
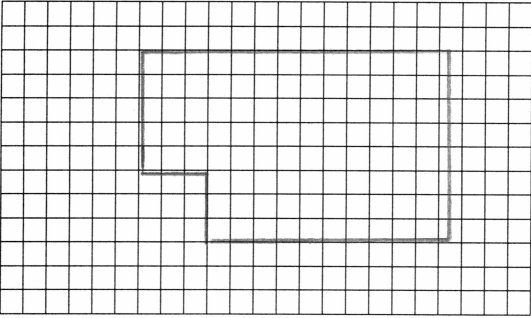


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH281
		TEMPORARY NO.: N/A		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: U.S. Post Office-Littleton		OWNER: U.S. Postal Service 5753 S. Prince St. Littleton CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 5753 S PRINCE ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: U.S. Post Office-Littleton		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 8 LOT(S): 1-5 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-12 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 6	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1939 SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 8-20-48	
			USE: PRESENT: Post Office HISTORIC: Post Office	
			CONDITION: X EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Large addition on north.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Colonial Revival		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE:	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story brick post office building. Original portion of building has side gable roof, while addition on north has flat roof. Stone cornice with dentil molding. Gable faces clad with lap siding and have dentil molding and half-fan windows. Center cupola topped by weather vane has wood base, metal roof, 6/6-light double-hung windows, and fluted pilasters. Central double door entrance on east flanked by wood columns supporting frieze; arch above door ornamented with cast bronze eagle. Iron light posts flank stairs leading to entrance. Stone water table; window well and stairs to basement door on south. Windows are 12/1-light double-hung sash with stone lintels and sills. Addition on north with walls taller than the original building has stone coping. Wrought iron fence in front; parking on south and rear. CONTINUED? YES X NO			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Louis A. Simon, Supervising Arc. SOURCE: Cornerstone BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Wickes Engineering & Const. SOURCE: Hist. & Arch. Signif. Survey	STATE ID NO.: 5AH281 ORIGINAL OWNER: U.S. Treasury Department SOURCE: Hist. Arch. Significance Survey THEME(S): Colorado Town Form in Early Auto Era, 1920-45		
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): Lobby has limestone wainscoting. In 1950, an addition to the north side of the building was completed. The mural is now located in Littleton's city council chambers.				
CONTINUED YES X NO				
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building was erected in 1939 at a cost of \$53,000 utilizing Works Progress Administration funds. The building was built by the U.S. Treasury Department, with Louis A. Simon listed as supervising architect and Neal A. Melick, supervising engineer. It was one of 408 post offices built by the federal government during the 1930s and was the major public works project of the Depression era in Littleton. A major feature of the interior was a large mural painted by WPA artist John Fraser, who drew inspiration from issues of the Littleton Independent for his work. Fraser won a nationwide competition with his mural, "Littleton, Colorado," which was featured in Life magazine. In 1948, the mural was referred to as Littleton's "only nod to public art." The post office served Douglas, Jefferson, and Arapahoe county residents with three rural routes, a star route, a mounted city route, and two city carriers by 1948. In 1950, a large addition was added to the north to meet expanded needs of the facility.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the history of mail service in Littleton, having been erected in 1939 as the post office and continuing in that role today. The building is also associated with Depression era public works projects, having been erected with WPA funds. The building, although altered, represents the Colonial Revival style in its gabled roof with center cupola, symmetrical facade with evenly spaced multi-light double-hung sash windows, and elaborated entrance.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, #1382; Littleton Independent, 20 Aug. 1948 and 12 Apr. 1985; Historic, Architectural & Archeological Significance Survey form, Littleton Main Post Office, 1984.				
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