

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: 331 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: 212331409002

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

- **9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 2 Block: 7 Addition: ORIGINAL TWNSTE NEW CASTLE
- **10. Acreage: 0.04 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 282381 ;mN 4383026 NAD 1927 NAD 1983
- or
- Lat/Long: Latitude _____ ; Longitude _____ WGS84 Other:

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
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
One-over-one single hung sash; four-lite picture window; single lite transom; wood and stone masonry sills; stone lintels	Flat roof with stepped parapets; horizontal row of soldier brick along the cornice	N/A	Full length wood deck with staircase along the south elevation

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 in 1895 as shown through review of Garfield County Assessor's Office records. The approximately 60' by 18' building is representative of a Nineteenth Century Commercial style of architecture. Architectural features of the building include a stacked stone foundation; a flat roof with stepped parapets; an exterior envelope clad in brick masonry; a horizontal row of soldier brick along the cornice; brick dentils; checkerboard brick friezes; a recessed main entryway; stone masonry window lintels and sills; a stone masonry belt course between first and second levels; and a transom above the main entryway. Decorative brickwork can be noticed underneath the cornice including brick dentils and checkerboard friezes. The typical window consists of a wooden one-over-one single hung sash with a stone masonry lintel and sill. The main entryway is located on the far-left side of the primary (north) elevation. The entryway is recessed into the exterior wall and incorporates a wood panel door with divided lites. The main doors are capped by a wooden single lite hopper transom. A large four-lite picture window divided by wood muntins is present between the right of the main entryway. The top lites of the window feature radiused edges. The window also

features a wood panel kickplate. Three typical window units can be seen in the center of the second floor of the west elevation. A full-length wood deck and a staircase are also present along the south elevation of the building.

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps between 1893 and 1904 demonstrate that a wood framed building occupied the lot before the current brick building was constructed in 1895. 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 2012 and 2022 demonstrates that metal shrouding was added to the cornice of the building.

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: 1895
Assessor's Office

Estimated Actual (include source): Garfield County

18. Other Significant Dates, if any:

19. Associated NR Areas of Significance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | |

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

"This building is not shown on the 1893 Sanborn map when a frame saloon is shown on this site. On the 1899 Sanborn map the building is shown and is indicated as 'liquor store.' W.H. Trimble operated a saloon in New Castle and is listed in the 1890 and 1900 Colorado Business directories. The 1895-97 directories show Trimble as operating a theater, and a theater and saloon (in 1898). The second floor of the building was a large hall used for entertainment, meetings, and dances; thus, the building became known as the Trimble Opera House. In 1904, the building is shown as the telephone office on the Sanborn map of that year. According to the New Castle Historical Society walking tour, the Colorado Telephone Company came to New Castle in 1901 and established its office in the Trimble Block, with Mrs. Eva Timbal as the first switchboard operator."

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.2379) 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 (OAHP) in 2001.

23. Sources:

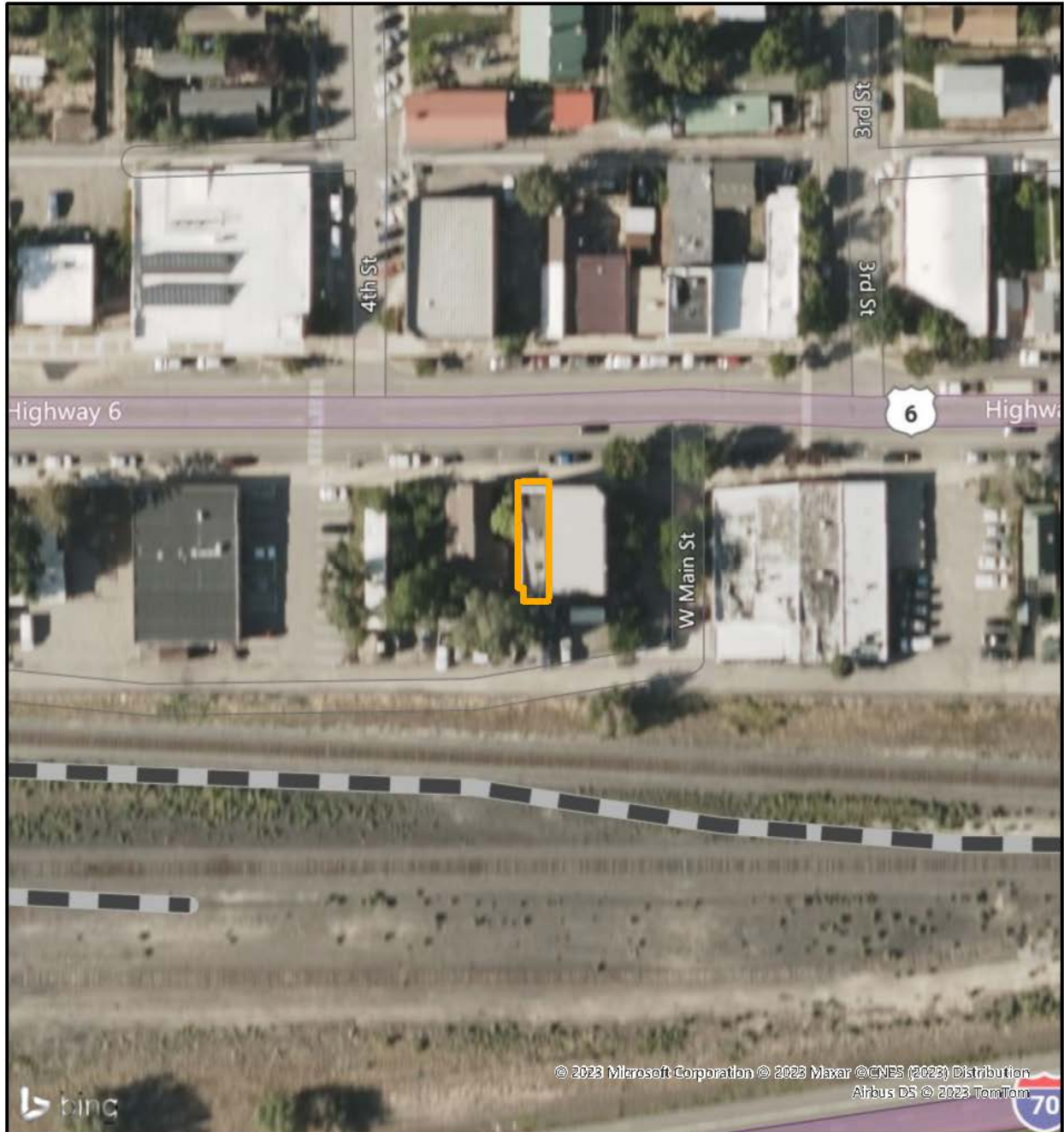
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SKETCH PLAN *include approximate scale*



FIELD ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATION: (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 type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark
RECORDING INFORMATION
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.2379 1, and 5 reference photos</u>



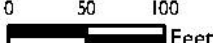
Sketch Map



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<p>Legend</p> <p> Footprint</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>	<p>Pinyon Professional, Inc.</p> <p>Sketch Map 331 West Main Street (5GF.2379) New Castle, Colorado Garfield County</p>				
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Site Photographs



Photo Number: 5GF.2379_1
Description: Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building. Note the decorative brickwork below the cornice.
Date: 9/6/2022
View: Southeast



Reference Photo 1
Description: Looking at the primary (north) and west elevations of the building.
Date: 9/6/2022
Source: 1996 OAHP Historic Building Inventory Record (5GF.2379)

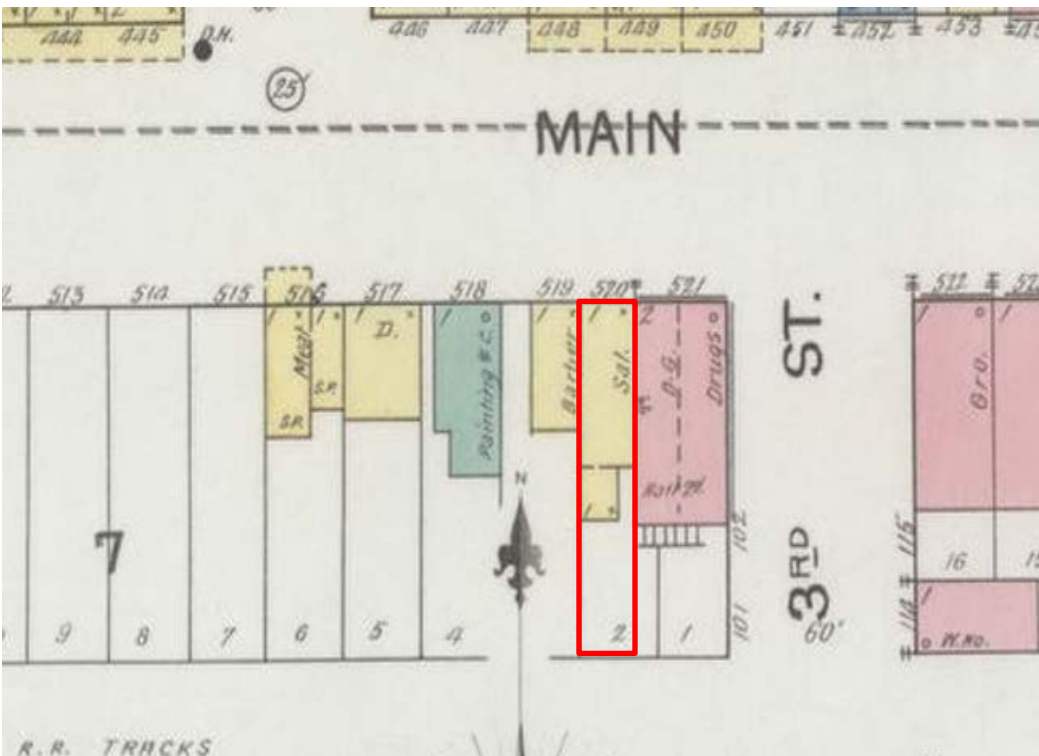


Reference Photo 2

Description: The building is located on the right side of the photo.

Date: Unknown

Source: New Castle Museum Collection

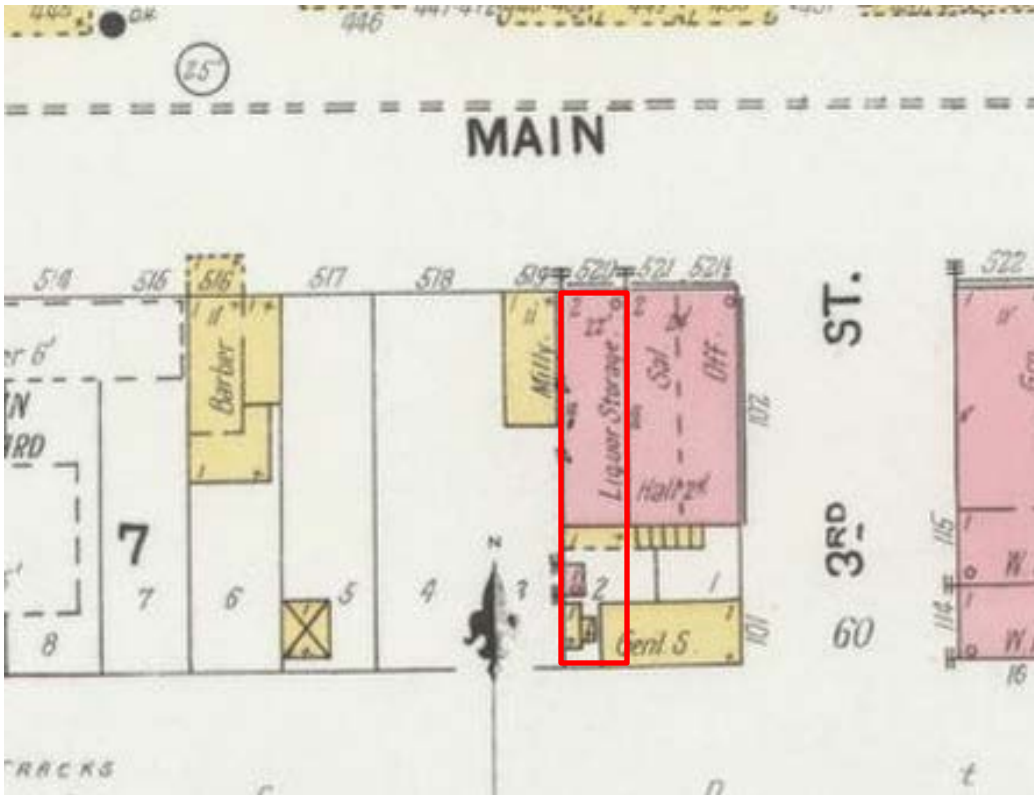


Reference Photo 3

Description: 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance map demonstrating the former wood framed saloon that was present on the lot before the current resource was constructed in 1895. The property is outlined in red.

Date: 1893

Source: Library of Congress

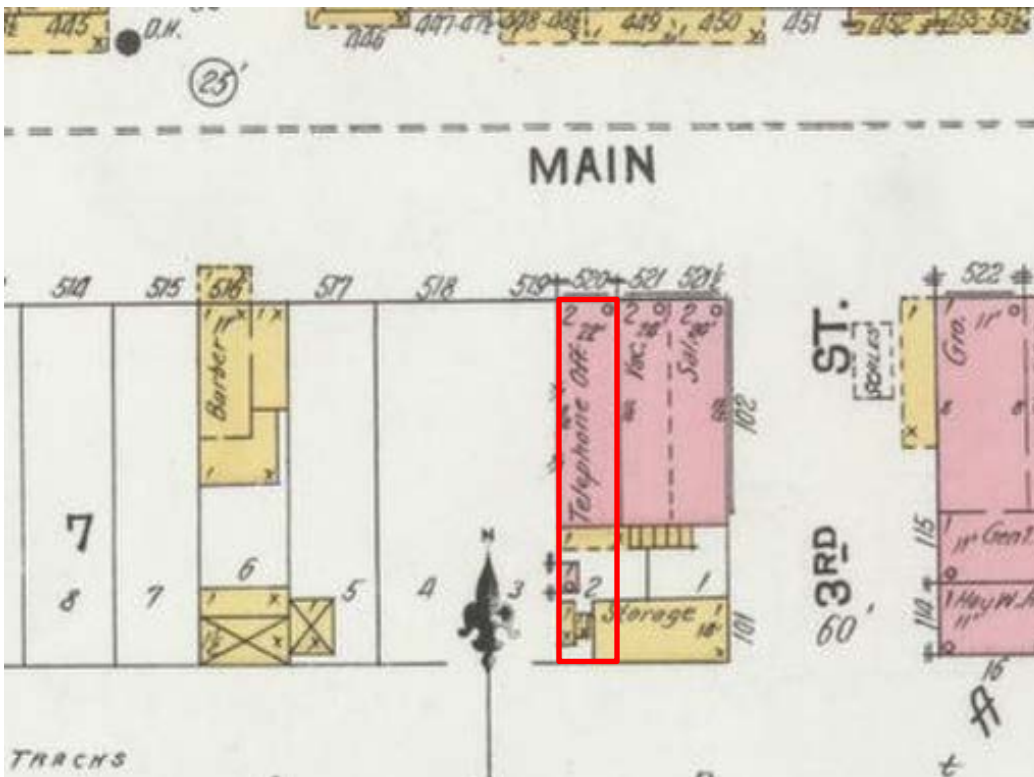


Reference Photo 4

Description: 1899 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource after its construction 4 years earlier. The building is located partially on lot 2 of block 7. 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