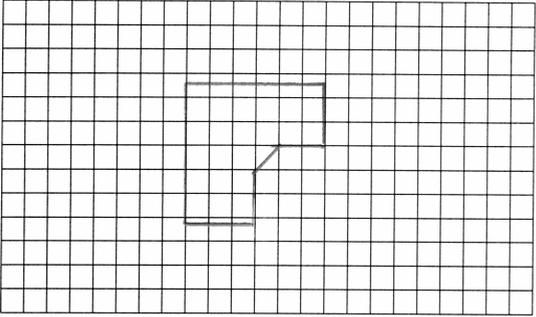


PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1263
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Sommers Oil Company
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 7-22-38
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Colorado Town Form in Early Auto Era, 1920-45

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 Sanborn maps indicate that this lot held a two-story building, a one time the C. Franzen Saloon, and later a paint shop, which was removed when this building was constructed in 1922. This building was originally two buildings, a service station projecting south and a greasing facility projecting east.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 In 1922, Sommers Oil Company of Denver built this station at the coner of S. Sycamore and W. Main streets in Littleton and had a formal opening on June 17. The facility was still listed as Sommers Oil Service Station in 1932. In 1938, the Claude Yowell Service Station was located here. Its motto was "Littleton's Conveniently Located Service Station." Shoppers on Main Street were invited to leave their cars for a complete servicing while visiting the stores. "You waste no time or extra steps this way, and our reliable service will save you expense on car maintenance." Conoco products were offered at the station. The station's architecture was vaguely Spanish, with a tile roof and projecting porch supported by thick piers with globe lanterns. The greasing facility was less ornate, with a parapet roof. The 1959 city directory indicates that Yowell's Conoco Service was still here. In 1962-1965 directories, this was the home of Littleton Glass.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 This building is associated with the development of automobile service businesses in Littleton, having been erected by the Sommers Oil Co. of Denver in 1922. The building, although altered, is representative of service station architecture of the 1920s in its hipped roof service facility with overhanging eaves and thick pier supports and its functional greasing facility with parapet roof.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
 Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938; Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1914-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932-1965; Littleton Historical Museum, Photograph Files, #1756.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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