
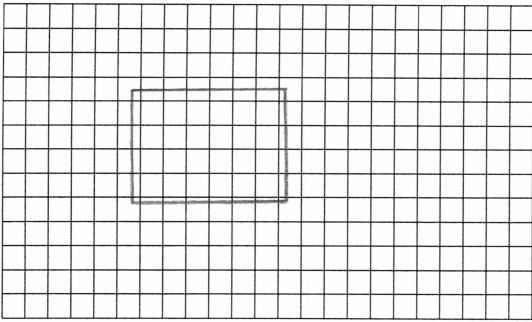


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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| 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.: 5AH1375 |
| CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Weston Masonic Temple | | OWNER: WESTON MASONIC TEMPLE ASSN INC 5718 S RAPP ST LITTLETON CO 80120 | | |
| ADDRESS: 5718 S RAPP ST Littleton, CO 80120 | | TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 | | |
| HISTORIC NAME: Weston Masonic Temple | | U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15' | | |
| DISTRICT NAME: | | BLOCK: 2 LOT(S): 17-20 P ADDITION: HILLS RESUB BK 2 YR. OF ADDITION: N/A | | |
| FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 5 BY: Roger Whitacre | NEGATIVE NO.: 6 | LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus. | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1921 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38 | |
|  | | | USE: PRESENT: Fraternal Lodge HISTORIC: Fraternal Lodge | |
| | | | CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING | |
| | | | EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Windows of first story painted over on southern bay of front. | |
| | | | CONTINUED YES X NO | |
| STYLE: Classical Revival | | STORIES: 2 | ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE: | |
| MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete, Wood | | SQ. FOOTAGE: N/A | NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY | |
| ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Solid, rectangular, two-story brick fraternal lodge with flat roof, stepped down toward rear, topped by molded cornice on front. Building divided into three bays by engaged brick pilasters. Central bay contains projecting portico with unadorned columns supporting pediment sheltering double paneled and glazed doors; raised concrete porch base. Above portico is plaque inscribed "Weston Lodge No. 22 AF&M Manzanita Chapter OE 9685." Above plaque is panel of decorative variegated brickwork in checkerwork pattern with central terra cotta inset with Masonic symbol. Above this is plaque inscribed "Masonic Temple." Northern bay has paired, 1/1-light, double-hung windows with brick sills and brick lintels with colored plaques with Masonic emblem in center. Southern bay has similar paired windows on second story and shorter paired windows on first story. | | | INDIVIDUAL: X YES 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.: | |

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| PLAN SHAPE:  | | ARCHITECT: Harry G. Thomas (?) | | STATE ID NO.: 5AH1375 | |
| | | SOURCE: Weston Lodge No. 22 History, 79. | | ORIGINAL OWNER: Weston Masonic Lodge | |
| | | BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown | | SOURCE: Waring, Hous's Littleton. | |
| | | 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): This building was erected by Littleton's Weston Masonic Lodge in 1921, at a cost of \$25,000. The Littleton lodge was organized in 1872 by Grand Master Henry M. Teller of Central City. The lodge was named after Allyn Weston, who published a Masonic magazine in Detroit before coming to Colorado in 1860. He practiced law in Central city in 1860-1863 and was elected Grand Master of the Masons, the second in Colorado, in 1862. Weston returned to New York City, where he died in 1869. Joseph W. Bowles was first worshipful master of the Littleton lodge. In the beginning the group rented the second floor of J.D. Hill's general store for their lodge rooms for \$200 per year. The Masons sublet the space at times to the Patrons of Husbandry. By 1914, the lodge was hoping to erect its own building and \$1040 was set aside for a building fund. A building committee was appointed in December 1919. In October 1920, I.W. Hunt donated a building site and offerings were received for labor, painting, decorating, and electrical materials at cost, as well as donations of \$2437.76. Work on the building started on 24 March 1921 and the cornerstone was laid on 23 March. The building was dedicated on 19 November 1921. John R. Hoskin, a local blacksmith, crafted the square and compass above the temple entrance. The first meeting was held in the building on 20 August 1921. Orville C. Hoffman was Master in 1921. The building continues to serve the Weston Masonic Lodge today. | | | | | |
| CONTINUED YES X NO | | | | | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): | | | | | |
| ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: | | HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: | | | |
| REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER | | ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS | | | |
| POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES | | X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS | | | |
| X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION | | CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT | | | |
| STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is significant for its association with the history of fraternal organizations in Littleton, having been erected in 1921 as the Weston Masonic Lodge and continuing to operate in that capacity. The building's architecture is significant in Littleton, representative of the Classical Revival style through its substantial size, flat roof with molded cornice, engaged pilasters, and classical portico. The building's terra cotta ornamentation and decorative brickwork add to its significance. | | | | | |
| CONTINUED YES X NO | | | | | |
| REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Houstoun Waring, Hous's Littleton (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981); Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, #908; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1921-1949; "Weston Lodge No. 22 AF&AM, Littleton, Colorado, 1872-1973," on file at Littleton Historical Museum; Littleton Historical Museum, People and Places Index. | | | | | |
| CONTINUED YES X NO | | | | | |
| SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons | | AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc. | | DATE: October 1997 | |