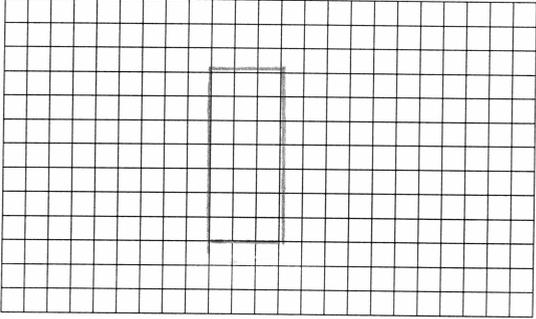


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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1274
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Abbott Building		OWNER: KELLEY, PATRICK 2463 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2430-40 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Abbott Building		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 8 LOT(S): 8 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 9 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 8	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1890 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Stores HISTORIC: Commercial-Stores	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Fenestration of upper story altered by removal of two oriel windows and balcony and addition of new window openings and casement windows; storefronts altered. Stucco added to upper story is historic alteration. CONTINUED YES X NO	
			ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
STYLE: No Style		STORIES: 2	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stucco, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 7955	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES X NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story rectangular brick commercial building with flat roof. Brick walls clad with stucco on second story. Two storefronts flanking central entrance to upper story. East storefront has central recessed entrance flanked by slightly angled walls with wood door with large rectangular light and transom. Large plate glass display windows with painted Roman brick beneath windows and panel of vertically grooved siding above windows. East storefront has off-center inset entrance on east with display windows to west and similar treatment above and below windows. Upper stories has series of metal frame casement windows with stuccoed sills. Central entrance to upper story displays painted brick walls and paneled and glazed door with transom. CONTINUED? YES X NO			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE: IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1274
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: C.D. Abbott
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 7-22-38
	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 Abbott Block was notable as one of the most ornately ornamented commercial buildings along Main Street, notable especially for its second story oriel windows which made it a prominent landmark. These windows were removed between 1921 and 1932 according to Sanborn maps. This suggests that the upper story windows were added at that time.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 In July 1890, the Lit. Gazette reported that "Main street is making rapid strides in improvements of a substantial character. Mr. C.D. Abbott has concluded to make his building...with three store rooms and 'living rooms' in the back part." In Aug. 1890, the newspaper announced that "C.D. Abbott, an enterprising citizen has commenced the erection of a brick business house, 25 X 40, on his lot on Main street, which, when completed will be occupied by Rogers, the tinner, and the Gazette office. This building will add greatly to the appearance of that portion of the city, and will be the means of other good buildings being erected." By the end of August, the walls of the building were completed above the second floor. The 1893 Sanborn map indicates that the two-story building was divided into two stores, with a meat market (west) and a drugstore (east). The 1900 Sanborn shows a grocery (west) and a drugstore (east). In 1903, the Lit. Independent reported that the Littleton Exchange of Colo. Telephone Co., which C.L. Thompson of the drugstore had managed, had moved into the building. The 1905 city directory lists Thompson's Drug Store, Ed Thompson, proprietor, and the George Carson Grocery, which shared space with the Colorado Telephone Company. In 1908, a grocery is shown (west) and a drugstore (east), a configuration also shown on the 1914 Sanborn map. The 1921 city directory indicates that a music store had replaced the drugstore and the grocery was still operating. The grocery was known as the Central Cash Grocery in 1926, owned by Finley & Elrod. The 1932 city directory listed the Swanson's Stationery store, the Henderson Variety store, and a vacant space in this building. Robert Swanson opened a jewelry store on Main St. in 1911 and moved to this building in 1913.

CONTINUED X YES 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 checked="" 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:
 This building is associated with the historic commercial development of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1890 and having housed a variety of business enterprises, including grocery and drug stores, and the long-lived Swanson's Jewelry and Stationery. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity. Historical Background, Cont. - Swanson's father purchased the stationery inventory of Ed Bemis and combined a jewelry and stationery business. In 1939, Bob Swanson took over management of the store. He remembered that during the Depression people traded food for watch repairs. He stated that the barter system "saved a lot of us."

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
 Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Littleton Independent, 15 May 1903; 22 July 1938, 24 Feb. 1977; Littleton Times, "Littleton Today, Yesterday, Tomorrow," July 1990, 7; Littleton Historical Museum files, People and Places Index, Robert Swanson, and photograph file; Littleton Gazer, 15 July 1890; 1 August 1890, 29 August 1890.

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