

## 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: H.R. Kamm Store  Historic  Current  Other:  
 2. Resource Classification:  Building  Structure  Object  Sites/Landscape  
 3. Ownership:  Federal  State  Local  Non-profit  Private  Unknown

**LOCATION**

4. Street Address: 275 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: 212331408011  
 \*\*9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 15, 16 Block: 3 Addition: ORIGINAL TWNSTE NEW CASTLE  
 \*\*10. Acreage: 0.11  Actual  Estimated  
 11. PLSS information: Principal Meridian: 6<sup>th</sup> Township: 5S Range: 90W  
NE ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of section: 31

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

- \*\*12. Location Coordinates:  
 UTM reference: Zone 13 ;mE 282419 ;mN 4383025  NAD 1927  NAD 1983  
 or  
 Lat/Long: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ ; Longitude \_\_\_\_\_  WGS84  Other:

**DESCRIPTION**

13. Construction Features (forms, materials):

Stories	Style/Type	Foundation	Walls
One-story	Nineteenth Century Commercial	Stacked Stone	Brick structural system clad in stucco; log and stone masonry along primary (north) elevation
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
Rectangular picture windows; wood frames; wood sills	Flat roof with stepped parapets; rolled asphalt; plain cornice	N/A	N/A

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

The one-story, rectangular shaped building was constructed circa 1888. The approximately 100' by 50' building is representative of a Nineteenth Century Commercial style of architecture. Architectural elements of the building include a stacked stone foundation; a flat roof with stepped parapets; a brick structural system clad in stucco; novelty siding along the primary (north) elevation; several decorative brackets under the cornice; and several convex awnings. The typical window consists of a wood framed, rectangular picture window with a wood sill. There are two entryways located in the center of the primary (north) elevation. The left side door is labeled with "275" while the right-side door is labeled "285." The numbers coincide with their addresses on Main Street. The main entryway doors consist of a wood panel door with a single lite. The doors are flanked on both sides by several typical window units that extend to each end of the façade. Stone masonry can be noticed between the window sills and the foundation. Above the typical windows are log features that transition to stucco below the cornice. Signage titled "Lazy Bear Restaurant" can be seen on the far-right side of the primary (north) elevation below the cornice. The west elevation consists of stucco exterior envelope although horizontal weatherboard can be noticed on the right side of the elevation. A recessed entryway is located in the center of the elevation. Another entryway and a typical window are located on the far-right side of the elevation.

Historic records indicate that the building was altered by the late Twentieth Century. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps between 1883 and 1899 reveal that an addition was construction along the south elevation. During the building's use as a guide and taxidermy business in the mid to late Twentieth Century, a mural depicting an alpine vista was painted under the cornice of the primary (north) elevation. Log and stone masonry features were also incorporated into the façade by this time and the windows were replaced. By 1996, historic imagery demonstrates that the building transitioned into a NAPA Auto Parts store with wall mounted signage on the façade of the primary (north) elevation. By 2012, historic street imagery demonstrates that the building was converted into a restaurant and that the alpine vista mural had been removed.

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: Commercial

Current Function/Use (if different): Commercial

17. Date of Construction: 1888

Estimated  Actual (include source): 1996 OAHP Historic

Building Inventory Record (5GF.2374)

18. Other Significant Dates, if any: Between 1996 and 2008, the property address was changed from 299 West Main Street to 275 West Main Street.

19. Associated NR Areas of Significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Gov't |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture                          | <input 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 checked="" 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: The following portion of historic context is quoted from the 1996 Historic Building Inventory Record by Front Range Research Associates, Inc.:

"Henry R. Kamm, who had earlier started a grocery store in Glenwood Springs, opened this store in New Castle about 1888. John W. Ritter was manager of the store. Ritter left Kamm's in 1892 to form a partnership with John A. MacRae and operate a clothing store next door. In about 1896, H. R. Kamm left Colorado for California and sold the New Castle store to his brother Frederick, who continued to operate it until the late 1910s. At that time, Ritter & MacRae acquired the building and expanded their clothing and dry goods store into this building. The Ritter and MacRae store operated until about 1967, when the building was sold by John C. Ritter to Monk and Betty Dawson for use in their guide and taxidermy business.

The 1893 Sanborn map shows a masonry store building, with a grocery in the western part and dry goods on the east. Associated with the building was a detached warehouse to the rear of the lot. The 1899 map indicates that the western part of the building still housed a grocery store. A second warehouse had been added behind the store building, connecting it to the other warehouse. The 1904 map indicates the same uses of the building. A covered overhang and scales had been added to the west of the building."

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 resource (5GF.2374) was initially evaluated in June 1996 by Front Range Research Associates, Inc. The resource was assessed Field – Not Eligible.

The resource is designated a local landmark by the Town of New Castle.

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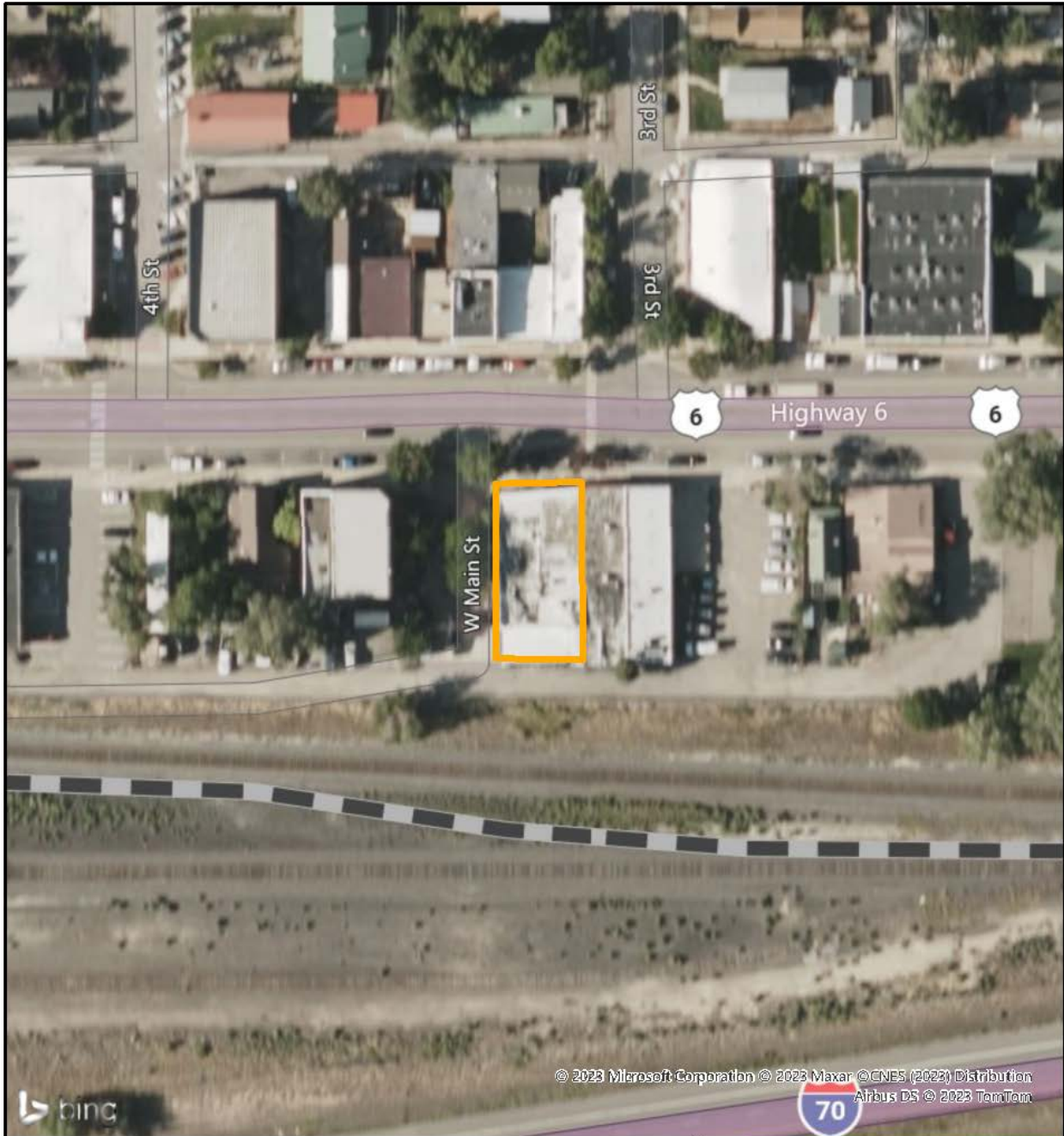
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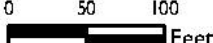
**SKETCH PLAN** *include approximate scale*



<b>FIELD ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATION:</b> (To be completed by surveyor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Determined Eligible – NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Determined Eligible – SR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible
<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>9/6/2023</u>
Surveyed By: <u>Cameron Weishoff</u>
Project Sponsor: <u>Town of New Castle</u>
Photograph Log: <u>5GF.2374_1 and 2 reference photos</u>

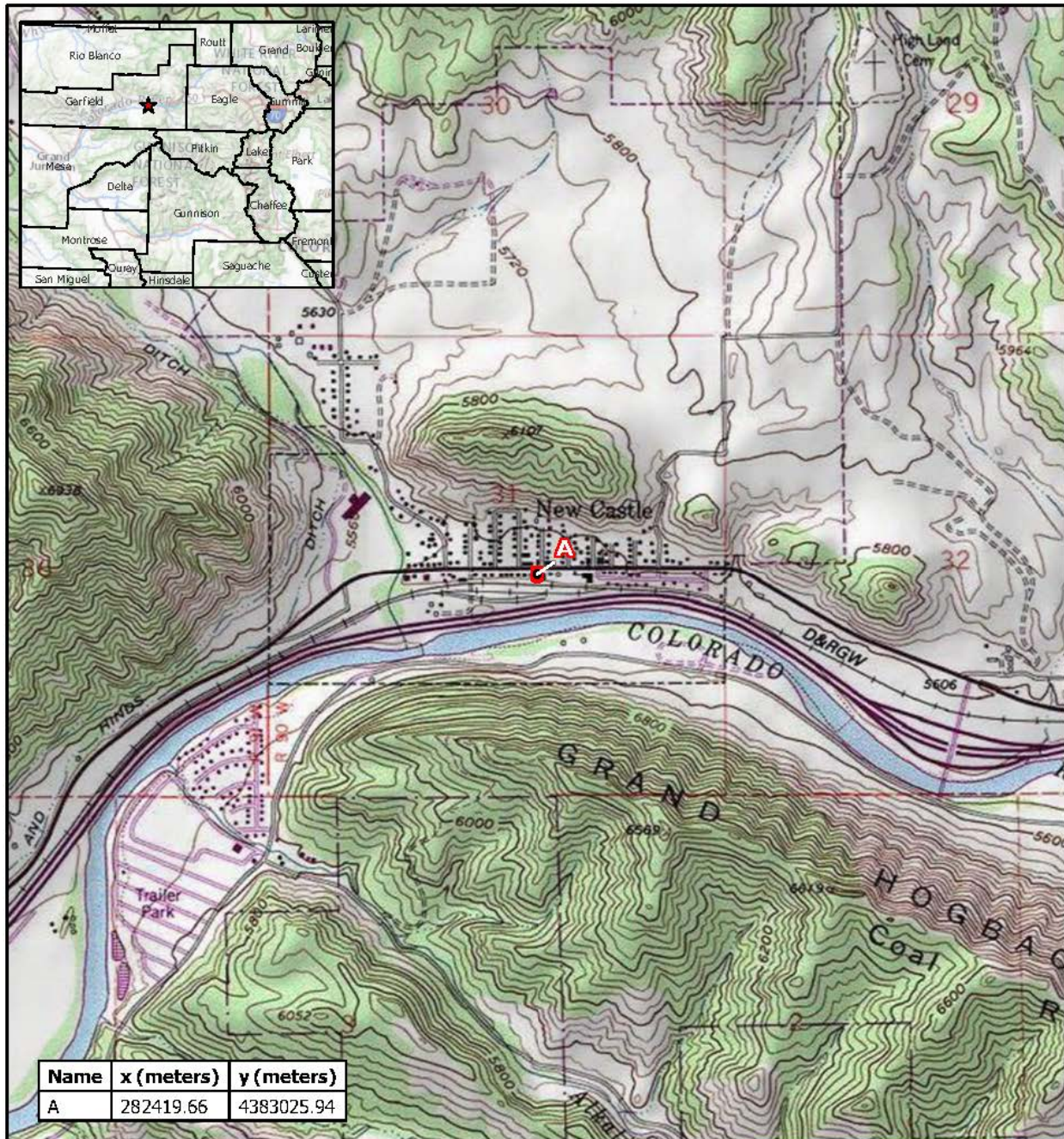
### Sketch Map



<p><b>Legend</b></p> <p> Footprint</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	<p><b>Pinyon</b> Environmental, Inc.</p> <p><b>Sketch Map</b> 275 West Main Street (5GF.2374) New Castle, Colorado Garfield County</p>				
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### Topographic Map



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**Legend**

 Resource Boundary



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Feet



**Topographic Map**  
275 West Main Street (5GF.2374)  
New Castle, Colorado  
Garfield County

Drawn By: CJB

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### Site Photographs



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2374\_1  
**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) elevation of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** South



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2374\_2  
**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Southeast



**Reference Photo 1**

**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building.

**Date:** Unknown

**Source:** New Castle Museum Collection



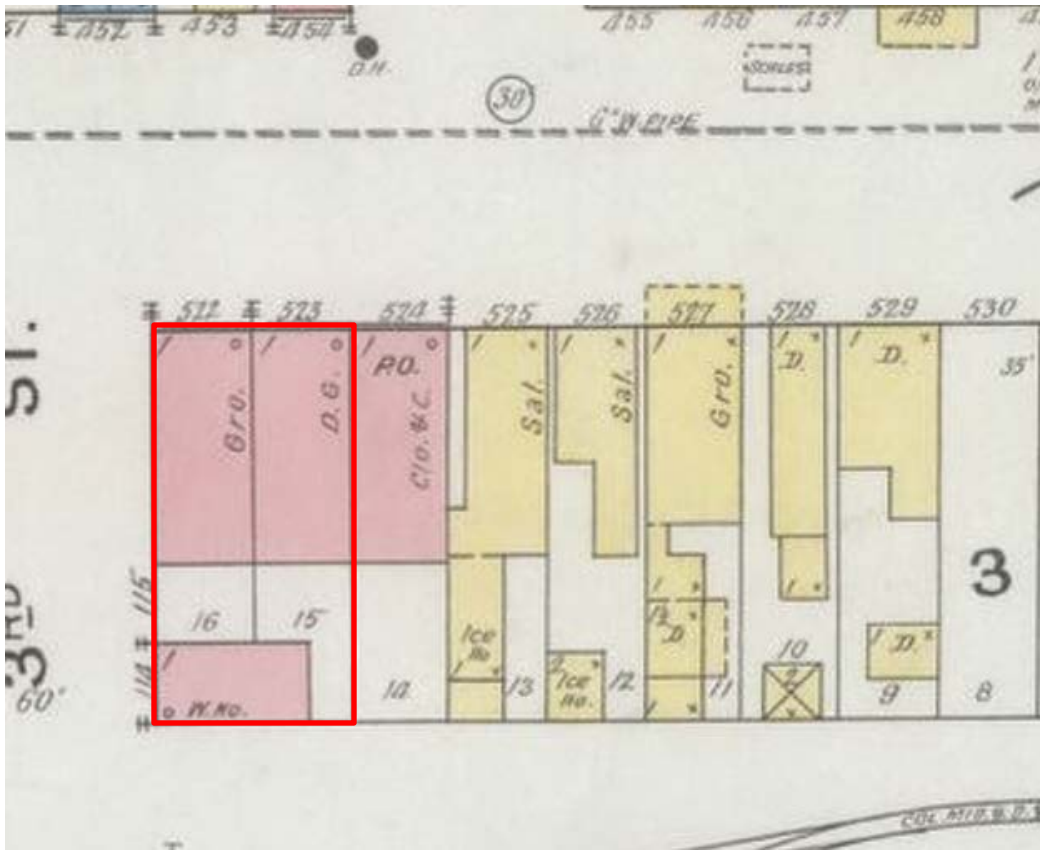
**Reference Photo 2**

**Description:** Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building. Note that the building has transitioned from a guide and taxidermy business to a NAPA Auto Parts store.

**Date:** 1996

**Source:** 1996 OAHP Historic Building Inventory Record (5GF.2374)



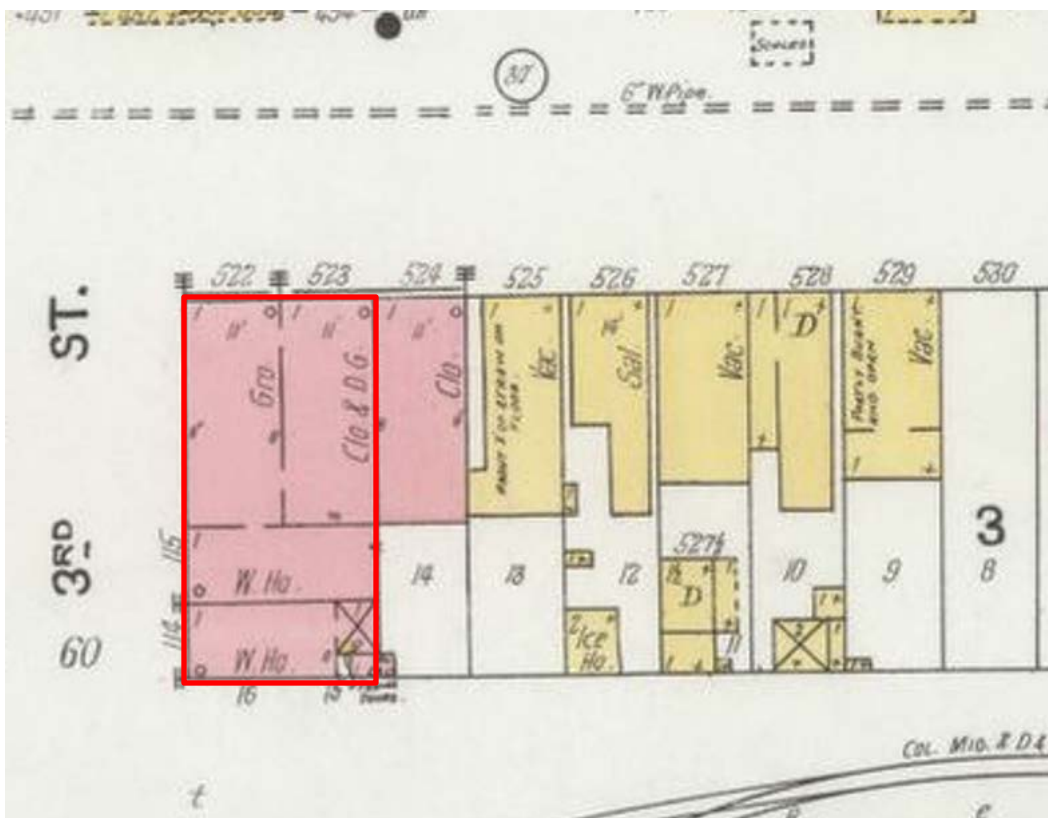


**Reference Photo 3**

**Description:** 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource located on lot 15 and 16 of block 3. The property is outlined in red.

**Date:** 1893

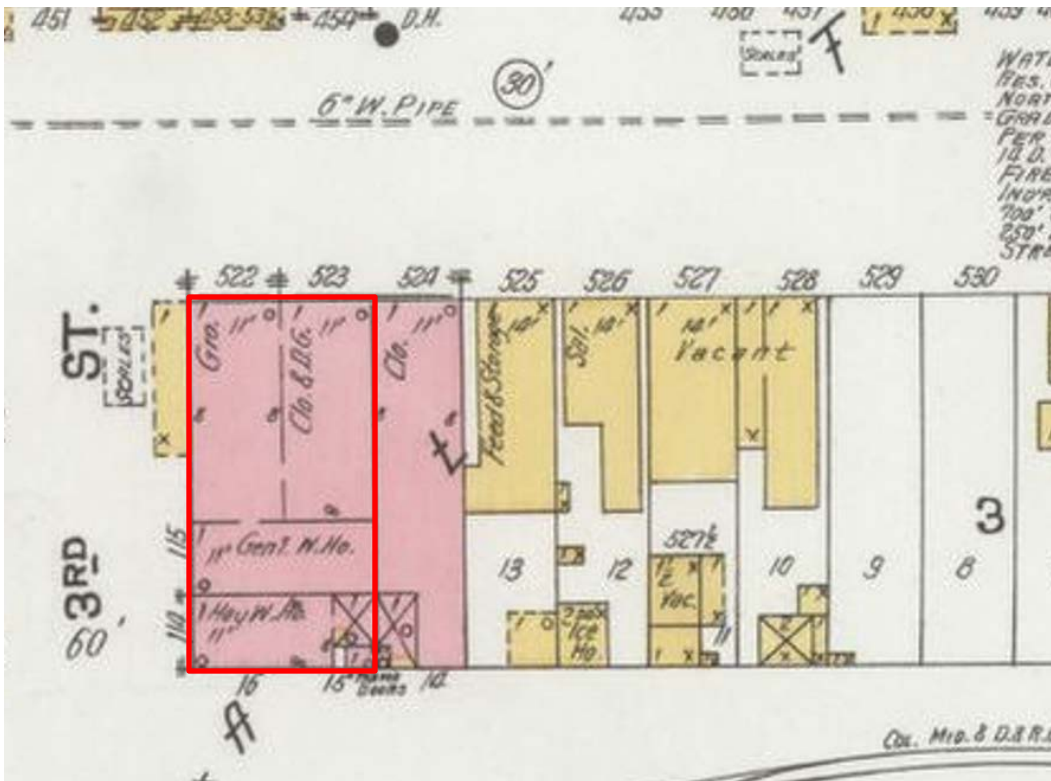
**Source:** Library of Congress



**Reference Photo 4**

**Description:** 1899 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource. The property is outlined in red.

**Source:** Library of Congress



**Reference Photo 5**

**Description:** 1904 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource. The property is outlined in red.

**Source:** Library of Congress