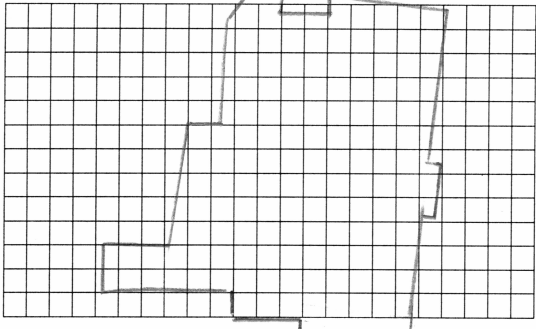


PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH176
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Leyner Engineering Works
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Sanborn Maps
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 The present complex incorporated and enveloped two 1903 buildings with a variety of large additions in the 1950s and 1960s.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 This large manufacturing complex of the Electron Corp. incorporates two buildings built in 1903 as part of the Leyner Engineering Works. The buildings appear on the 1908 Sanborn map, identified as a machine shop and a boiler shop, as part of the nine-building manufacturing complex. J. George Leyner was a Boulder County, Colorado, native who worked in engineering jobs in Black Hawk, Longmont, and Denver before becoming the sole owner of a machine shop in 1891. In mid-1890s, Leyner began to develop a line of mining equipment, including rock drills and compressors. In 1902, Leyner incorporated as J. George Leyner Engineering Works Co. and completed a \$150,000 plant at Littleton in 1903. The company was acquired by the Ingersoll-Rand Co. in 1912 which continued operating the plant until 1931. In 1935, the headquarters of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a Depression-era public works program occupied the complex. The site was bought in 1945 by O.K. Co-Operative Rubber Welding System, which sold these buildings to Electron Corp. in 1948. Electron had its origins in 1938 as APCO Inc. (Animated Products Co., Inc.), a company which manufactured electrical and advertising signs. The company became Electron Corp. in 1941 and converted to a machine shop operation during World War II. The company acquired the Littleton site in 1948 and undertook a substantial expansion in the postwar period, including a machine shop, sheet metal operations, and foundries with electrical furnaces. See photo sequence.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: <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	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 This complex is associated with the industrial history of Littleton, the first buildings having been erected in 1903 by Leyner Engineering Works. Alterations as a result of industrial expansion have diminished the historic integrity of the historic buildings within the complex.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
 Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Littleton Historical Museum files, "Electron: A Story of Continuing Growth."

CONTINUED YES X NO

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