
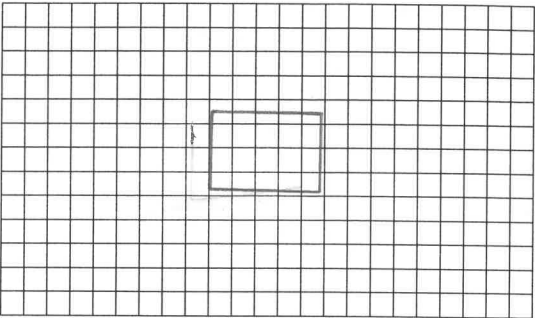


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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.: 5AH193
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		OWNER: WEISBROT, EDWARD J 5621 S NEVADA ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 5621 S NEVADA ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Murrell/Prescott Hse./Saar Ho.		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 4 LOT(S): 8 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-14 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 28	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1891 SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 3-4-1976	
			USE: PRESENT: Residence-Multi-family HISTORIC: Residence-Single Family	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Stucco on first story; new shingles on oriel window; newer chimney.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Queen Anne		STORIES: 3	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Wood, Stucco, Brick		SQ. FOOTAGE: 3338	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Massive, three-story asymmetrical frame dwelling with hipped roof with hipped projection on front; widely overhanging eaves with exposed rafters; wood shingle roofing. Brick chimney toward rear appears newer. Walls of first story clad with textured stucco. Upper two stories clad with variegated shingles. Full-width one-story porch with hipped roof has cut and sawn frieze and slender, rounded supports; wood porch floor. Center entrance with transom above door. Windows are mostly tall, narrow, 1/1-light double-hung sash with architrave lintels. Horizontal window at center of second story. Bay window on facade next to entrance. Oriel window on north clad with newer shingles.			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
CONTINUED? YES X NO			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? X YES NO TYPE: 2 Apartments IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.: 5AH	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO				

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH193
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: William T. Murrell
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 4 Mar. 1976
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 Sanborn maps for 1893, 1900, and 1908 do not include this area. In 1914, the house was three stories, with a brick first story and a full-width porch. One newspaper (South Suburban Sentinel) reports that the house was enlarged by two stories after 1905.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 This house was reportedly erected by William T. Murrell in 1891. Murrell's name does not appear in the 1905 city directory for Littleton. In that year, the house was acquired by Daniel Prescott. Daniel Prescott was described as "one of the foremost legal advisers in the state of Colorado." He was born in 1852 in Illinois and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1878. He married Eleanor Manning in Michigan in 1879. After marriage, the couple came west to Wyoming, where Prescott practiced law for five years. The Prescotts moved to Denver in 1890 and to Littleton in 1904. Prescott was Arapahoe County's first assistant district attorney and served as Arapahoe county attorney. His daughter, Katherine, married Edwin Bemis in this house in 1911. Daniel Prescott died in 1915. In the 1920s, the house was remodeled into a hotel known as the Duman Hotel and later the Saar Hotel, where it served weekly luncheons to the Rotary Club in the 1930s. John W. Hamilton purchased the house about 1946 and turned it into a boarding house. About 1980, the house was purchased by the current owner Ed Weisbrot.

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
 ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
 CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is significant for its association with Daniel Prescott, who moved here the year after he moved to Littleton in 1904 and lived here until his death in 1915. Prescott was considered one of the foremost legal advisers in Colorado during the early twentieth century and served as assistant district attorney and Arapahoe County attorney. The house is representative of late nineteenth century architecture in Littleton, reflected in the hipped roof with overhanging eaves, shingled upper walls, and porch with decorative frieze.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Littleton Historical Museum Files, Biographical File, Daniel Prescott and Photograph Collection; South Suburban Sentinel, 22 June 1983; Arapahoe Independent, 27 June 1978; Littleton Independent, 4 Mar. 1976 and 12 July 1979; Houstoun Waring, Hous's Littleton (Litt.: Littleton Independent, 1981).

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SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

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