

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: Trimble Block Historic Current Other:
2. Resource Classification: Building Structure Object Sites/Landscape
3. Ownership: Federal State Local Non-profit Private Unknown

LOCATION

4. Street Address: 303 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: 212331409001
- **9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 1, 2 Block: 7 Addition: ORIGINAL TWNSTE NEW CASTLE
- **10. Acreage: 0.07 Actual Estimated
11. PLSS information: Principal Meridian: 6th Township: 5S Range: 90W
NE ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼ of section: 31
- **12. Location Coordinates:
 UTM reference: Zone 13 ;mE 282390 ;mN 4383026 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	Nineteenth Century Commercial	Stacked stone	Brick Masonry; stone masonry belt course; checkerboard brick friezes; brick dentils; stucco along the foundation of the east elevation
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
One-over-one single hung sash; four-lite picture window; two-lite and single lite transoms; wood and stone masonry sills; stone lintels; segmental arches along east elevation	Flat roof with parapets; vertical row of soldier brick along cornice	N/A	N/A

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

The two-story, rectangular shaped building was constructed circa 1893 as shown through review of an 1893 *Sanborn Fire Insurance* map. The approximately 60' by 30' 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 parapets; a brick masonry exterior envelope; a vertical row of soldier brick along the cornice; brick dentils; checkerboard brick friezes; an angled double door main entryway; segmental arch windows; stone masonry window lintels and sills; a stone masonry belt course between first and second levels; and transoms above

entry doors. The typical window consists of a wooden one-over-one single hung sash with a stone masonry lintel and sill. Decorative brickwork can be noticed along and underneath the cornice including brick dentils and checkerboard friezes. The main entryway is located in the angled storefront along the primary (north) elevation. The main entryway consists of wooden side-by-side doors with each door incorporating divided lites. The main doors are capped by a wooden two-lite hopper transom. A recessed secondary entryway can be noticed on the far-right side of the primary (north) elevation. The secondary door consists of a wood door with two-lites. The door is capped by a radiused single-lite transom. Large four-lite picture windows divided by wood muntins are present between the main and secondary entryway. The top lites of each window feature radiused edges. Both windows also feature wood kickplates. Segmental arch windows can be seen along the east elevation as well as stucco on the exterior wall near the foundation. A wood staircase leads to an exterior door on the right side of the elevation.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps between 1899 and 1904 demonstrate that a wood framed general store was located to the rear (south) of the lot; however, historical aerial imagery demonstrates that the building was no longer extant by 1960. Historical imagery of the building in 1905 and the late Twentieth Century demonstrates minor change the exterior envelope of the building. Historical street imagery between 2008 and 2012 demonstrates that metal shrouding was added to the cornice of the building.

14. Associated buildings, features, or objects:

A small shipping container is located to the south of the commercial building. The approximately 20' by 8' container features a corrugated metal exterior and is used for storage.

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: 1893
Insurance map

Estimated Actual (include source): 1893 Sanborn Fire

18. Other Significant Dates, if any: N/A

19. Associated NR Areas of Significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | |

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

"In 1893, the western storefront is shown as a dry good store and the eastern storefront is listed as a drug store. The second floor is indicated as a hall. In 1899, a saloon is shown in the western part of the building, while an office is shown on the east and a hall is still indicated on the upper floor. By 1904, the western part of the building is indicated as vacant, while the eastern part is shown as a saloon. W. H. Trimble operated a saloon and theater in New Castle and appears in the Colorado Business Directories from 1890 to 1900. The second story hall, which served as the scene for entertainment and meetings, led to the building been called the Trimble Opera House. Two other buildings with second floor halls in New Castle were also known as opera houses. The New Castle Historical Society walking tour notes that the building was used as a dance hall and saloon by Jim Tarro, Sr., and also housed Claude Hall's Barber Shop, Schmueser's Grocery Store, and Bomer's Meat Market.

The building gained some notoriety as the scene of a 1910 shootout between William Griffith, who had a room on the second floor, and local authorities. Griffith, reportedly drunk, killed the town marshal and wounded two others before he retired to his room and died of a self-inflicted gunshot. Bullet holes are still visible in the walls of the building."

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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.2376) was initially evaluated in June 1996 by Front Range Research Associates, Inc. and was determined Officially – Eligible by the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHF) in 2001.

23. Sources:

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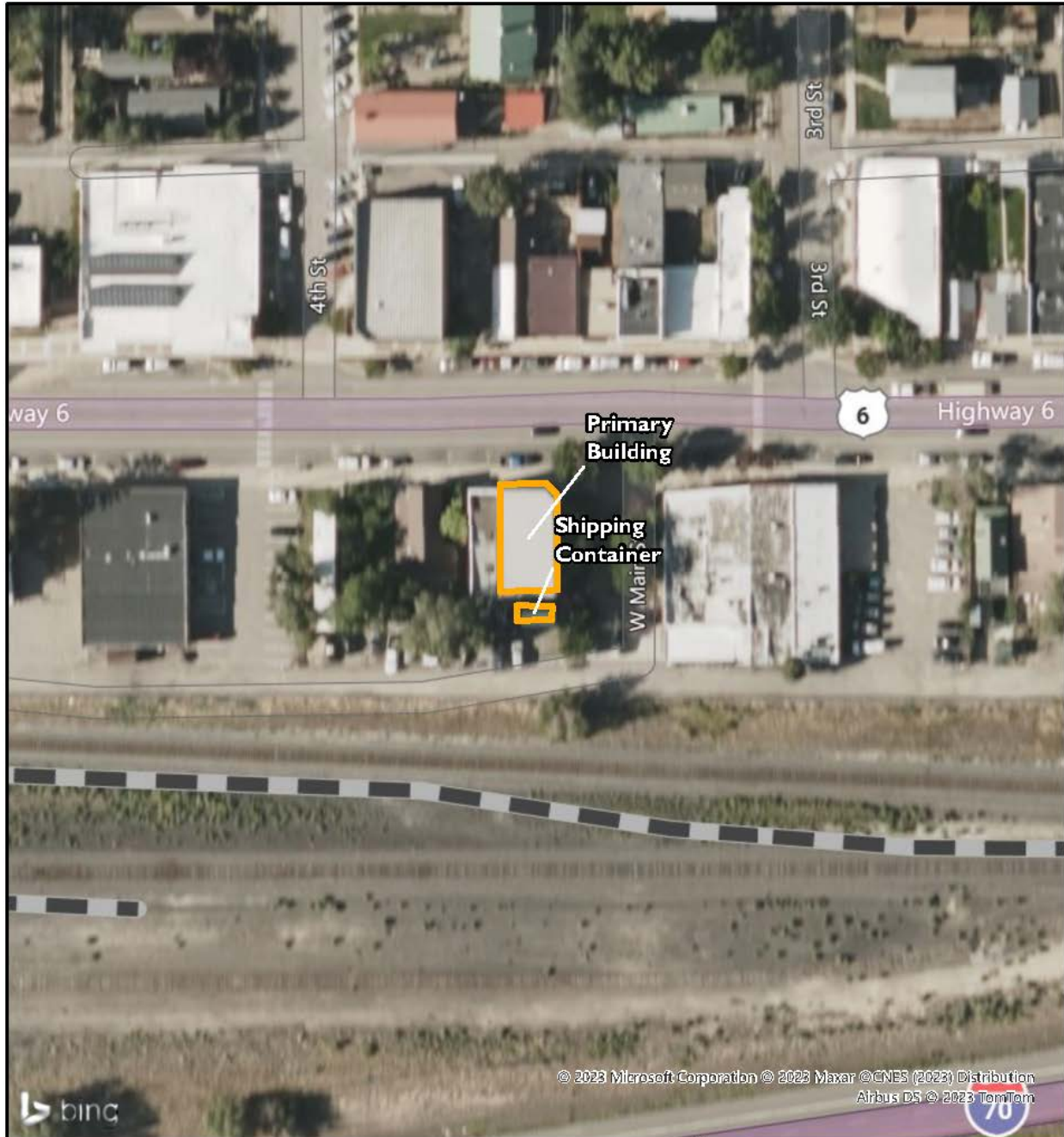
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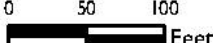
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<input type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible
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<input type="checkbox"/> Needs Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark
RECORDING INFORMATION
Survey Date: <u>9/6/2023</u>
Surveyed By: <u>Cameron Weishoff</u>
Project Sponsor: <u>Town of New Castle</u>
Photograph Log: <u>5GF.2376_1 to 5GF.2376_2, 1 historic photo, and 5 reference photos</u>

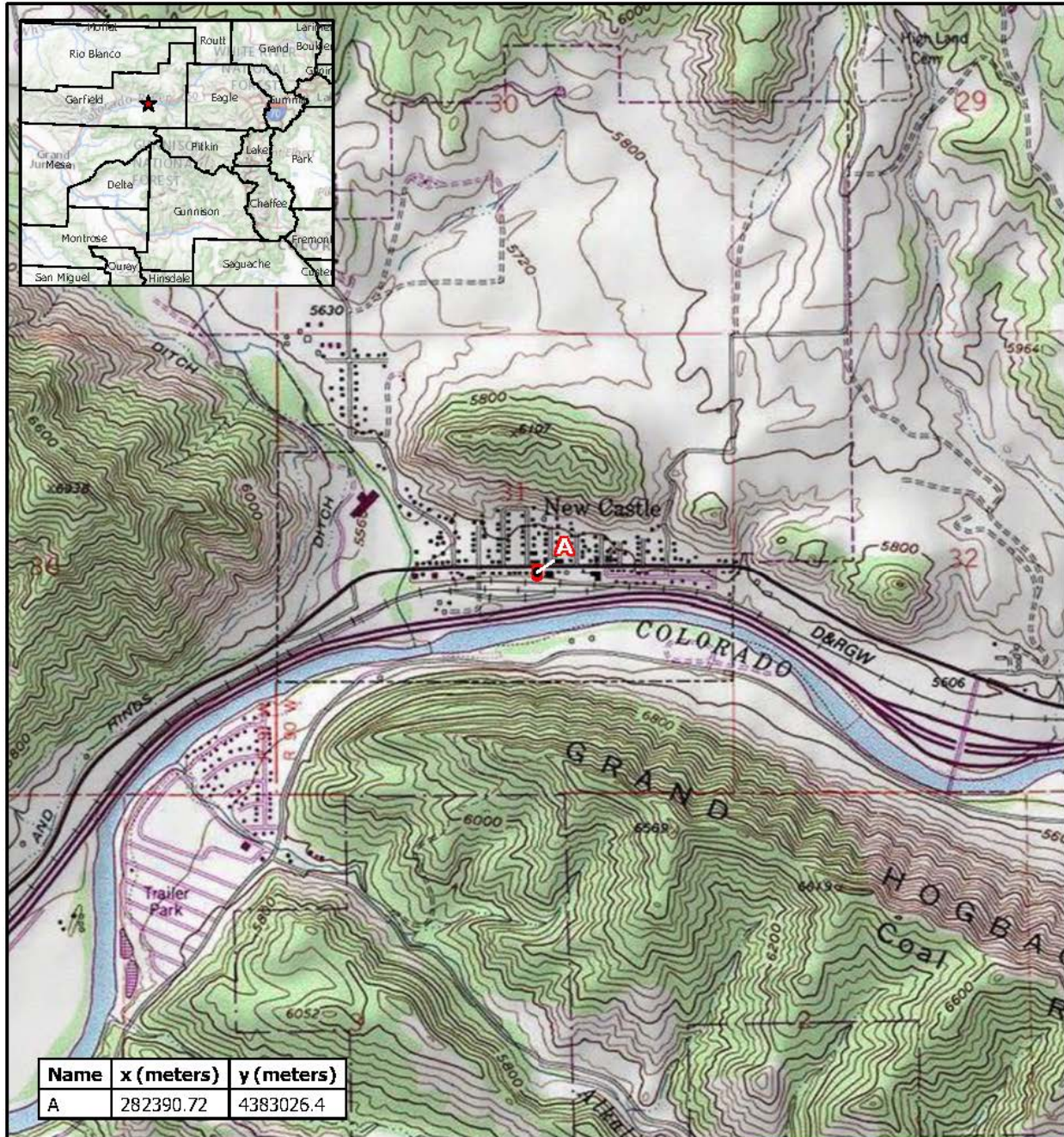
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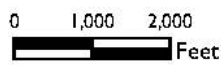
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Legend

 Resource Boundary



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 New Castle, Colorado
 Garfield County

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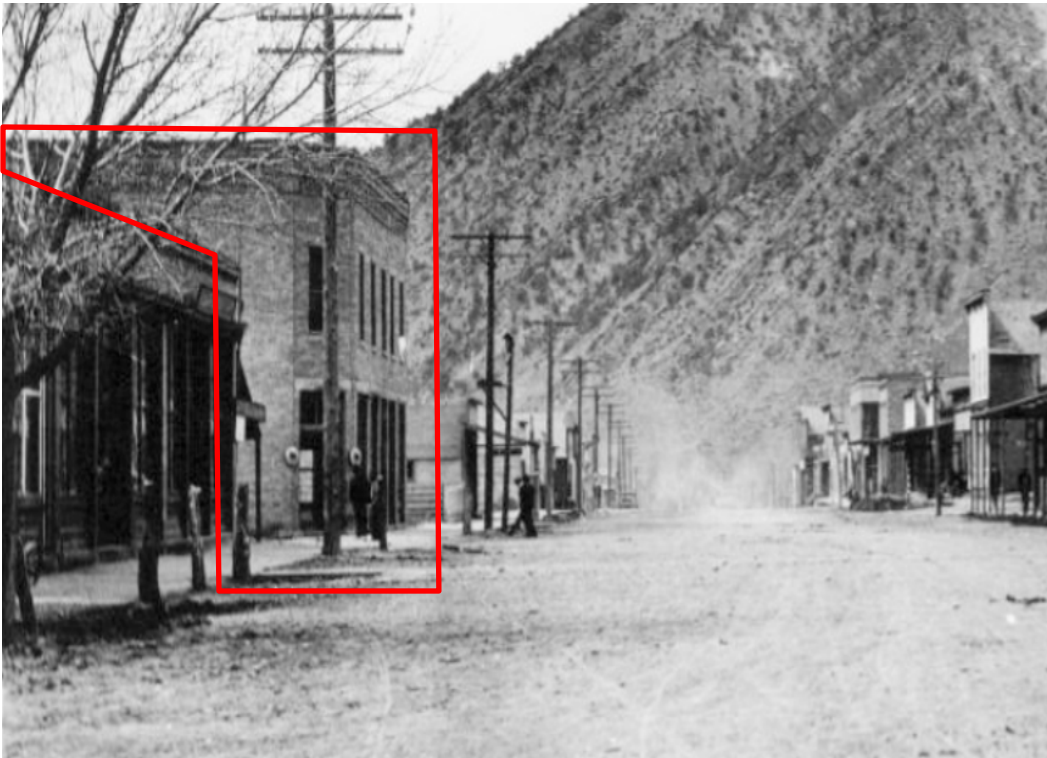
Site Photographs



Photo Number: 5GF.2376_1
Description: Looking at the primary (north) elevation of the building. Note the decorative brickwork underneath the cornice.
Date: 9/6/2022
View: South



Photo Number: 5GF.2376_2
Description: Looking at the east and angled main entryway along the primary (north) elevation of the building.
Date: 9/6/2022
View: West



Historic Photo 1

Description: Image of downtown New Castle between North 3rd Street and North 4th Street. Note that the resource is outlined in red.

Date: 1905

Source: Denver Public Library – Digital Collections [Not for publication]



Reference Photo 1

Description: Photo states, that the “‘Trimble Building’ was a dance hall and saloon. Later housed Hall’s Barber shop, Schmueser’s Grocery Store, Bomer’s Meat Market, and Garfield County Telephone.”

Date: Unknown

Source: New Castle Museum Collection

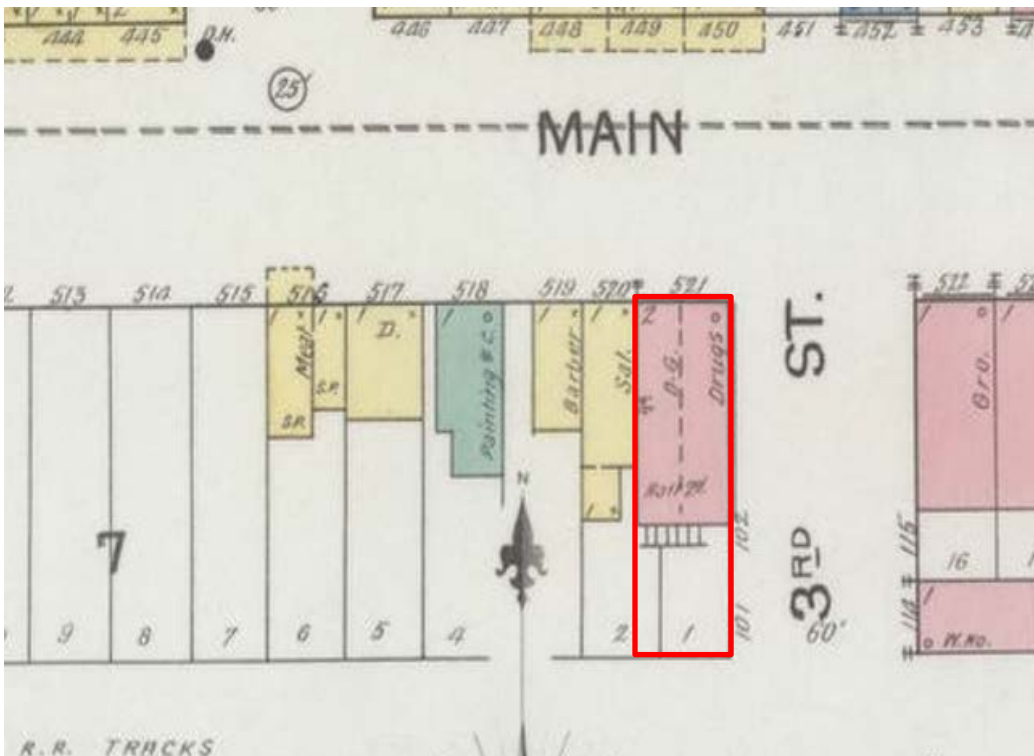


Reference Photo 2

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

Date: 1996

Source: 1996 OAHP Historic Building Inventory Record (5GF.2376)

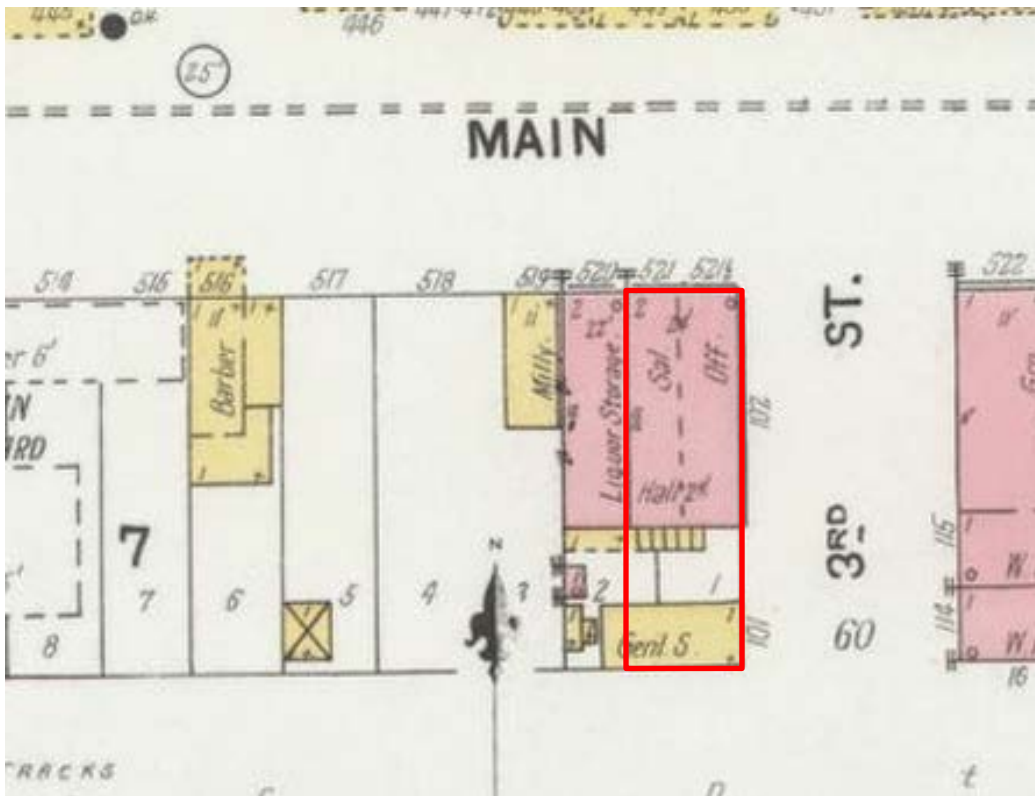


Reference Photo 3

Description: 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource located on lot 1 and partially of lot 2 of block 7. The property is outlined in red.

Date: 1893

Source: Library of Congress

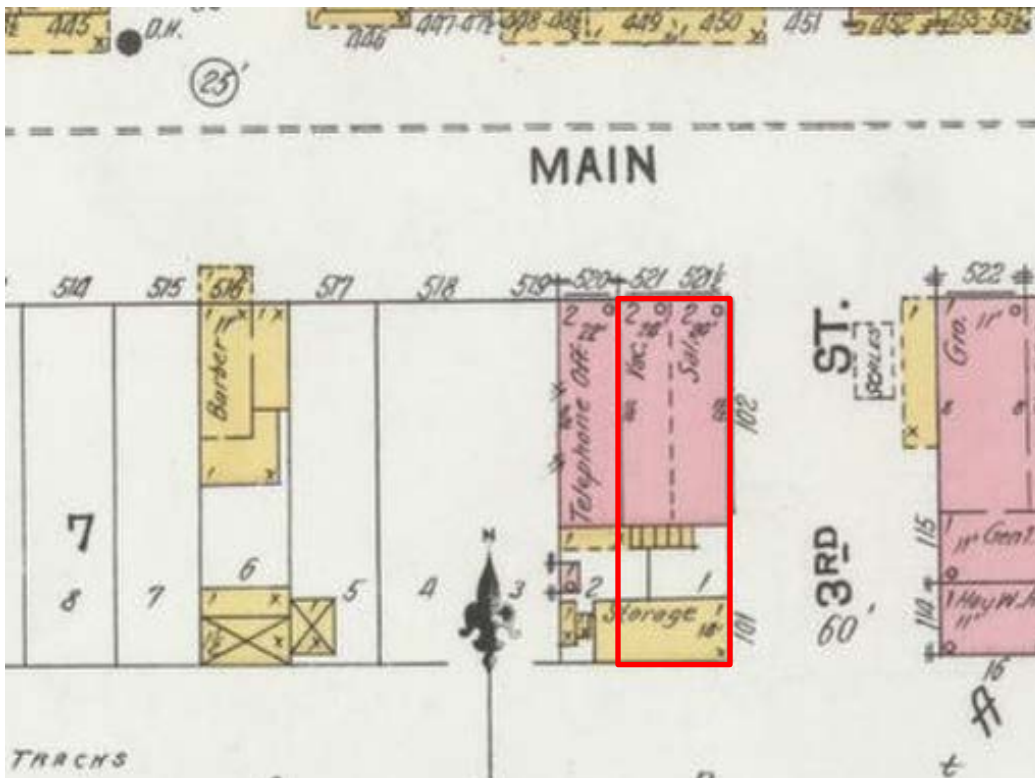


Reference Photo 4

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

Date: 1899

Source: Library of Congress



Reference Photo 5

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

Date: 1904

Source: Library of Congress