COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

	NOT FOR FIELD USE
Eligible Det. Not	Eligible Nominated Certified Rehab. Date

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PROJECT NAME: Littleton H	Historic Buildings 7 (#97-01-082)	COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1238	
	(#97-01-002)			TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-13-005	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Colors! Art Gallery		2170 W PI	OWNER: MASON, THEDA E 2170 W PINERIDGE AVE		
ADDRESS: 5789 S CURTICE ST Littleton, CO 80120		LITTLETON CO 80120 TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W		W SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: Littleton Steam Laundry		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAM		22 1/1 51 1/4	
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 11 ADDITION: LITTLET	BLOCK: 11 LOT(S): 9-11 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-12 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 24	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Littleton Hist. Mus. ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1904		ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1904	
				SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 10-25-1963	
		but .	USE: PRESENT: Art Gallery		
1	回		HISTORIC: Laundry		
	Sv.		CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING		
		**		EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Various types of siding; window	
	7.3			alterations; additions.	
				CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: No Style		ST 1	TORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Stucco, Metal, C	Concrete, Wood		Q. FOOTAGE: 3124	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Long one-story flat roof bu		standing seam metal	1 on north	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:	
Long one-story flat roof building. Walls clad with standing seam metal on north part; middle walls have smooth stucco; southern walls have textured stucco. Concrete foundation. Multi-light paneled and glazed door on south section; slab				YES NO	
door in middle; glazed door with wood frame on north part. Windows are mostly				LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
plate glass; middle part has brick sills; north part has plate g surrounds and 1/1-light double-hung sash. Overhang shelters wal			ith wood	NAME: DATE:	
	mercer	Oren.	ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO		
		CONTINUED? YES	X NO	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES	S X NO			-	

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1238
	Unknown SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Robert H. Nelson SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 1963
	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):

CONTINUED YES NO X

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 Х 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 Х NO

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