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	t Eligible Date	Certified Rehab.

HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD			Date	
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PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings	COUNTY: Arapahoe	CITY: Littleton	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1232	
Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)	Arapanoe	DICCICCO.	TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-04-006	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:	OWNER: HARBERT, LAURIE K			
		REENWOOD ST		
ADDRESS: 5650 S CURTICE ST	LITTLETON	CO 80120		
Littleton, CO 80120	TOWNSHIP 5S	PANCE 6	ODOTTON 17 NE 1/4 CE 1/4	
		RANGE 68	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	
HISTORIC NAME: Comstock/Spotswood Residence	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo. YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994) X 7.5' 15'			
	BLOCK: 4 ADDITION: LITTLET	TON ORIG.	LOT(S): 16 P TOWN YR. OF ADDITION: 1872	
FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 3 NEGATIVE NO.:	LOCATION OF NEGAT	TIVES:	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	
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			SOURCE: Litt. Indep., 3-3-1892	
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	e ·		EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR	
			DESCRIBE:	
		17.5	Porch supports and balustrade altered.	
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			CONTINUED YES X NO	
			ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED	
	2		DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Wood		Q. FOOTAGE: 584	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
Large two-story frame house with side gable roof with	gable at center o	of	CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:	
ridgeline and intersecting off-center front gable; over			YES NO	
composition roofing. Walls clad with narrow lap siding			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
decorative shingles; wood board course above second st				
porch with thick, square columns has solid balustrade of			NAME: DATE:	
balustrade on front; wood porch floor; stone steps; gal siding. Off-center entrance with paneled and glazed do				
lights is topped by transom. Windows are 1/1-light do			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
architrave surrounds; some paired windows. Small Queer		ore-nung sash with		
north with multiple small lights surrounding plate glas			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
porch on rear.				
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO				

PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5AH1232
	Unknown SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Fred Comstock (?) SOURCE:
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	Littleton Independent, 3-3-1892
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Era: Rail Town Physical Form, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): Sanborn maps indicate that this house originally had a full-width porch which was altered to this off-center porch between 1932 and 1949; the porch supports and balustrade appear newer than that.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):

The 3 March 1892 edition of the Littleton Independent reported that "Col. Spotswood has purchased from Uncle Fred Comstock an elegant 9-room house on Curtis street. The Colonel will move his family there shortly." Fred Comstock was an early day blacksmith in Littleton. Col. Robert Spotswood was a well known stage driver in Colorado's early days. His title was honorary. He was born in Virginia in 1838 and his family moved to Missouri when he was eight. He attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. He traveled West as a wagonmaster making trips between Kansas and Denver and Salt Lake City. He joined the Overland Stage Co. as a messenger and was later appointed superintendent of the Julesburg division of the stage. At one time, he was in charge of the stage lines between Virginia Dale and Salt Lake City. He then had a line from Morrison to Leadville via Turkey Creek and Kenosha Pass. In 1879, he purchased 520 acres of land near Bear Creek which later became part of Fort Logan. He developed a stock farm in the area of today's Columbine Country Club and was involved in the formation of Wynetka. He served on the town board and was a member of the board of the Rough and Ready Mill. He built a business block at the southeast corner of Curtice and Main. Spotswood died in his Littleton home on 17 April 1910 and was buried in Littleton Cemetery.

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:

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is associated with famous stage operator, Col. Robert Spotswood, who was involved in several stage lines before the arrival of railroads in Colorado. The house, although somewhat altered, is representative of late nineteenth century architecture with Queen Anne features in Littleton, as reflected in the gabled roof with overhanging eaves, walls clad with narrow lap siding and shingled gable faces, and the windows with architrave surrounds.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Arapahoe County Assessor records; Littleton City Directory, 1905; Sanborn Maps, 1893-1949; Dave Hicks, Littleton From the Beginning (Denver: Egan Printing, 1975), 31-32; Littleton Independent, 3 Mar. 1892, 1 and 25 Oct. 1963; Edwin Bemis, "Frontier Littleton--A Dramatic Town Since 1862" Brand Book of Denver Westerners (Denver: The Westerners, 1965), 53; Houstoun Waring, Hous's Littleton (Littleton: Littleton Independent, 1981), Ch. 21.

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