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 Date	Rehab.

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY:	CITY:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1327	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-04-015	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Iris Cafe  ADDRESS: 5641 S NEVADA ST	OWNER: WINTERS, ANTHONY B & THERESA A JT TEN 5641 S NEVADA ST LITTLETON CO 80120		THERESA A JT	
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: Von Wermer Residence	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'			
DISTRICT NAME:	BLOCK: 4 LOT(S): 6 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872			
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-10 NEGATIVE NO.: BY: Roger Whitacre 36			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1913 ACTUAL:	
			SOURCE: Hist. maps, photo	
			USE: PRESENT: Residence	
			HISTORIC: Commercial/Restaurant	
	A A		CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR  DESCRIBE:  Partial enclosure of porch; porch and	
	house entrance reoriented.			
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Bungalow		STORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stucco, wood		1 1/2 SQ. FOOTAGE:	DATE(S) OF MOVE:  NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:	1452	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO		
One-story front gable roofed dwelling with yellow-brick walls atop darker brick			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:	
foundation. Gable ends stuccoed with half-timbering; facade has multi-light square window. Gabled dormer on south with stuccoed walls, half-timbering, and			YES NO	
multi-light window. Facade has triple, sash and trans	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No			
light transom; painted stone sills. Rectangular bay $\ensuremath{v}$ below the dormer; triple window. Two full-height chim	NAME: DATE:			
with decorative brickwork at tops. Inset porch at northeast corner has brick pier support and a brick balustrade with stone trim.			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO	
CONTINUED? YES X NO			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO				

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1327
	SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Frank Von Wermer  SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 5-25-1976
	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): The partial porch enclosure and alteration of the entrance to the house appear to be historic.

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YES

X NO

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

The Assessor's date of construction (1934) is not supported by other sources. The house appears on the 1914 Sanborn fire insurance map but not on the 1908 edition. It is not on the 1912 Littleton water supply map, suggesting a 1913 date of construction, which is supported by a photograph of the house dated December 1913. According to a 1976 Littleton Independent article, the original owner of the house was Frank Von Wermer. The 1920 U.S. Census lists Alice Von Wermer, 46 years old, born in Colorado, and her son Pierce as the occupants of the house. C.C. and S.K. Harrod lived in the house in 1932. Harrod was a chiropractor who served as mayor of Littleton from 1932 to 1934. By 1939, Walter and Hazel Powell were renting the house. Mr. Powell was a mail carrier. Also living in the house at that date were Arlene B. Powell, an auditor at Montgomery Wards and W. Burdette Powell, a mail handler at Denver Union Depot. Gerald B. Cookson owned the house during the 1953-59 period. The house remained in residential uses through the mid-1970s. In 1976, Barbara and George Williams converted the house to the Fireside Inn restaurant. The building currently houses the Iris Cafe.

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YES

X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):
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
ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house although somewhat altered is significant as a representative of the Bungalow style of construction as executed in Littleton during the early part of the twentieth century. Littleton mayor S.K. Harrod lived here in the 1930s.

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YES

X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor real estate information; Sanborn fire insurance maps, 1908-49; City of Littleton, "Map of Water Supply" (Littleton: Water Commission, 1912); Littleton city directories, 1932 and 1939 and 1953-61; Littleton Independent, 5-25-1976, 12; Littleton History Museum, photographic collection; U.S. Census, 1920.

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YES

X NO

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