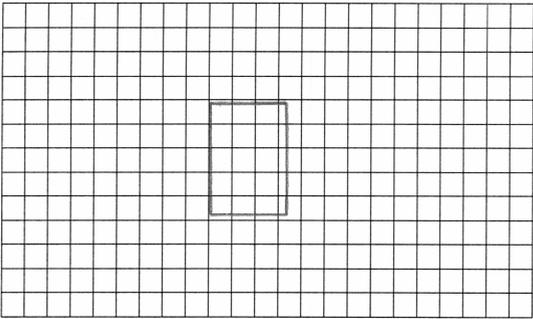


PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH236
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Julius D. Hill
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 9-3-65
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 The Sanborn map of 1893 indicates that the building was rectangular, with one- and two-story sections and a full-width porch across the front. By 1900, a small projection had been added to the east. By 1908, the building was shown as a dwelling, with the original porch removed and two small porches added on front. It remained in this configuration through 1949.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 This is reportedly one of the oldest buildings still in its original location in Littleton today. The building was erected in 1872 by Julius D. Hill as the community's first general store. The store carried groceries, drugs, dry goods, clothing, shoes, hardware, coal, hay, grain, and other supplies. Edwin Bemis reported that Hill, born in Spencer, Massachusetts, in 1843, came to Littleton after hearing about the great opportunities in the West. He married Inez Berry of a pioneer Littleton family. He first worked at the Rough and Ready Mill and then established this business down the street. Later Hill was partner in the prosperous Littleton Creamery just east of this building and was a director of the First National Bank. The Littleton post office, with Hill as postmaster, was also housed in Hill's building for many years. The upstairs of the building held a meeting hall. In 1872, the Weston Masonic Lodge of Littleton was formed there. The hall was used as a church by the Catholic, Methodist, and Christian Science congregations before they built their own places of worship. The Odd Fellows also used the hall. During the first two years after Littleton was incorporated (1890-1892), the hall was used as the town hall. Hill's store was a convenient stop for travelers going south from Denver to Colorado Springs and Pueblo. The Native Americans still in the area also frequented it. In 1902, the Independent reported that the building was being remodeled and made into two "modern, up to date residences." Hill died in 1915. Long time residents and owners of the building after Hill were Felix and Linda Casey. Mr. Casey was proprietor of Littleton Fuel and Feed Co. Mrs. Casey is listed here as late as 1961. In 1965, owner Jack Janowitz and the Littleton Historical Society rehabilitated the building, which was then occupied by the Conway Saddle Co.

CONTINUED YES X 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 type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" 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 business, governmental, and social history of Littleton, having been erected in 1872 as the community's first general store and including for many years the town's post office. In addition, the building contained one of the first meeting halls in the community, which was used by early fraternal lodges, churches, and the town government. The J.D. Hill building is the oldest building in Littleton still in its original location and was restored by the community in 1965.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
 Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton Historical Museum files; Littleton Independent, 25 Oct. 1963, 3 Sept. 1965, 3 June 1966, 15 May 1986, 8; Houstoun Waring, Hous's Littleton, (Littleton: Litt. Independent, 1981), Ch. 1 and 21; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Robert McQuarie and C.W. Buchholtz, Littleton (Littleton: Litt. Hist. Museum, 1990), 23; Edwin Bemis, "Frontier Littleton," Brand Book of Den. Westerners, vol. 20 (Denver: Westerners, 1965), 38.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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