

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

### Historical and Architectural Reconnaissance

This form is intended for use in survey projects undertaken for preservation planning purposes and it is NOT to be used for Section 106 compliance projects. It provides a basic descriptive record of a single building, structure, object, or site. Please use the #1417b Ancillary form to document additional resources on a single site. This form may provide enough information to assess architectural significance and/or to identify other potential areas of historical significance. Full evaluations of historical significance require additional property-specific research beyond the scope of this form and typically require completion of the OAHP *Historical / Architectural Properties: Intensive Level / Evaluation* form (OAHP form # 1403). For guidance on completing this form and required accompanying documentation, please refer to the instructions, available online at <http://www.historycolorado.org/oaHP/survey-inventory-forms>

**Official eligibility determination (OAHP use only)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Determined Eligible – NR

Determined Eligible – SR

Needs Data

Eligible District - Contributing

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Property Name: Ambleside School Rocky Mountains       Historic     Current     Other:
2. Resource Classification:     Building     Structure     Object     Sites/Landscape
3. Ownership:     Federal     State     Local     Non-profit     Private     Unknown

**LOCATION**

4. Street Address: 151 West Main Street
5. Municipality: New Castle, CO       Vicinity:
6. County: Garfield
- \*\*7. USGS Quad: New Castle, CO      Year: 2022     7.5'
- \*\*8. Parcel Number: 212331407002
- \*\*9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 1-11      Block: 2      Addition: ORIGINAL TWNSTE NEW CASTLE
- \*\*10. Acreage: 0.85       Actual     Estimated
11. PLSS information: Principal Meridian: 6<sup>th</sup>      Township: 5S      Range: 90W  
NW ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of section: 31
- \*\*12. Location Coordinates:  
 UTM reference: Zone 13      ;mE 282588      ;mN 4383012     NAD 1927       NAD 1983  
 or  
 Lat/Long: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ ; Longitude \_\_\_\_\_     WGS84     Other:

**\*\*Please check with your project sponsor to determine which fields are required, as not all locational**

**DESCRIPTION**

13. Construction Features (forms, materials):

Stories	Style/Type	Foundation	Walls
Two-story (and a partially below level basement)	Mixed Style	Stacked stone/concrete	Brick masonry; adobe brick; decorative cornice; decorative frieze; corbelled brick features; lower stone masonry; decorative brick belt course; corrugated metal
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
One-over-one single hung sash; one-over-one double hung sash; one-by-one sliding sash; 15-lite picture window divided by muntions; four-lite picture window divided by muntins; wood and vinyl frames; segmental arch lintels with ornament brick masonry; multi-lite transoms	Hipped roof; metal roof; lower hipped roof projection along south elevation; small overhanging eaves	N/A	Concrete staircase in front of the main entryway along primary (north) elevation

*Optional:* additional description (plan/footprint, dimensions, character-defining and decorative elements of exterior and interior; alterations, additions, etc.):

The approximately 116' by 146' building is representative of a Mixed Style of architecture including vernacular forms of Early-Twentieth Century Commercial, Italianate, and Mid-Century Commercial styles. Architectural elements of the building include a stacked stone/concrete foundation; a brick masonry exterior envelope; adobe brick; decorative cornice; decorative frieze; corbelled brick features; a lower stone masonry; decorative brick belt course; a hipped roof design; metal roof; lower hipped roof projection along the south elevation; small overhanging eaves; and ornate brickwork. The main entryway is located on the right-side primary (north) elevation. The entryway consists of metal double doors that incorporate picture windows. The facade along the primary (north) elevation incorporates several window configurations including one-over-one single hung sash; one-over-one double hung sash; and four-lite picture window divided by muntins units. A majority of the windows feature ornate brick features including decorative segmental arch sills, and corbelled brick or stone sills. There are also several window openings that have been covered by brick masonry between 2012 and 2022. Additional windows that can be noticed throughout the building include one-by-one sling sash; 15-lite picture window divided by muntions; and multi-lite transom units. Frames consist of a mixture of wood and replacement vinyl. The east side of the building consists of a gymnasium/auditorium and classroom addition was constructed by Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1939 using adobe brick. The second-floor entryway is located on the right side of the east elevation with a large wood staircase that leads to the door. Based upon historic aerial imagery and photos of the building, a metal hipped roof replaced the historic flat roof with stepped parapets between 1993 and 2004. A historic bell tower with a pyramid roof was removed at some point. Furthermore, the main entryway along the north elevation has been highly modified with the removal of four, multi-lite wood doors being removed at some point as well.

14. Associated buildings, features, or objects: N/A

15. Landscape (important features of the immediate environment):

- Garden  Mature Plantings  Designed Landscape  Walls  Parking Lot  Driveway  Sidewalk  Fence  Seating
- Other:

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS** (based on visual observations and/or review of secondary sources):

16. Historic Function/Use: Public school

Current Function/Use (if different): Private school

17. Date of Construction: 1913

Estimated  Actual (include source): "A Walking Tour of

Downtown New Castle" by Town of New Castle (www.newcastlecolorado.org)

18. Other Significant Dates, if any: In 1939, the WPA constructed a gymnasium/auditorium and classroom on the east side of the building.

19. Associated NR Areas of Significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Politics/Gov't |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education     | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering              | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social History            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage          | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Dev't | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine          | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy             |  |

20. Associated Historic Context(s), if known: N/A

21. Retains Integrity of:  Location  Setting  Materials  Design  Workmanship  Association  Feeling

22. Notes: Before the establishment of New Castle, the area was frequented by the Ute Tribe who inhabited much of the mountain areas in western Colorado and eastern Utah throughout the summer seasons. However, the lure of wealth from natural resource extraction from several gold rushes and silver booms prompted many American settlers to explore the Rocky Mountains between the mid to late-Nineteenth Century. By 1881, the tribe had been removed from the area and relocated to the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah. The Town of New Castle was incorporated several years later in 1888, shortly after Jasper Ward built the first homestead in the area in 1883. Coal mining quickly became a vital industry in the vicinity to supply fuel to silver smelters throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The town experienced several boom-and-bust cycles of the industry until the early to mid-Twentieth Century when coal mining came to a more permanent end. In the aftermath, agricultural operations including farming and ranching began to take hold throughout the mid to late-Twentieth Century due to the fertile soil in the area. Between the late-Twentieth- and early-Twenty-first Centuries, the town has experienced a sustainable growth in population.

The two-story, L-shaped building was constructed in 1913 as shown through review of Town of New Castle records. Additional historic records indicate that the building initially functioned as a public school between 1913 – 1978. After 1978, the building served several

different commercial operations including a restaurant and roller-skating area. In the late-Twentieth Century, the building was utilized as an apartment complex. By 2021, the building transitioned into a private school.

The resource (5GF.2369) was initially evaluated in June 1996 by Front Range Research Associates, Inc. The resource was assessed Field – Not eligible.

The resource (5GF.2369) was designated a local landmark by the Town of New Castle in 2022.

### 23. Sources:

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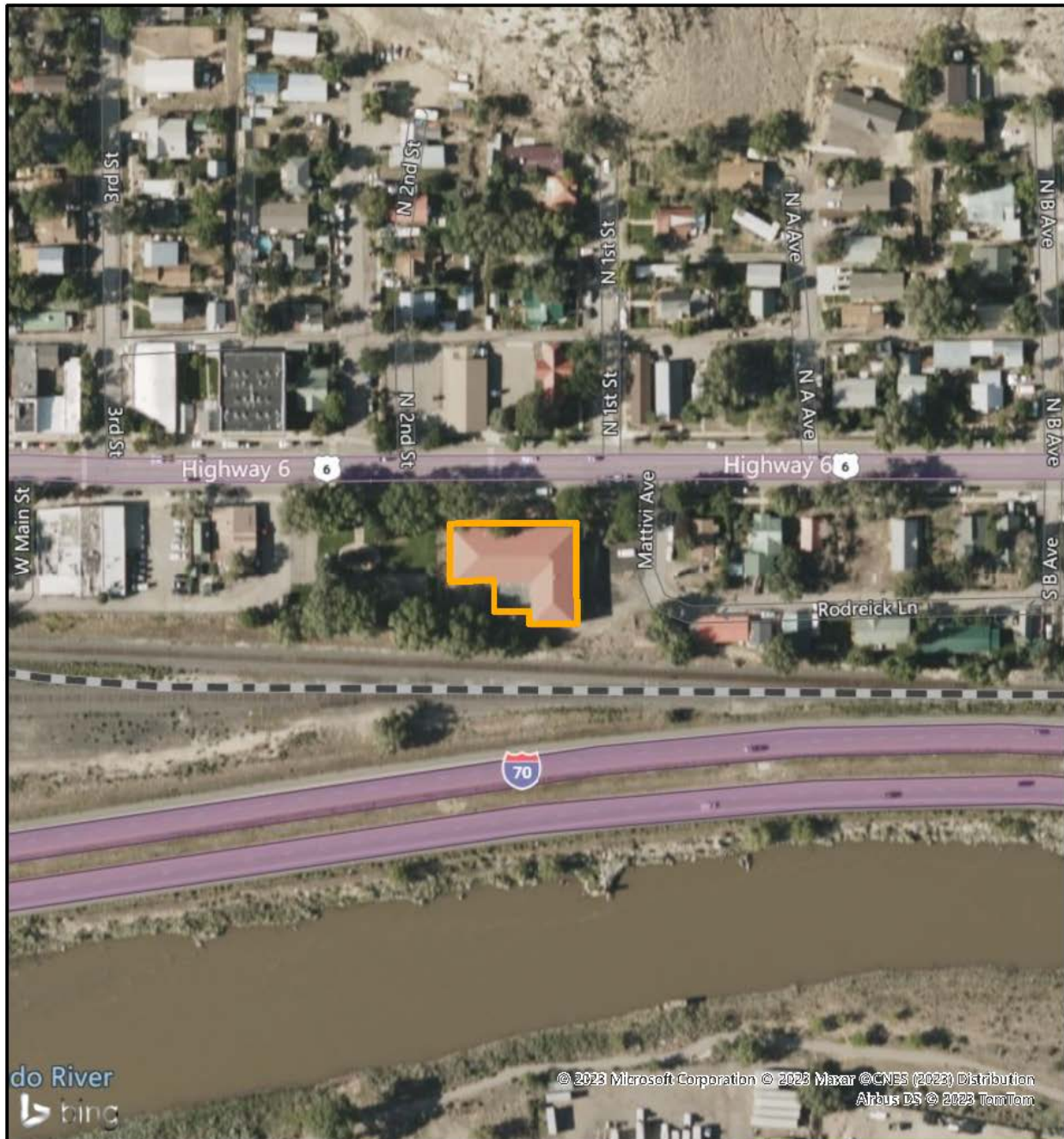
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**SKETCH PLAN** *include approximate scale*





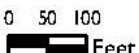
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible District – Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs Data
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark
<b>RECORDING INFORMATION</b>
Survey Date: <u>9/6/2022</u>
Surveyed By: <u>Cameron Weishoff</u>
Project Sponsor: <u>Town of New Castle</u>
Photograph Log: <u>5GF.2369_1 to 5GF.2369_4, and 2 historic photos</u>

### Sketch Map

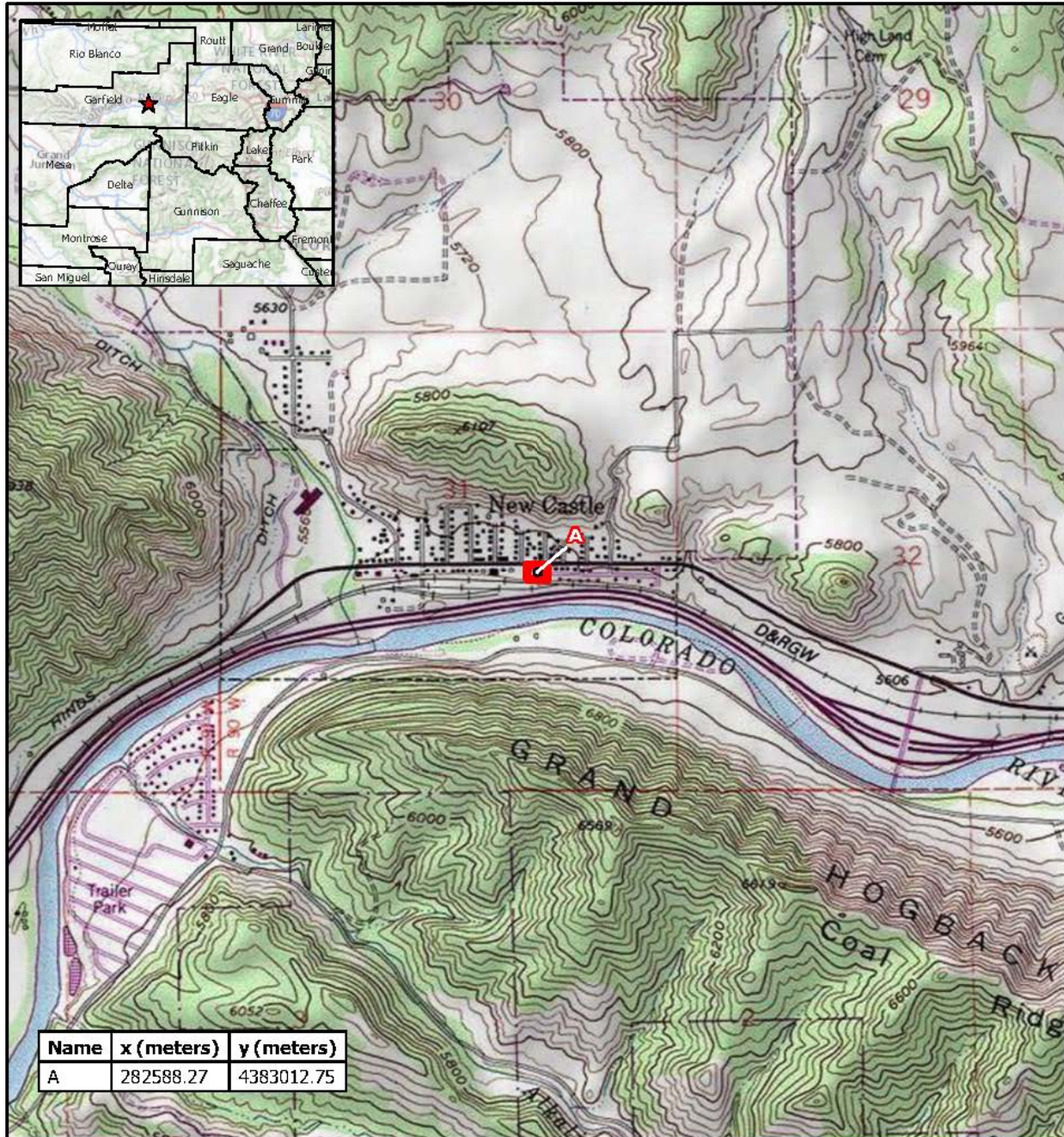


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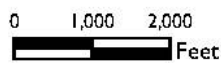
### Topographic Map



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**Legend**

 Resource Boundary



**Topographic Map**

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New Castle, Colorado  
Garfield County

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### Site Photographs



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2369\_1  
**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building. Note the several ornate brickwork features along the facade.  
**Date:** 9/6/022  
**View:** Southeast



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2369\_2  
**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) elevation of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** South



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2369\_3  
**Description:** Looking at the 1939 adobe brick addition to the original 1913 building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Southeast



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2369\_4  
**Description:** Looking at the corner of the east elevation and the primary (north) elevation. Note the staircase leading to the second level addition to the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Southwest





**Historic Photo 1**

**Description:** New Castle School built in 1913, addition of adobe brick made in 1939. School operated until 1978, later becoming apartments. It was converted back to a private school in 2021.

**Date:** Unknown

**Source:** New Castle Museum collection



**Historic Photo 2**

**Description:** Image of the primary (north) and a portion of the east elevations of the building. Note the school bell on the flat roof that is protected by a pyramid roof.

**Date:** Prior to 1939 addition to east elevation.

**Source:** "A Walking Tour of Downtown New Castle" by Town of New Castle



**Historic Photo 3**

**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) elevation of the building.

**Date:** 1996

**Source:** 1996 OAHP Historic Building Inventory Record (5GF.2369)