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Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Hi	COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1273		
Survey 1997	Arapanoe	Dictiecon	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-06-005		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Jose's Restaurant  ADDRESS: 2420 W MAIN ST		OWNER: TRUJILLO, JOSEPH M  5574 S HURON ST LITTLETON CO 80120			
Littleton, CO 8	0120	TOWNSHIP 5S	TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE		
HISTORIC NAME: Culp Block		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'			
DISTRICT NAME: Littleton Ma	in Street	BLOCK: 8 LOT(S): 7 P ADDITION: LITTLETON ORIG. TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872			
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 9 BY: Roger Whitacre			EGATIVES:	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1892 SOURCE:	
N -			Lit. Independent, 4-2-92		
	USE: PRESENT: Commercial-Restaurant				
	HISTORIC: Commercial-Store				
Jeses	CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD  FAIR DETERIORATING  EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR  DESCRIBE:  Front totally remodeled; no historic  fabric visible.				
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STYLE: No Style (Neo Spanish	n Revival)		STORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Stucco, Cinderblo	ock, Brick		SQ. FOOTAGE:	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story flat roof commerci	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:				
divided into panels clad wit	th textured stucco; wood "	'vigas" project	outward	YES X NO	
along upper walls. Hipped ro	oof canopy clad with red t	iles shelters e	ntrance and	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
windows. Central entrance w		NAME:			
are rounded at corners. Two west of entrance are flanked			curity bars to	DATE:	
	ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO				
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	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:				
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES					

PLAN SHAPE ARCHITECT: Unknown SOURCE . BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: J.P. Warner SOURCE: Littleton Historical Museum file

STATE ID NO.: 5AH1273

ORIGINAL OWNER: S.T. Culp

SOURCE:

Littleton Historical Museum file

THEME (S):

Rail Era: Rail Town Physical

Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): In 1976, this building was remodeled by Ardourel Construction Co. of Golden. The building was gutted, 16' were added to the rear, and the front was "magically transformed into Mexican architecture" using cinderblock construction and stucco. The red tile mansard was also added.

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YES

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building was erected in 1891-1892 as part of a larger building extending east by Littleton resident S.T. Culp. In 1892, the Littleton Independent reported that a furniture, crockery, carpet, and undertaking establishment would be started on May 1 in the Culp Block by O.M. Hurst. The 1893 Sanborn map indicates that there were four stores in this building, with the furniture business occupying the largest space and a printing and cobbler shop, offices, and a lunchroom being operated in the building. In 1900, Hurst purchased and remodeled another building for his business, and this building held a "racket," a printer, a baker. By 1905, the following businesses were in this building: H.F. McArthur Dry Goods, M.V. Browning Barber Shop, Curtis' Jewelry Store, and Richard's real estate. By 1908, the building held a jewelry store, a barber, a printer, and a racket. In 1914, three stores were located here: a book and stationery store, a barber, and a grocer. In 1921, a confectionery, a barber, and a grocery were housed in this building, with a large brick oven at the rear of the building. In 1932, the building was divided into three stores, with only one, Fuller's Meat Market, occupied. In 1939, the building was divided into the 5 & 10 store, operated by A.W. Carpenter, who also resided here; Stark's Liquor Store, Al Stark, proprietor; J.H. Shelton Real Estate; and Bakers Barber Shop/Beauty Shop, operated by E.J. Baker. On the 1949 Sanborn map, the building is shown with two stores on the east and a restaurant on the west. City directories of 1953-55 indicate that this was the Littleton Variety store, while in 1959 through 1965 city directories indicate that this was Coleson's Department Store. Jose's Restaurant, the current occupant, remodeled the building, which won first place in a local exterior building improvement competition. CONTINUED X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS

CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Alterations to this building have diminished its historic integrity.

Historical Background, Cont.-- S.T. Culp was a jeweler from Canada who eventually owned 13 stores on Main Street. He built a large mansion costing \$10,000. Houstoun Waring called Culp "the town's outspoken character." Jose's Restaurant was established in 1966 in the back of the Family Bar and moved to the current location in 1976. Owner Jose Trujillo served on the Littleton City Council, was named the Independent's Citizen of the Year in 1983, was a member of the city's Economic Advisory Committee, and a director of the Littleton Business Association. He helped organize the first Western Welcome Week.

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YES

X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1893-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1905 and 1932-1965; Littleton Independent, 21 March 1891, 14 May 1891, 2 April 1892, 2 May 1892, 22 July 1938, 27 Sept. 1977; Littleton Historical Museum Files, People and Places File, Culp Block and S.T. Culp.

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YES

X NO

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

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