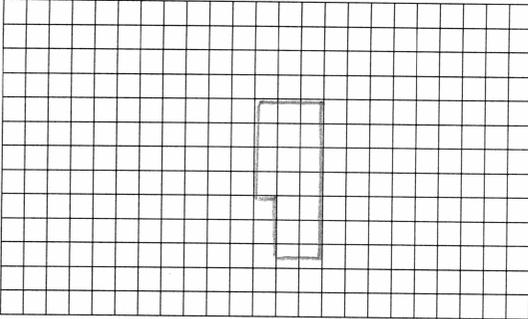


PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1287
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry Kraft
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Litt. Independent, 10-16-03
SOURCE:		THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):

Henry Kraft erected this building in 1903. Planned initial tenants included Fox and Stuart "dry goods, notions, ladies and gents furnishings, dishes, dolls, toys, and Christmas goods of all kinds." The proprietors of the firm were Mrs. S.J. Fox and Miss J.I. Stuart. The Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft had a meeting hall on the second floor of the building. By 1905, E.W. Page operated the Page Brothers Bowling Alley in the building; Fox and Stuart were then located elsewhere. The 1908 Sanborn fire insurance map showed "billiards" in the northern part of the building, with a long one-story bowling alley extending off the rear of the building. These uses apparently continued through the late 1940s: in 1932, the Page Billiard Hall occupied this location; in 1939, Recreation Pool was listed here; and in 1949, the Sanborn fire insurance map still showed the rear bowling alley. According to Houstoun Waring, the "Littleton Independent" newspaper (located in the building to the east) bought this building from Chester Tyler in 1955. The bowling alley was removed to house the paper's job printing department; the pool hall remained in the building until 1973.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
- POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
- REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
- CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with the historic commercial and recreational development of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1903 by Henry Kraft, and having housed a dry goods store, a bowling alley, and a billiard hall. The building is also associated with the fraternal and social life of the town, as it included an upstairs hall where the Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft met. The building, although altered, reflects commercial construction of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Littleton through its brick construction with flat roof, corbelled cornice, first floor store front, and the segmental arched windows with stone sills of the upper story.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932, 1939, 1953-65; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1900-1949; Littleton Independent, 16 Oct. 1903; 4 Sept. 1903; and 4 Dec. 1903; Houstoun Waring, "Hous's Littleton," (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981), Ch. 2; Littleton Historical Museum files.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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