COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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## HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

	NOT FOR FIELD	USE
Eligible	-	_ Nominated
Det. Not	Eligible	_ Certified Rehab.
	Date	

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings		COUNTY:	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1295
Survey 1997	(#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Licciecon	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-08-007
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Penny Robin Dancewear  ADDRESS: 2600 W MAIN ST		OWNER: RANDALL, FLORENCE J ESTATE OF DAVID C RANDALL PO BOX 640 TABERNASH CO 80478		
Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W		SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: Harry Post Building		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 2 LOT(S): 7-8 ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 1A BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 17	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1911
			SOURCE: Lit. Independ., 1-8-1976	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial	
				CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING  EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Building totally remodeled, including mansard overhang, stuccoed walls, new windows and door.
				CONTINUED YES X NO
STYLE: No Style		5	TORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
MATERIALS: Stucco, Brick, Wo	ood		Q. FOOTAGE: 6377	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story rectangular corner commercial building with flat roof, stepped down toward west; shingled mansard overhang; thick fascia board; metal coping. Walls				INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:  YES NO
clad with stucco, concrete foundation; brick visible on rear wall. Large				LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No
storefront on east; three small storefronts on west. Storefronts have wood				
doors with rectangular lights; easternmost storefront has door with lattice window. Ribbons of plate glass display windows. South (rear) wall has				NAME: DATE:
segmental arched windows cov			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO	
		CONTINUED? YES	X NO	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES	X NO			

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1295
	SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Harry Post  SOURCE: Litt. Independent, 7-22-38
	Unknown	
	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 NO X

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): In 1911, Harry Post, a Denver paper products manufacturer, had this commercial building constructed. The building appears on the 1914 Sanborn fire insurance map but is not present on the 1908 edition. An early 1910s photograph shows the Shellabarger Brothers Grocery in the eastern corner unit. The grocery is referred to in Ralph Moody's "Man of the Family. " The 1914 Sanborn shows the building divided into four storefronts from east to west: grocery, meat market, dry goods, and vacant unit. The grocery store and meat market remained in 1921, but an additional storefront was created in the western part of the building, which then contained a vacant unit, an automobile battery dealer, and an office. The 1932 Littleton city directory listed the following stores in the building: 301, Lemcke Meat Market (Rudolph Lemcke, prop.); 303, Piggly Wiggly No. 1345 grocery store (C.L. Moore, mgr. for William Haraway for 14 years); 311, Royal Cleaners and Denver Sanitary Laundry agency (B.H. Tilley, mgr.). By 1938, Safeway and the Lemcke Market shared the eastern corner of the building, but by the following year both had vacated the location. In addition to the vacant corner unit, the 1939 tenants of the building included the Christian Science Reading Room (#311); Van's Cafe (Lloyd Van Valkenburgh, prop.); and a vacant unit (#317). The 1949 Sanborn map indicated that a wood sign factory was housed in the eastern corner of the building. A variety of small retail and service firms were located in the building during the 1950s and early 1960s, including: Smitty's Sportsman (1953-63); Associated Real Estate (1953-65); and Arapahoe Hardware (1947-55, Pat McCart and Chuck Wiemeyer, props.).

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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

X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is associated with the historic commercial development of downtown Littleton, having been erected in 1911 and having housed a variety of businesses, including a grocery store, meat market, dry goods store, and a laundry. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity.

> CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC) :

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1908-1949; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, #611; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938, 8 Jan. 1976; Littleton Independent, 3 Feb. 1976.

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YES

X NO

SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons

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