

## 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: Mattivi Motor Co./Phillips 66       Historic     Current     Other:
2. Resource Classification:     Building     Structure     Object     Sites/Landscape
3. Ownership:     Federal     State     Local     Non-profit     Private     Unknown

**LOCATION**

4. Street Address: 298 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: 212331108013
- \*\*9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 8-9      Block: C      Addition: ORIGINAL TWNSTE NEW CASTLE
- \*\*10. Acreage: 0.11       Actual     Estimated
11. PLSS information: Principal Meridian: 6<sup>th</sup>      Township: 5S      Range: 90W  
SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼ of NE ¼ of section: 31
- \*\*12. Location Coordinates:  
 UTM reference: Zone 13      ;mE 282454      ;mN 4383083     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
One-story	Rusticated Commercial	Poured concrete	Rusticated concrete block; novelty siding; belt course
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
Picture windows; three lite fixed windows divided by wood muntins; wood frames; concrete lintels and sills	Flat roof with rolled asphalt; plain coping	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, irregular plan building was constructed in 1937 as shown through review of Garfield County Assessor's Office records. The approximately 100' by 50' service station is representative of a rusticated form of Commercial style of architecture. Architectural elements of the building include a poured concrete foundation; flat roof with rolled asphalt; plain coping; plain piers; a rusticated concrete block exterior envelope; several overhead garage doors; and an angled wall main entryway. Rectangular frieze panels can also be noticed along the primary (south) elevation of the building that were formerly used for advertising and signage of the business. A decorative concrete belt course is also located in the middle of the façade of the primary (south) elevation. Novelty siding covers a former garage door opening along the primary (south) elevation. A majority of the windows feature a concrete lintel and sill. Several windows are also recessed into the exterior wall. The typical window consists of a rectangular picture window with a wood frame. There are three entryways spaced along the primary (south) elevation. The door on the far-left side of the elevation consists of a historic wood panel door while a replacement exterior door with a single lite is located in the center of the elevation. On the far-right side of the

levitation is a large wood door with a fixed-pane window. An overhead garage door can be noticed in the center of the west elevation and is flanked by two square and two rectangular picture windows.

Historic photos demonstrate that the building's historic "Mattivi Bros. Motor Co." signage was removed by the mid to late Twentieth Century and replaced with new signage stating, "Pete Mattivi Motor Co." By 1996, this signage was also removed. At some point, the historic fuel pumps were removed and replaced. Historical aerial imagery between 1996 and 2005 demonstrates that the fuel island and replacement pumps were removed along the primary (south) elevation of the building and replaced with several trees and curb features.

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: Automotive Dealership and Service Station Current Function/Use (if different): Vacant/Interior remodel

17. Date of Construction: 1937  Estimated  Actual (include source): Garfield County Assessor Office

18. Other Significant Dates, if any: The building operated as a service station and automotive dealership until the late Twentieth Century. Historic street imagery in 2008 demonstrates that the building operated as a real estate office.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications             | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Dev't | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine          | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts        | Association with                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy             | Pete Mattivi                                       |

20. Associated Historic Context(s), if known: The following history is a portion of the historic context quoted from the 1996 Historic Building Inventory Record by Front Range Research Associates, Inc.:

"The building was erected in 1937 by Pete and Matt Mattivi on the site of an early livery stable, labeled in 1899 as Hines & Griffins livery and in 1904 as Strouse's livery. Pete Mattivi, a prominent citizen of New Castle who served as mayor, county commissioner, and school board member, was born in Crystal in 1905 and lived in Marble, Salida, and Glenwood Springs. He moved to New Castle in 1929 to help his brother Matt, in a two-stall service station... In 1937, the brothers established this service station and also sold Studebakers for 19 years. Pete and Opal Mattivi own this building today, although Pete Mattivi retired from its operation in 1982."

A historic walking tour guide by Town of New Castle also states, "Masonry blocks for the building came from dismantled buildings in Cardiff [CO]."

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.2373) was initially evaluated in June 1996 by Front Range Research Associates, Inc. The resource was assessed as Field – Eligible.

The Town of New Castle designated the resource as a local landmark in 2007.

## 23. Sources:

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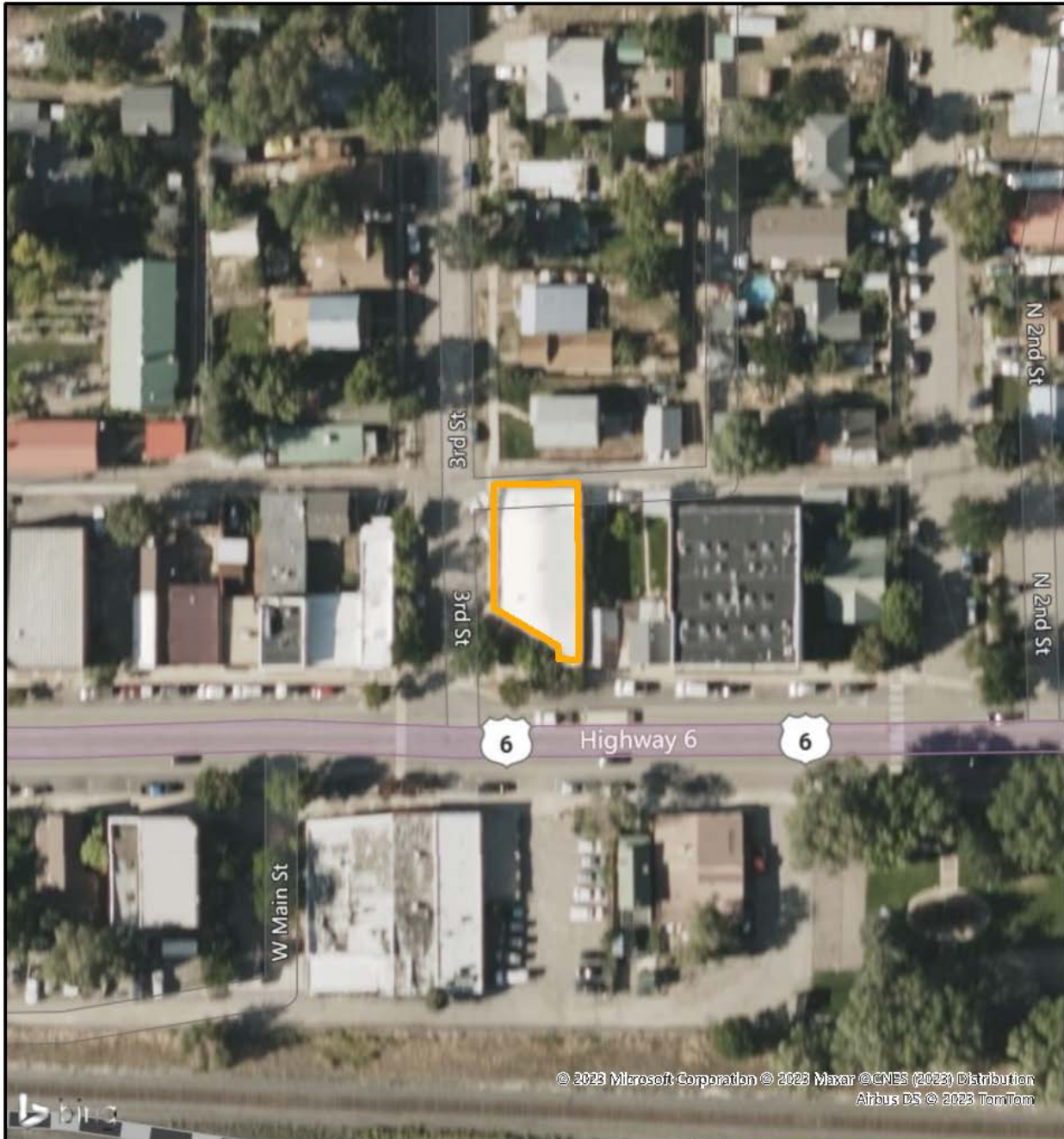
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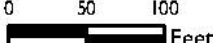



<b>FIELD ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATION:</b> (To be completed by surveyor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determined Eligible – NR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determined Eligible – SR
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible District – Contributing
<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.2373_1 to 5GF.2373_5, 2 historic photos, and 2 reference photos</u>

<b>See Attachment</b>																			
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### Sketch Map

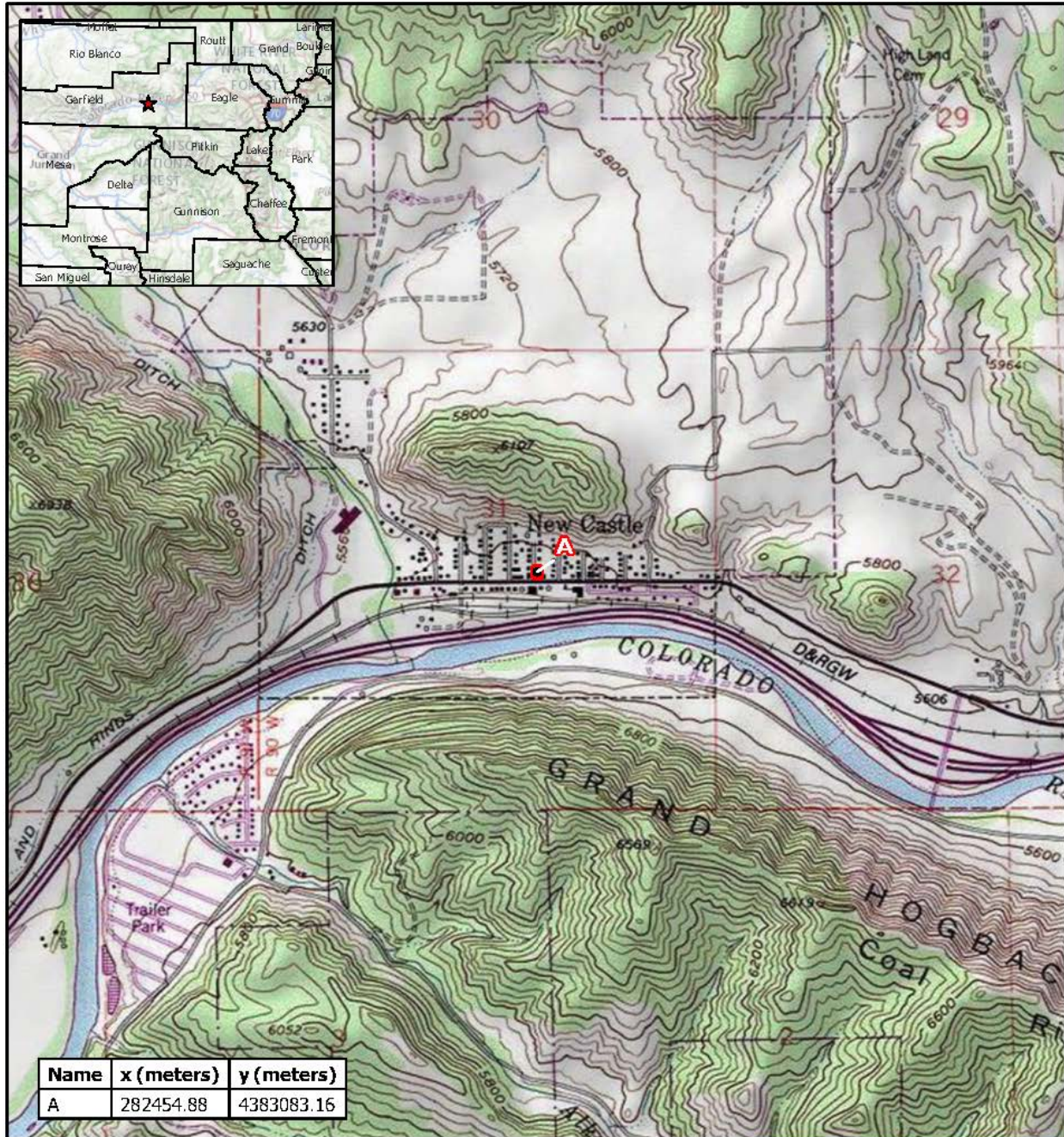


<p><b>Legend</b></p> <p> Footprint</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	 <p><b>Sketch Map</b>          298 West Main Street (5GF.2373)          New Castle, Colorado          Garfield County</p>				
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### Topographic Map



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#### Legend

 Resource Boundary



0 1,000 2,000  
Feet



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### Site Photographs



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2373\_1  
**Description:** Looking at the west and primary (south) elevations of the building. Note that a majority of the primary (south) elevation is obscured by mature deciduous trees.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northeast



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2373\_2  
**Description:** Close up view of the west and primary (south) elevation of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northeast





**Photo Number:** 5GF.2373\_3  
**Description:** Looking at the west and primary (south) elevation of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northeast



**Photo Number:** 5GF.2373\_4  
**Description:** Looking at the far-right side of the primary (south) and a portion of the east elevations. Note the former garage door opening that was covered by the mid to late Twentieth Century.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northwest



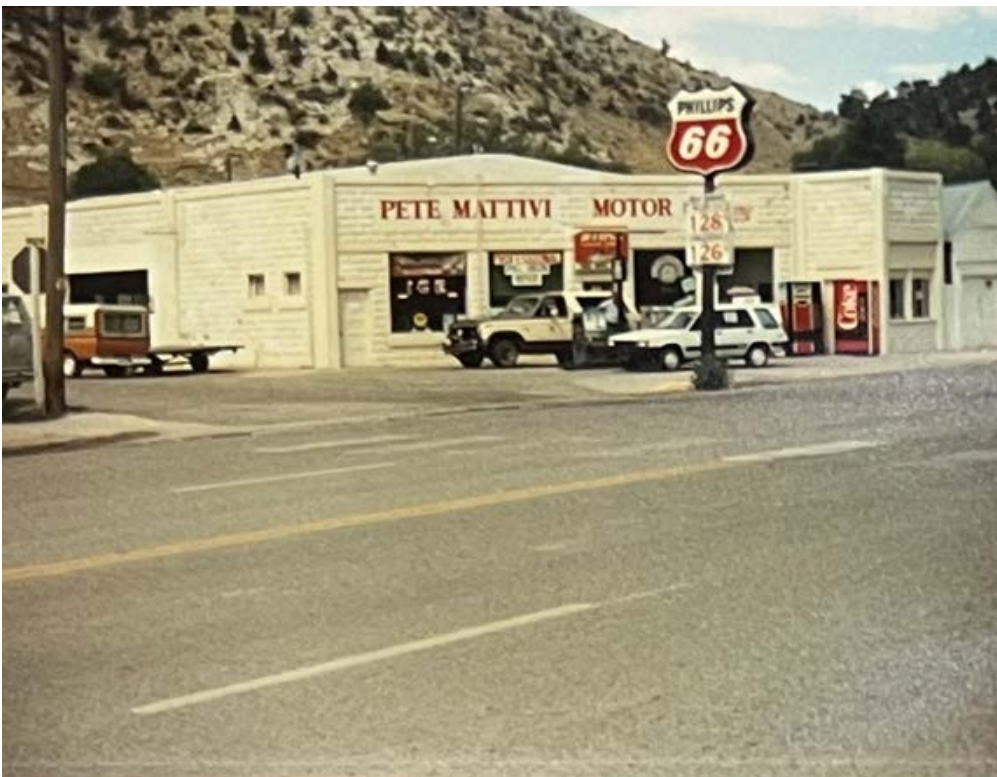


**Photo Number:** 5GF.2373\_5

**Description:** Looking at the east elevation of the building.

**Date:** 9/6/2022

**View:** North

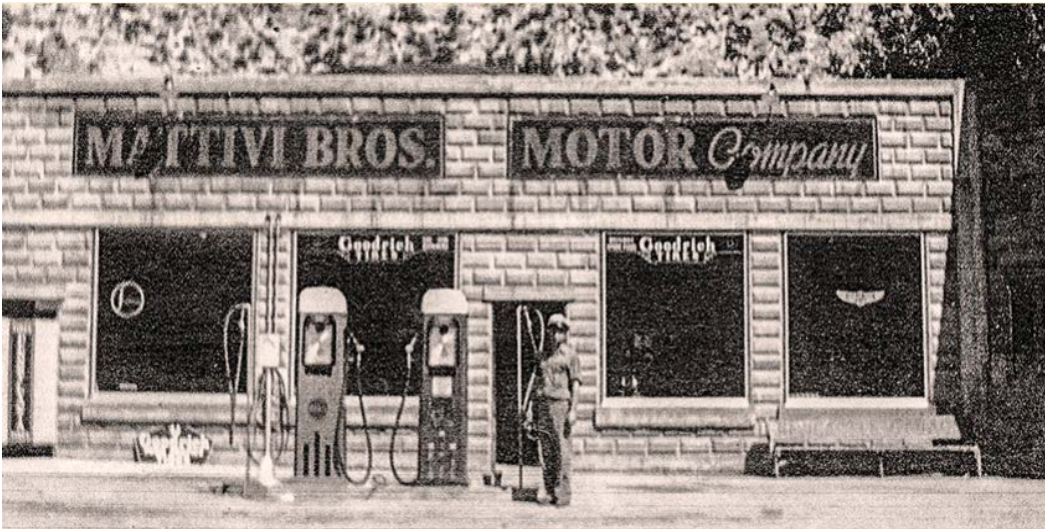


**Historic Photo 1**

**Description:** Looking at the west and primary (south) elevations of the building. Note that the garage opening on the far right of the primary (south) elevation was covered by this time.

**Date:** Circa 1980

**Source:** New Castle Museum Collection



**Historic Photo 2**

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

**Date:** Unknown

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



**Reference Photo 1**

**Description:** Looking at the west and primary (south) elevations of the building. Note the extant fuel island and Phillips 66 sign on the roof of the building.

**Date:** 1996

**Source:** 1996 OAHP Historic Building Inventory Record (5GF.2373)





**Reference Photo 2**

**Description:** Looking at the west and primary (south) elevations of the building. Note that the fuel island and pumps have been removed by this time.

**Date:** Circa 2009

**Source:** Garfield County Assessor's Office

