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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY:	CITY:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1300
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-08-009
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Vantech (east part)	OWNER: VAN DELLEN, DENNIS W & DIANA M, JT TEN 2660 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120		
2650-70 W MAIN ST Littleton CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANCE 188	SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4
ESSALA SAME	U.S.G.S. QUAD NA		Colo.
This property is under separate ownership		To the second	XEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15*  XYT(S): 11-12, 13 P  YR. OF ADDITION: N/A
			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1907 ACTUAL: SOURCE: City dir., Sanborn map
		es pro-	USE: PRESENT: Commercial/Ofc. & Auto  HISTORIC: Stables
	- ][_		CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD  FAIR DETERIORATING
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Divided into different storefronts
Blue Ribbon Stables			and uses; facades remodeled and covered with nonhistoric cladding.
			CONTINUED YES X NO
			ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
			NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY
			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO
Market State of the State of th			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No
	The American Manager Stephen	1	NAME: DATE:
curved plastic awning across entire section.			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO
	CONTINUED? YES	x no	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			

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PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1300	
	SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	ORIGINAL OWNER: George Beach  SOURCE: Waring, Hous's Littleton, ch. 5	
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920	

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): Began as small rectangular brick portion on east; larger west sections added c. 1908-09; small concrete block addition on west added between 1932 and 1949.

> CONTINUED YES

X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): A number of storefronts under different ownerships now occupy what was once a single historic building. The initial part of this building was erected between 1905 and 1908 as a small, rectangular commercial building. The 1908 Sanborn fire insurance map identifies this as a plumbing business. In about 1908-09, two larger masonry additions were erected adjoining the original building on the west, as well as two frame additions off the rear. An historic photograph shows the eastern section in use as a paint store (E. DeRobert, a Sherwin-Williams dealer), with the rest of the building used as the Blue Ribbon Stables, which was operated by George Beach. Fred A. Bemis and Ed F. Burden bought the business from Beach on 13 September 1909 and operated it as a livery, boarding, and sale stables. The Bemis and Burden livery was listed in a 1911 credit reference directory. On the 1914 Sanborn map the newer section was labeled a "livery" with the older eastern part used as a buggy house. The building (addressed as 339-53 W. Main St.) was used as a garage by 1921, with the rear addition to the east section gone and the rear addition on the west labeled an auto shed. building was occupied by the Littleton Tire and Battery Co. (O.L. Davis, prop.) and the County Garage and Community Chest Shop. By 1939, Johnnie's Second Hand Store (east part) and the Littleton Welding Shop (both operated by Johnny Pacc) were located in the building along with a portion of Roth Motors (west part). Between 1932 and 1949, a small, narrow addition was added to the west front of the building. Later occupants have included: east part, Plains Sales (1953-55) and Gibby Glass (1961); middle part, Elliott's Tire Service (1953-55) and Littleton Tune Up Service (1959-65); and west part, Roth Motor Co. (1953), B&H Auto Service (1955), and Gipe and Jarrell Auto Body (1961-62). X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS

REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Alterations to this building have diminished its historic integrity.

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YES

X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor, Real Estate Information; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1900-49; Littleton City Directories, 1905, 1932, 1939, 1953-65; Littleton Historical Museum files, People and Places Index and Photographic Collection, #1897 and 1898; Houstoun Waring, Hous's Littleton (Littleton: Litt. Indep., 1981), Ch. 5.

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YES

х NO

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

AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.

DATE: October 1997

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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY: CITY:		STATE ID NO.: 5AH1302	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapahoe	Littleton	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-08-011	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Vintage [Part]  ADDRESS: 2676 W MAIN ST	OWNER: VINTAGE AUTO BODY INC 2676 W MAIN ST LITTLETON CO 80120			
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 68W SECTION 17 NE 1/4 SE 1/4			
HISTORIC NAME: Bussard Motor Co	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'			
DISTRICT NAME:	BLOCK: 2 LOT(S): 15 P, 16 ADDITION: HILLS RESUB BK 2 YR. OF ADDITION: N/A			
FILM ROLL NO.: 97-8 NEGATIVE NO.: BY: Roger Whitacre 4	LOCATION OF NEGA		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1929 SOURCE: Arapahoe County Assessor	
VINTAGE			USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial	
BOOY TEO	SH. S CCUU	אטופ	CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD  FAIR DETERIORATING  EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR  DESCRIBE:	
			Painted brick; awning; new display windows and door; gas pump gone; newer garage door.	
	president and the second		CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: No Style	S	TORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick		Q. FOOTAGE:	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story brick commercial building with flat roof wi skylights on roof. Painted brick walls. Facade divi	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:  YES NO			
west are to large plate glass display windows. Glaze eastern end of front is large overhead garage door. above doors and windows.	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:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1302	
	Unknown SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown SOURCE:	
	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):

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
According to the Arapahoe County Assessor, this building was constructed in 1929. The building is not on the 1921 Sanborn fire insurance map but is present on the 1932 edition. In the latter year, the building is labeled "auto sales and service." The 1932 Littleton city directory identified this as the location of Bussard Motor Co., G.D. and J.M. Bussard, proprietors. Another auto dealership was located in the building by 1939; C.E. Stephenson Motor Co., a Dodge-Plymouth dealership. Charles Emmett Stephenson was born in Silverton, Colorado, in 1888 and educated in the Denver public schools. He worked at Leyner Engineering Works (1905-12), as an auto mechanic at the Goehring Garage (1912-14), and was a partner with I.W. Hunt (1914-17). Stephenson married Jessie R. Edgerton in 1916 and the following year started his Dodge-Plymouth dealership, which he operated until 1941. He was mayor of Littleton from 1926 to 1928, fire chief, and president of the Littleton Optimists Club. Roth-Burk Motor Co. (later Roth Motor Co.) succeeded Stephenson as the Chrysler-Plymouth agency and operated in this location until 1965. Mr. and Mrs. Orville O. Roth were the owners and operators. Orville Roth came to Littleton in 1944 and had the Chrysler-Plymouth dealership until 1958. He also sold the Hillman and Sunbeam English cars. Roth then operated the Studebaker agency for five years and dealt in International Scouts. When Roth Motors closed in 1965, it was the last auto dealership still operating on Main Street, which once had eight new car dealerships, including one which employed 23 car salesmen.

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X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
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 1929 as an automobile sales and service company, and continuing to serve as a auto dealership for many years. The building reflects auto dealership construction of the early twentieth century through its brick walls, stepped parapet, large garage entrance, and display windows.

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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Asessor records; Littleton City Directories, 1932, 1939, 1953-1965; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 19219; Littleton Historical Museum files; Littleton Independent, 22 July 1938 and 20 August 1948; Arapahoe Herald, 21 Sept. 1965.

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YES

X NO