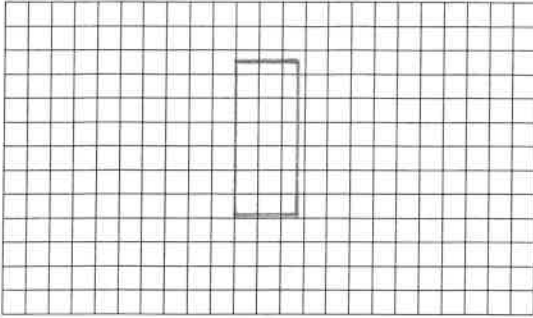




<b>PLAN SHAPE:</b> 	<b>ARCHITECT:</b> Unknown	<b>STATE ID NO.:</b> 5AH1292
	<b>SOURCE:</b>	<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> Unknown
	<b>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:</b> Unknown	<b>SOURCE:</b>
	<b>SOURCE:</b>	<b>THEME(S):</b> Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

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):

This building was under construction in 1893, according to the Sanborn fire insurance map of that year. The 1900 Sanborn map and the 1905 city directory both indicate that this was the U.S. Post Office. The building was used as a grocery store in 1908 and as a billiards room in 1914. The building is labeled "lodgings" on the 1921 Sanborn map. A 1920s photograph indicates that Pieper's Meat Market was housed here. According to the 1932 city directory, the first floor was then vacant and the second floor occupied by the Smith Rooms. The Hamilton Brothers (E.E. and John W.) operated an IGA grocery store in the building in 1939; the Hamilton Apartments were located on the upper floor. The grocery remained in the building until about 1961, known in the later period as the E.E. Hamilton Grocery and Market. Littleton American Auto Parts was located in the building in the 1961-65 period.

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 commercial history of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1893 and having housed the post office, grocery stores, and a billiards room. The building, although altered on the first story, reflects the Italianate style as applied to commercial buildings in its flat roof with decorative cornice, brick walls and piers, and elaborated segmental arched lintels.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, Photo of 2570-90 W. Main in 1920s; Mildred Rothstein, Research on 2580 W. Main, September 1997.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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