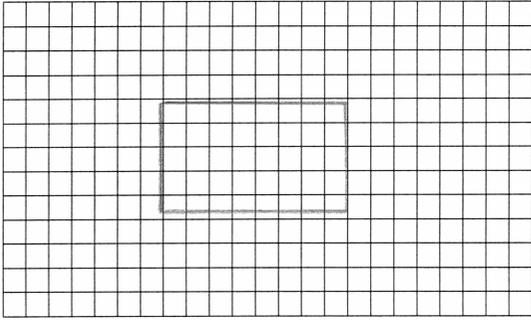


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE			
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Date _____			

PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)		COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1269
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Valore Hardware		OWNER: VALORE, RICHARD J  5992 S PENNSYLVANIA ST LITTLETON CO 80121		
ADDRESS: 2379-99 W MAIN ST Littleton, CO 80120		TOWNSHIP 5S      RANGE 68W      SECTION 16      NW 1/4      SW 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Valore Hardware		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994)      X      7.5'      15'		
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Main Street		BLOCK: 28      LOT(S): 19-20 WP ADDITION: STATE ADDITION      YR. OF ADDITION: 1889		
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 6 BY: Roger Whitacre	NEGATIVE NO.: 34	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Littleton Hist. Mus.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE:      ACTUAL: 1925 SOURCE: Lit. Independent, 7-22-38	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Stores  HISTORIC: Commercial-Stores	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT      X      GOOD FAIR      DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR      X      MODERATE      MAJOR DESCRIBE: Storefronts altered with nonoriginal windows, clerestories removed, thin layers of stone under windows, newer doors. Projecting piers with contrasting trim originally extended above roofline.	
			CONTINUED      YES      X      NO	
STYLE: No Style		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X      MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete		SQ. FOOTAGE: 9908	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story rectangular red brick commercial building with flat roof with contrasting white brick coping. Front divided into three storefronts by vertical piers of red and white brick. Storefronts have inset entrances with glazed doors flanked by angled walls; glazed overdoors. Plate glass display windows with flagstone veneer under windows. Metal lintels above windows; easternmost storefront has thin, projecting metal hood above windows. Area above display windows has decorative panel of white brick. Decorative brickwork on west wall, as well as two multi-light windows with sills and lintels of white brick; windows covered with metal grilles. Rear wall is painted brick, with multi-light windows and two slab doors.  CONTINUED?      YES      X      NO			INDIVIDUAL:      YES      X      NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X      YES      NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No  NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS?      YES      X      NO TYPE:  IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES:      YES      X      NO				

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1269
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: A.J. Valore
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Littleton Independent, 3-8-1990
	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):  
 This building was the original site of the Jull Hardware store erected by Ebenezer Jull in the early 1890s. A 1957 photograph shows the changes to the roofline, windows replaced with metal frames, and the stone veneer added below the windows.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):  
 This building was erected in 1925 by A.J. "Jim" Valore to house his hardware business as well as two other businesses. In 1907, Valore had bought out the C.H. Coleman Hardware Company and took over that hardware store in the Coors Building in Littleton (2489 Main) from 1907 to 1913 before selling the business and moving to Nederland, Colo. Valore also fixed harnesses and saddles for area farmers and ranchers. He returned to Littleton in 1917 and bought the Jull Hardware store, a frame structure on this site. According to one account, the western corner section was built first and the hardware store moved in; then the Jull building was demolished and the remaining two units were constructed. Valore Hardware then moved into the middle unit and rented the corner unit to the post office (1932-1939). Pagett's Candy Kitchen (M. Pagett, proprietor) occupied the east storefront. From the early 1950s through the mid-1960s, occupants of the building included: Littleton Cleaners (west), Valore Hardware (middle), and Littleton Dress Shop (east). In 1946, Richard B. Valore took over management of the family business; he was succeeded by his son, Richard J., in 1974. In 1977, he commented that "We're still an old-fashioned hardware store with a little bit of everything. We provide service and help people."

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This building, erected in 1925 to house the Valore Hardware business, continues in the same capacity today, and is one of Littleton's longest-lived businesses. The building is representative of twentieth century commercial construction in downtown Littleton, as reflected in its brick composition, flat roof, decorative brickwork, and large display windows.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Patty Anderson, Research on 2379-99 W. Main, Sept. 1997; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938, 24 Feb. 1977, 8 March 1990; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1921-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932 and 1939 and 1953-1965; Littleton Historical Museum Photograph Collection, #178, 179, 181, 284, 70, 1895, 547, 1608; Arapahoe County Assessor records.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: October 1997
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