
REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Arapahoe County Asessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 19219; Littleton Historical Museum files; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938 and 20 August 1948; Arapahoe Herald, 21 Sept. 1965.		
CONTINUED      YES      X      NO		
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