


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominated	<input type="checkbox"/> Det. Not Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Rehab.
Date _____			

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH784
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Steel Brothers, ACC Nev St Cen		OWNER: STEEL, JACK W & DONALD E UND 1/2 INT EACH 4770 S WADSWORTH BLVD LITTLETON CO 80123		
ADDRESS: 5800 S NEVADA ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 68W	SECTION 17 SE 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: Heckethorn Manufacturing		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 14	LOT(S): 1-7, 34-40 P	
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 2 BY: Roger Whitacre		NEGATIVE NO.: 5	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	
		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1950s ACTUAL: SOURCE: Sanborn Map		
		USE: PRESENT: Industrial		
		HISTORIC: Industrial		
		CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING		
STYLE: No Style (Vernacular Masonry)		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete, Concrete Block		SQ. FOOTAGE: 19493	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The western part of the Heckethorn Manufacturing Co. complex, this portion of the complex includes two north-south gabled sections composed of painted concrete block and brick. The front of the building (west) clad with brick has with two entrances sheltered by projecting, rectangular, wood hoods, a third pedestrian door, and a large garage door. Large louvered vents in gables.		INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO		
		CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO		
		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No		
		NAME: DATE:		
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? X YES NO TYPE: Industrial		
		IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:		
		CONTINUED? YES X NO		

<b>PLAN SHAPE:</b> 	<b>ARCHITECT:</b> Unknown	<b>STATE ID NO.:</b> 5AH784
	<b>SOURCE:</b>	<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> Heckethorn Manufacturing Co.
	<b>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:</b> Unknown	<b>SOURCE:</b>
	<b>SOURCE:</b>	<b>THEME(S):</b> Post World War II Era, 1945- Present

**CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):**  
 This building was erected between 1949 and 1955. The building does not appear on the 1949 Sanborn map. According to a previous survey form, the building does appear on a 1955 aerial photograph.

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):**  
 The 1949 Sanborn map indicates that this site previously contained facilities of the Littleton Lumber Company, which had scattered piles of lumber, a cement warehouse and coal shed, a carpenter shop and storage building, and a railroad spur on the property. This building was apparently erected as part of the manufacturing complex of Heckethorn Manufacturing and Supply Company (Heco), with other buildings of the company located directly to the east and south. Heco was once one of Littleton's largest employers (1200 employees in 1954) and one of the state's largest industrial enterprises. The company was established in 1939 by W.W. Heckethorn, whose sons Jack and Bill were also involved. The first year, the company made cameras, tripods, and other photographic equipment, as well as a variety of garden tools. The company's capacity for volume production on high-speed machines was well known by World War II and the company was asked to bid for ordnance contracts. Among the large contracts Heco received were one to make 20mm anti-aircraft projectiles for the navy and one for 4.2" mortar shell fuses for the army chemical corps. After the war ended, the company perfected a shock absorber for automobiles. In 1950, D.E. Buchanan, a retired oil and railroad executive, became president of the company. During the Korean war, Heco was a pilot plant for production of a 3.5" rocket and was dubbed "Daddy of the Bazooka." Following the war, production of a ventilated seat cushion became an important product. In addition, the company manufactured hardware, pulleys, war medals, and other metal products. In 1957, the company moved to Dyersburg, Tennessee, after operating in Littleton for nearly eighteen years. The building later housed the Nevada Street Center of Arapahoe Community College.

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**SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):**

<b>ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	<b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**  
 Alterations to this building have diminished its historic integrity.

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**REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):**  
 Arapahoe County Assessor records; Denver Post, 7 April 1957, 20 August 1957; Denver Post Empire, 6 March 1955, 10; Littleton Independent, 20 Aug. 1948; Rocky Mountain News, 14 July 1957, 3 August 1957, 22 August 1957; Colorado Historic Building Inventory Record form, 5AH784, 23 Feb. 1995.

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