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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic	COUNTY: CITY: Garfield New Castle		STATE ID NO.: 5GF2368	
Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31)			TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-311-07-011	
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: St. John's Episcopal Church ADDRESS: 100 W. MAIN ST.	OWNER: Bishop and Chapter of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist P.O. Box 156 New Castle, CO 81647			
NEW CASTLE, CO 81647	TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 90W	SECTION 31 SW 1/4 NE 1/4	
HISTORIC NAME: St. John's Episcopal Church	U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'			
DISTRICT NAME:	BLOCK: D LOT(S): 1 and 2 ADDITION: Original Townsite YR. OF ADDITION: 1888			
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 NEGATIVE NO.: 36	LOCATION OF NEG. Town of New Cas	tle	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1909	
		SOURCE: Garfield County Assessor		
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0			HISTORIC: Church	
			CONDITION:  EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
	110		EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:  X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Nonoriginal stained glass in round window.	
			AND	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Vernacular Gothic Revival	4	STORIES:	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Concrete, Wood	1	SQ. FOOTAGE: 1,696	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story front gable roofed building in cruciform s projecting gables on rear; small, lower, hipped roo	INDIVIDUAL: X YES NO  CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO			
seam metal roofing and widely overhanging eaves. Wa	LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: NO			
concrete; concrete foundation. Upper front gable end and round window with what appears to be modern stai	NAME: DATE:			
gables also have coursed shingles. Projecting, gable frame, with drop siding, overhanging eaves with expodouble doors; wood cross above doors. Gothic pointe	sed rafters, and	paneled	ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
and colored glass; large windows at ends of intersect Chimney of orange brick on south side of eastern gab east with landscaped area and parking.	ting gables on ea ble. Stone retaini	st and west.	IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
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PLAN SHAPE:	ARCHITECT:	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2368
	Unknown  SOURCE:  BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	ORIGINAL OWNER: St. John's Episcopal Church SOURCE: New Castle Historical Society
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920
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CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): St. John's Episcopal Church was organized in the fall of 1907 by Mrs. C.G. Harris and Mrs. James Duece. The first meeting of the church was held at the Murray home. Rev. DuBoise, rector of St. Barnabas Church in Glenwood Springs, officiated at the first meeting. In the spring of 1908, Rev. Percy Urban, a student from an eastern theological seminary and later dean of the Berkley Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., came to lead the congregation during the summer. While a church was being built, services were held in Hahn's Hall and Trimble's Hall. The cornerstone for the church was laid on 2 November 1908. The first service in the building was held on Easter Sunday, 11 April 1909. Rev. Urban and volunteers built many of the furnishings for the church using packing crates from the Doll Brothers store; other furnishings came from other local churches and from the community. Rev. Urban left New Castle about a year after the church was built and then services were conducted by theological students from eastern seminaries who lived in New Castle. Since 1912, there has been no resident rector. In 1915, the building received a new heating plant and chimney at a cost of \$219.50. In 1922, the church was rented as a school. Between 1927 and 1932, the churchyard was fenced. In 1966, a Baldwin organ was purchased for the church and in 1970, new mahagony paneling and oak flooring and pews were added, followed by a new altar in 1973. The church guild specialized in quilting and needlework to order for benefit of the church. At one time, the guild owned the building at 312 W. Main, which it rented out for a few years. A guild hall, originally a CCC hut, was moved from La Junta to lots across from the church and served the community as a central meeting place. During the 1960s, X NO. CONTINUED YES members of the Episcopal Church from Rifle shared services in New Castle.

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER

POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS

X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

St. John's Episcopal Church is associated with the development of the religious community in New Castle, having been erected in 1908-09 and continuously operated as a church up to the present day. The church has provided a focus of religious and social life in the community, and has also been used as a school building. The church represents a verncular version of the Gothic Revival style, as reflected in the simple design, concrete construction, gabled roof, square wood shingles, colored glass, and pointed arch windows. This simple cruciform plan church is representative of the small churches erected in small towns using local labor and materials during the early twentieth century.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; New Castle Historical Society, "City of Black Gold, A Walking Tour of the Town," 1988; New Castle Museum Display on St. John's Episcopal Church; "Colorado Episcopalian," August 1962, 8.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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