HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)

COUNTY: Arapahoe
CITY: Littleton
STATE ID NO.: 5AH1232
TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-04-006

OWNER: HARBERT, LAURIE K
5599 S GREENWOOD ST
LITTLETON CO 80120

ADDRESS: 5650 S CURTICE ST
Littleton, CO 80120

TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4
U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo.
YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'

BLOCK: 4 LOT(S): 16 P
ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1880s ACTUAL: Litt. Indep., 3-3-1892

USE: PRESENT: Residence HISTORIC: Residence

CONDITION: X EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING

EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR
DESCRIBE: Porch supports and balustrade altered.

CONTINUED YES X NO

STYLE: Queen Anne STORIES: 2

MATERIALS: Wood SQ. FOOTAGE: 1584

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
Large two-story frame house with side gable roof with gable at center of ridgeline and intersecting off-center front gable; overhanging eaves; composition roofing. Walls clad with narrow lap siding; gable faces clad with decorative shingles; wood board course above second story. Projecting, gabled porch with thick, square columns has solid balustrade on sides and spindled balustrade on front; wood porch floor; stone steps; gable of porch has lap siding. Off-center entrance with paneled and glazed door with three stepped lights is topped by transom. Windows are 1/1-light double-hung sash with architrave surrounds; some paired windows. Small Queen Anne style window on north with multiple small lights surrounding plate glass. Shed roof enclosed porch on rear.

CONTINUED? YES X NO

ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED
DATE(S) OF MOVE:

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO
CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YESS NO

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No
NAME: DATE:

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO
TYPE:

IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:
Sanborn maps indicate that this house originally had a full-width porch which was altered to this off-center porch between 1932 and 1949; the porch supports and balustrade appear newer than that.

The 3 March 1892 edition of the Littleton Independent reported that "Col. Spotswood has purchased from Uncle Fred Comstock an elegant 9-room house on Curtis street. The Colonel will move his family there shortly." Fred Comstock was an early day blacksmith in Littleton. Col. Robert Spotswood was a well known stage driver in Colorado's early days. His title was honorary. He was born in Virginia in 1838 and his family moved to Missouri when he was eight. He attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. He traveled West as a wagonmaster making trips between Kansas and Denver and Salt Lake City. He joined the Overland Stage Co. as a messenger and was later appointed superintendent of the Julesburg division of the stage. At one time, he was in charge of the stage lines between Virginia Dale and Salt Lake City. He then had a line from Morrison to Leadville via Turkey Creek and Kenosha Pass. In 1879, he purchased 520 acres of land near Bear Creek which later became part of Fort Logan. He developed a stock farm in the area of today's Columbine Country Club and was involved in the formation of Wynetka. He served on the town board and was a member of the board of the Rough and Ready Mill. He built a business block at the southeast corner of Curtice and Main. Spotswood died in his Littleton home on 17 April 1910 and was buried in Littleton Cemetery.

This house is associated with famous stage operator, Col. Robert Spotswood, who was involved in several stage lines before the arrival of railroads in Colorado. The house, although somewhat altered, is representative of late nineteenth century architecture with Queen Anne features in Littleton, as reflected in the gabled roof with overhanging eaves, walls clad with narrow lap siding and shingled gable faces, and the windows with architrave surrounds.

References (Be Specific):