NOT FOR FIELD USE
____ Eligible          ____ Nominated
____ Det. Not Eligible ____ Certified Rehab.
          Date _____

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| PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31) | COUNTY: Garfield | CITY: New Castle | STATE ID NO.: 5GF2373 |
| | | | TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-311-08-013 |

CURRENT BUILDING NAME:
 Three Rivers Repair/Phillips 66

ADDRESS: 298 W. MAIN ST.
          NEW CASTLE, CO  81647

OWNER: Pete and Opal Mattivi

 P.O. Box 10
 New Castle, CO 81647

TOWNSHIP 5S     RANGE 90W     SECTION 31     SW  1/4     NE  1/4

HISTORIC NAME:
 Mattivi Motor Co.

U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo.
                    YEAR: 1962 (PR1987)   X  7.5'      15'

BLOCK: C                LOT(S): 8 and 9
ADDITION: Original Townsite          YR. OF ADDITION: 1888

DISTRICT NAME:

FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1      NEGATIVE NO.:
BY: T.H. Simmons          25

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES:
Town of New Castle

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:
ESTIMATE:          ACTUAL: 1937
SOURCE:
Garfield County Assessor



USE:
PRESENT:
Service Station

HISTORIC:
Car Dealer and Serv. Station

CONDITION:
  EXCELLENT        X   GOOD
  FAIR                 DETERIORATING

EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:
X MINOR          MODERATE          MAJOR
DESCRIBE:

CONTINUED     YES      X  NO

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| STYLE: Vernacular Masonry | STORIES: 1 | ORIGINAL SITE X     MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE: |
| MATERIALS: Concrete Block | SQ. FOOTAGE: 4,278 | NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY |

INDIVIDUAL:  X  YES          NO

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
One-story rectangular building with angled wall on south and small projection at
southeast corner.  Flat roof with plain coping.  Walls composed of rusticated
concrete blocks; concrete foundation.  Angled wall has central entrance flanked
by large plate glass windows; two secondary doors on facade. Western wall
divided by plain piers into four sections with overhead garage door and windows.
Small front projection has paired three-light windows with wood sills; drop
siding under windows.  Island with two pumps in front of building.

CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:
                    YES          NO

LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No

NAME:
DATE:

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS?     YES     X  NO
TYPE:

IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:

CONTINUED?  YES  X  NO

ADDITIONAL PAGES:     YES     X  NO

| PLAN SHAPE: | ARCHITECT:<br>Unknown<br><br>SOURCE: | STATE ID NO.: 5GF2373 |
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| | | ORIGINAL OWNER:<br>Pete & Matt Mattivi<br><br>SOURCE:<br>New Castle Museum Clipping File |
| | BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:<br>Unknown<br><br>SOURCE: | THEME(S):<br>Early Auto Period, 1910-1945 |

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):
This building was erected in 1937 by Pete and Matt Mattivi on the site of an early livery stable, labeled in 1899 as Hines & Griffiths 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. Mattivi recalled that the town was booming at that time and "there was a business on every block" and six service stations. In 1931, he married Opal Mattivi, who was born in Rifle Creek in 1910. She served as treasurer of the first library board in the 1930s and was one of the original Friends of Garfield County Library, started in 1985. For twenty-five years she was a 4-H leader. In 1937, the brothers established this service station and also sold Studebakers for nineteen years. Pete and Opal Mattivi own the building today, although Pete Mattivi retired from its operation in 1982.

CONTINUED          YES          X     NO

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
This building is significant for its association with Pete Mattivi, who built it and established a service station here in 1937. Mattivi also served as mayor of New Castle, as well as county commissioner for twenty years and school board member for ten years. The building is associated with the growth of automobile-related businesses in Colorado, having continuously served as a service station and as the site of a Studebaker dealership for nineteen years. The building is representative of automobile service station construction during the 1930s in its composition of rusticated concrete block and its design with angled wall, large plate glass windows, a gas pump island, and garage service area toward the rear.

CONTINUED          YES          X     NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893-1904; New Castle Museum Clipping Files and Photographs; New Castle Historical Society, "City of Black Gold: A Walking Tour of the Town," 1988; John C. Ritter, "Report Given to New Castle Historical Society," 25 October 1982; Fern Hess and Frank Breslin, New Castle, Interviews, 7 June 1996.

CONTINUED          YES          X     NO

| SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons | AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc. | DATE: June 1996 |
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