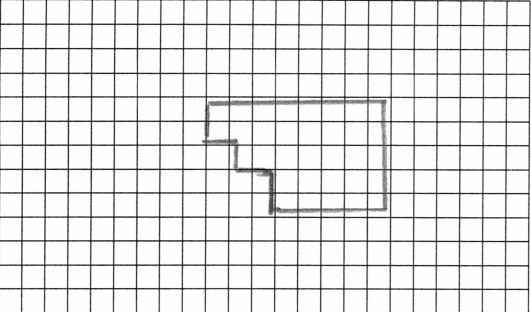




PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1238
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Robert H. Nelson
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 1963
SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920	

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

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):

This building was erected as a steam laundry in 1904 after an earlier laundry in a building at the southwest corner of S. Nevada and Low burned. The owner quickly rebuilt and the firm is listed in the 1905 city directory as the Littleton Steam Laundry, Robert H. Nelson, proprietor. A display add noted: "steam carpet cleaning a specialty." The building stood vacant in 1914, but by 1921 (when the property was numbered 267 S. Curtice St.) the building had been greatly expanded with an L-shaped addition on the west and north. The older part is labeled a "gate factory" and the newer part a "lumber & gate warehouse." The Master Farm Gate Company is shown at the facility in 1921. By 1932, the National Gate Co. was housed in the building, with N.W. Peters, manager. The company produced Master Gates. The 1949 Sanborn insurance map shows the Ferris Engineering Company in the premises with a tool and die factory and a machine shop. Later occupants included Albee & Dunn Metal Products (1953) and F.A. Heckendorf, Inc., general contractors. In the 1980s, photographer Art Gore had a gallery in the building.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER  
 POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES  
 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 development of industry in Littleton, having housed a steam laundry initially and later a gate factory. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Bemis Public Library Clipping files; Littleton City Directories, 1905, 1932, 1939, 1953, 1961, 1965; Littleton Independent, 25 Oct. 1963.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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