

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

**LOCATION**

4. Street Address: 644 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: 212331223015
- \*\*9. Parcel Information: Lot(s): 8, 9 Block: 15 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 SE ¼ of SE ¼ of NW 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 282105 ;mN 4383089  NAD 1927  NAD 1983  
 or  
 Lat/Long: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ ; Longitude \_\_\_\_\_  WGS84  Other:

**DESCRIPTION**

13. Construction Features (forms, materials):

Stories	Style/Type	Foundation	Walls
Two-story	Edwardian	Poured concrete	Composite siding
Windows	Roof	Chimney	Porch
One-over-one double hung sash; one-over-one single hung sash; picture windows; transom	Cross gable roof clad in asphalt shingles; overhanging eaves	Brick masonry	Full length hipped roof porch along the primary (east) elevation; enclosed full-length hipped roof porch along west elevation

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

The two-story, irregular shaped building was constructed circa 1904 as shown through review of a 1904 *Sanborn Fire Insurance* map. The approximately 52' by 38' building is representative of an Edwardian style of architecture. Architectural features of the building include a poured concrete foundation; a cross gable roof clad in asphalt shingles; overhanging eaves; an exterior envelop clad in composite siding; a brick masonry chimney; and a partial length protected porch along primary (south) elevation. The typical window consists of a vinyl one-over-one double hung sash. Additional windows throughout the building consist of one-over-one single hung sash and picture windows. The main entryway is located on the far-left side of the primary (east) elevation and incorporates a wood panel door that is capped by a transom. The main entryway is fronted by a partial length hipped roof porch. The porch is supported by several wood columns with rectangular railings. Decorative rectangular spindlework can also be noticed under the hipped roof eaves. A secondary entryway is located within the enclosed porch along the west elevation. The entryway consists of a wood door with 9-lite

window divided by muntins. The enclosed porch features decorative faux support columns and rectangular spindlework. Decorative wrought iron fencing is also present along the south elevation of the building.

Historic imagery of the residence in the late Twentieth Century demonstrates that the building maintained a majority its historic windows. In addition, the partial length porch along the primary (east) elevation demonstrates that it incorporated decorative spindlework under the hipped roof eaves and turned spindle support columns. Historical street imagery from 2012 to 2022 demonstrates that a majority of windows were replaced with vinyl units, aside from two, multi-lite windows located on the north elevation. The decorative turned spindle columns and spindle work within the full-length porch along the primary (east) elevation were replaced by rectangular posts and spindlework. Faux support columns and rectangular spindlework were added to the full-length porch of the west elevation. Furthermore, a 1904 Sanborn Fire insurance map demonstrates that a shed and outbuilding were present to the north of the residence at the time of its construction. By the late Twentieth Century, the shed and outbuilding were razed.

14. Associated buildings, features, or objects:

An outbuilding is located to the north of the residence as was constructed in 2016 as shown through review of historical aerial imagery. The approximate 14' by 10' building features gambrel gable roof clad in corrugated metal; a exterior envelope clad in horizontal weatherboard; and a main entryway located along the primary (east) elevation.

A detached garage is located to the northeast of the residence. The approximately 20' by 20' building was constructed circa 2020 as shown through review of historical aerial imagery. The building features a poured concrete foundation; a front gable roof clad in corrugated metal; and a corrugated metal exterior envelope. The west elevation has several license plates that are mounted to the exterior walls.

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: Residential

Current Function/Use (if different): Residential

17. Date of Construction: 1904

Estimated  Actual (include source): 1904 Sanborn Fire

Insurance map

18. Other Significant Dates, if any: Garfield County Assessor's Office records indicate that the residence was constructed in 1892; however, the building is not extant on Sanborn Fire Insurance maps until 1904. The residence appears to maintain its layout and massing since its construction.

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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering              | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        |
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| <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: According to New Castle Museum records, the residence is the first house in New Castle to have indoor plumbing.

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.

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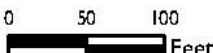

**SKETCH PLAN** *include approximate scale*



<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 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.5900_1 to 5GF.5900_5, 1 historic photo, and 2 reference photos</u>

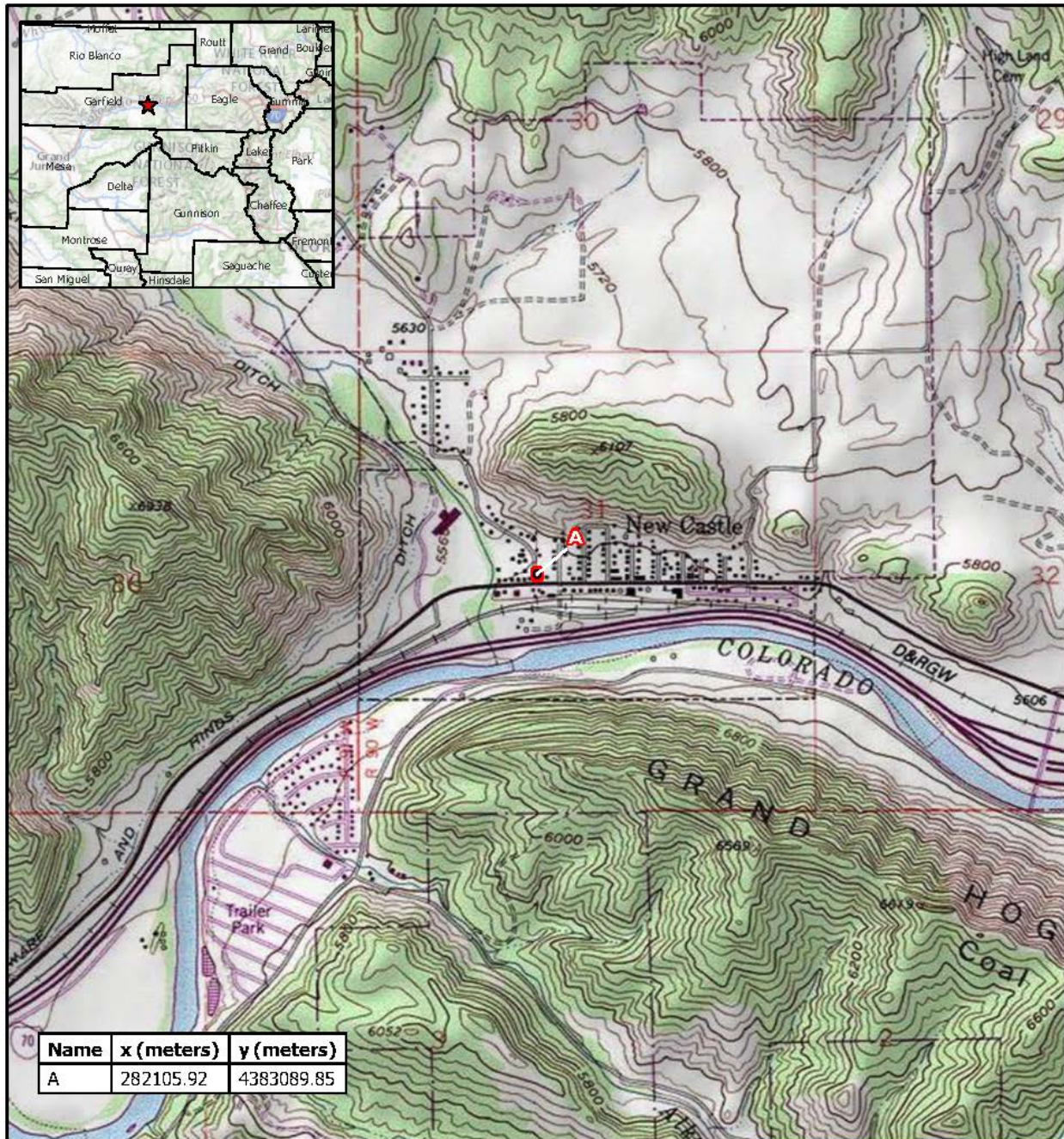
### Sketch Map



<p><b>Legend</b></p> <p> Footprint</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	 <p><b>Sketch Map</b>          644 West Main Street (5GF.5900)          New Castle, Colorado          Garfield County</p>				
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### Topographic Map



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A	282105.92	4383089.85

#### Legend

 Resource Boundary



0 1,000 2,000  
Feet



#### Topographic Map

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New Castle, Colorado  
Garfield County

Drawn By: CJB

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### Site Photographs



**Photo Number:** 5GF.5900\_1  
**Description:** Looking at the south and primary (east) elevations of the building. Note the decorative wrought iron fence in front of the residence.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northwest



**Photo Number:** 5GF.5900\_2  
**Description:** Looking at the south and primary (east) elevations of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northwest



**Photo Number:** 5GF.5900\_3  
**Description:** Looking at the west and south elevations of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** Northeast



**Photo Number:** 5GF.5900\_4  
**Description:** Looking at the west elevation of the building.  
**Date:** 9/6/2022  
**View:** East





**Photo Number:** 5GF.5900\_5

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

**Date:** 9/6/2022

**View:** Southeast

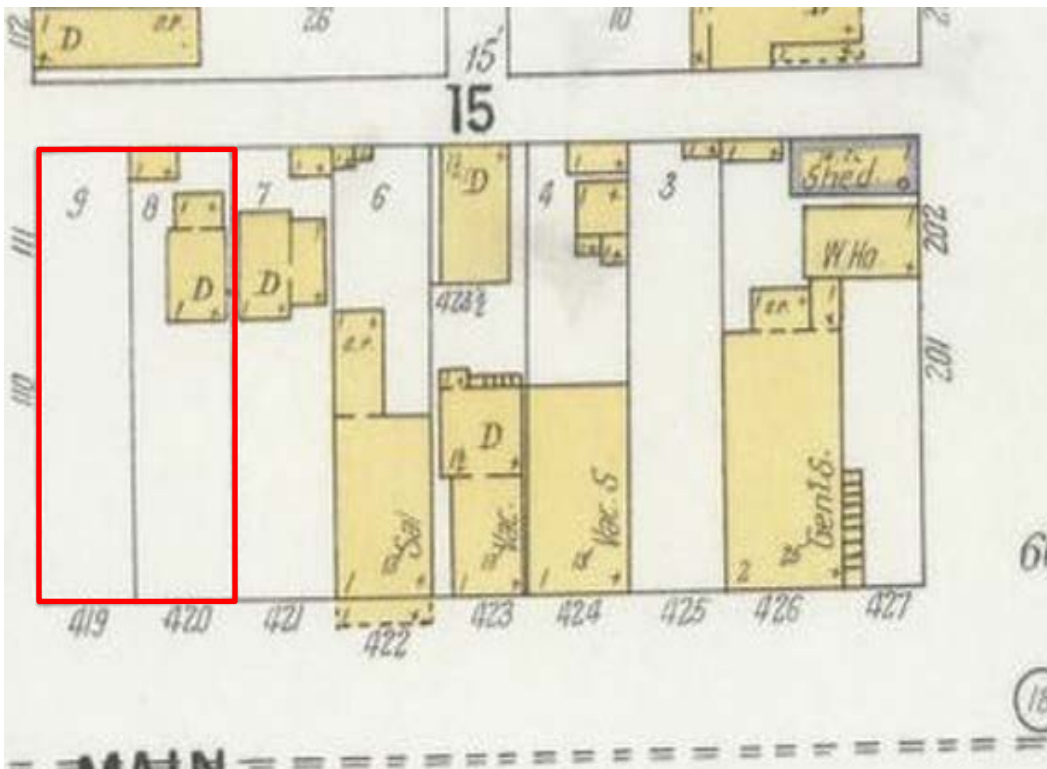


**Historic Photo 1**

**Description:** Image label states, "Smith House/First House to have indoor plumbing. 644 West Main Street." Note the turned spindles and spindlework within the porch.

**Date:** Unknown

**Source:** New Castle Museum Collection

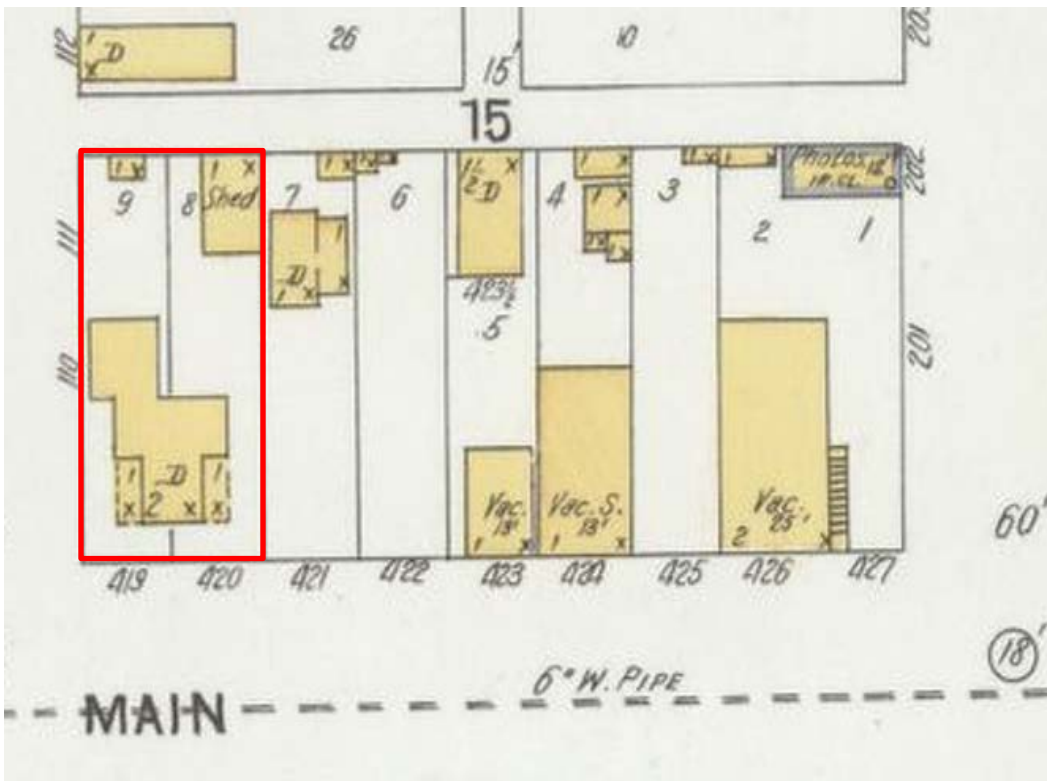


**Reference Photo 1**

**Description:** 1899 Sanborn Fire Insurance map demonstrating that the current residence was not extant at the time. The property is outlined in red.

**Date:** 1899

**Source:** Library of Congress



**Reference Photo 2**

**Description:** 1904 Sanborn Fire Insurance map of the resource located on lots 8 and 9 of block 15. The property is outlined in red.

**Date:** 1904

**Source:** Library of Congress