


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominated
<input type="checkbox"/> Det. Not Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Rehab.
Date _____	

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1296
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Merle's Alignment Service		OWNER: BELL, DOYLE F & SHARON K JT TEN 2609 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
ADDRESS: 2609 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Skelly Service Station		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 1 LOT(S): 20-21 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 7 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 26	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1930s ACTUAL: SOURCE: Sanborn Map & Directory	
			USE: PRESENT: Auto Service Station HISTORIC: Auto Service Station	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Nonhistoric siding; rear addition.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: English/Norman Cottage		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Wood, Concrete, Stucco		SQ. FOOTAGE: 1026	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
<p>ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story, steeply pitched cross-gable roofed gas station; composition roofing; flush eaves. Walls clad with wide lap siding which extends to eaves; small vent in front gable. Brick water table; concrete foundation projects outward along edge of building. South wall has two paneled and glazed overhead garage doors toward west and a pedestrian door and plate glass window toward east. Large multi-light windows on west and east walls. Stucco and half-timbering (original) on north wall. Gas pump island (minus pumps) and pole topped by sign in front of building on south. Rear addition is rectangular, flat roofed, concrete block building with tripartite metal frame windows on west and garage doors on east.</p>			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE: IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			CONTINUED? YES X NO	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1296	
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown	
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE:	
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Colorado Town Form in Early Auto Era, 1920-45	
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):			
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building was constructed as a gasoline station between 1932 and 1939, as the building is listed in the 1939 Littleton city directory but is not present on the 1932 Sanborn fire insurance map. The parcel at the northwest corner of Main and Curtice became available for building after the eastern part of the Presbyterian Church was torn down. In 1939, a Skelly Service Station was listed at 300 W. Main St., Homer Elliott, mgr. A 1955 photograph shows the building, apparently without the rear addition, when it was Altman's Skelly Service. The building continued as a Skelly station through at least the middle 1960s. The present owners, Doyle and Sharon Bell, have possessed the property since 1966; Merle's Alignment has served Littleton since 1947 (apparently in a different location in its early years).			
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION		HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the history of automobile-related businesses in Littleton, having been erected in the 1930s as a Skelly Service Station. The building reflects one trend in gas station architecture, that of designing a station in a popular residential style, in this case, the English/Norman Cottage style, reflected in the steeply pitched cross-gabled roof and multi-light windows.			
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1932-1949; Littleton Historical Museum files, Photograph Collection, #2624; Littleton Times, "Littleton Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," July 1990.			
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		DATE: October 1997	