
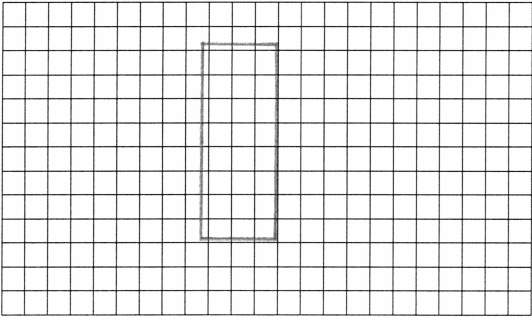


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE			
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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1267
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-16-3-05-010		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Homewood Furniture Store		OWNER: OWENS, ROBERT A  2359 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2359 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 16 NW 1/4 SW 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Palm Theater		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 28 LOT(S): 19-20 P ADDITION: STATE ADDITION YR. OF ADDITION: 1889		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 6 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 30	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1925 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Store  HISTORIC: Movie Theater	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Theater sign removed (historic); storefront area remodeled; front wall has painted brick; addition on rear.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Twentieth Century Commercial		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 5719	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story rectangular brick building with flat roof with projecting piers along roof, stepped down toward rear; brick coping. Metal molded cornice above first story. Brick walls; painted, raked brick on front; smooth brick on east wall; brick water table and foundation. Inset central entrance has paneled ceiling and door with rectangular light with transom above. Angled glazed walls lead to entrance. Plate glass display windows with painted tile underneath. Above cornice is central group of five multi-light windows divided by wood brackets flanked on either end of building by paired multi-light windows. Multi-light paired windows on east wall covered by metal grilles. Vents with grilles along upper section of east wall. Alley on east adjacent to building. CONTINUED? YES X NO			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No  NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:  IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO				

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown  SOURCE:  BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Peterson Lumber Co.  SOURCE: Millie Roeder Survey Form	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1267  ORIGINAL OWNER: J.H. Peterson  SOURCE: Littleton Historical Museum  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 the building had a second floor balcony and the main portion of the theater had a double-height main floor. A low one-story addition on the rear, composed of concrete blocks with an overhead garage door and glass block windows, serves as an annex for Valore Hardware. By the 1930s, large round lights mounted on four columns projecting from the roof were gone, as well as the vertical theater sign, replaced by a Montgomery Wards sign.				
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building was erected in 1925 as the Palm motion picture theater by J.H. Petereson. The theater was shortly sold to Merle Vessey who leased it to W.C. Kelly. In June 1928, the newspaper reported that H.E. Beattie, who has operated the Palm Theater for some time past, has disposed of his interests to M.W. Vessey, the former owner, who took charge at the opening of business.... The theater operated for only a few years, until the late 1920s or early 1930s. It was not the first theater in Littleton. Movies were first shown in the Town Hall and another movie theater was erected on the south side of Main Street. As Littleton resident Patty Anderson describes the original appearance of the theater, it featured a "somewhat recessed entrance with windows on either side facing the street. Large, round lights were mounted on the four short columns which projected up from the roofline on the front of the building." By 1932, a J.C. Penney Co. store was located in the building; in 1939, R.L. Stevens was manager of the store. Penney's stayed at this location until the mid-1950s. By 1959, Montgomery Ward and Co. was housed in the building. The building now contains a furniture store. Patty Anderson notes that the interior of the building today "is a single large roof with a high ceiling and no second story. There is a small enclosed balcony running the width of the building above the entrance. It is accessed by a narrow stairway at the west side and was used as the projection room." A wall at the north end of the room conceals the original stage and the wall where the movie screen was mounted.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">           ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:            REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER            POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES            X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION         </td> <td style="width: 50%;">           HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:            ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS            X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS            X CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT         </td> </tr> </table>			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 X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS X CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the history of entertainment and commerce in Littleton, having been erected in 1925 as a movie theater and later housing a J.C. Penney store. The building is representative of early twentieth century movie theaters in Littleton, as reflected in its brick construction with steel truss roof and interior balcony and two-story main floor. This is the best preserved of Littleton's historic movie theaters.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Patty Anderson, Research on 2359 W. Main, Sept. 1997; Arapahoe Co. Leader, 8 June 1928; Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph files, #111; Bemis Public Library Clipping files; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1921-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Houstoun Waring, "Hous's Littleton" (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981); "Littleton Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," July 1990, 12; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938 and 17 Aug. 1928. 3				
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SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: October 1997		