
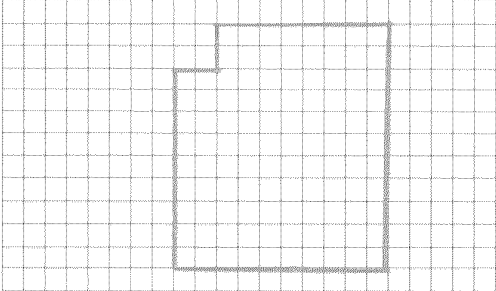


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
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PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31)		COUNTY: Garfield	CITY: New Castle	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2374
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-314-08-011		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: NAPA Auto Parts		OWNER: George I. and Lynda K. White 4812 County Road 154 Glenwood Spgs, CO 81601		
ADDRESS: 299 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 90W SECTION 31 NW 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: H.R. Kamm Store		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 3 LOT(S): 15 and 16 ADDITION: Original Townsite YR. OF ADDITION: 1888		
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 32	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1888 c. ACTUAL: SOURCE: Historic Photo & Sanborn	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial HISTORIC: Commercial	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			*EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Storefront altered; various types of siding over the original brick; mural added to upper facade; narrow row of wood shingles along cornice; overhead garage door on rear.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Vernacular Masonry		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stucco, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 3,925	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story brick commercial building with flat roofed stepped down toward rear; narrow band of wood shingles along cornice. Facade composed of single storefront with central, inset entrance with two paneled and glazed doors. Three large plate glass windows on each side of entrance. Painted mural with animals along upper wall of facade; stone veneer below facade windows; half-logs above windows below mural. West wall clad with stucco and horizontal boards. Small plate glass window on west. Brick section of building used as garage on rear has segmental arched openings with louvers; concrete on lower part; overhead garage door.			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE: IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		CONTINUED? YES X NO		

<p>PLAN SHAPE:</p> 	<p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> <p>SOURCE:</p> <p>BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown</p> <p>SOURCE:</p>	<p>STATE ID NO.: 5GF2374</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER: H.R. Kamm</p> <p>SOURCE: John C. Ritter, 1982.</p> <p>THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920</p>		
<p>CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): The murals along the building's cornice were added in the late 1960s when it became Dawson's Taxidermy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED YES X NO</p>				
<p>HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): Henry R. Kamm, who had earlier started a grocery store in Glenwood Springs, opened this store in New Castle about 1888. John W. Ritter was manager of the store. Ritter left Kamm's in 1892 to form a partnership with John A. MacRae and operate a clothing store next door. In about 1896, H.R. Kamm left Colorado for California and sold the New Castle store to his brother Frederick, who continued to operate it until the late 1910s. At that time, Ritter & MacRae acquired the building and expanded their clothing and dry goods store into this building. The Ritter and MacRae store operated until about 1967, when the building was sold by John C. Ritter to Monk and Betty Dawson for use in their guide and taxidermy business.</p> <p>The 1893 Sanborn map shows a masonry store building, with a grocery in the western part and dry goods on the east. Associated with the building was a detached warehouse to the rear of the lot. The 1899 map indicates that the western part of the building still housed a grocery, while the eastern part contained a clothing and dry goods store. A second warehouse had been added behind the store building, connecting it to the other warehouse. The 1904 map indicates the same uses of the building. A covered overhang and scales had been added to the west of the building. The first warehouse built on the back of the lot was used as a hay warehouse, while the newer warehouse next to the store building was used as a general warehouse.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED YES X NO</p>				
<p>SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%; border: none;"> <p>ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER</p> <p>POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES</p> <p>REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION</p> </td> <td style="width:50%; border: none;"> <p>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS</p> <p>X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS</p> <p>CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER</p> <p>POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES</p> <p>REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p>ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS</p> <p>X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS</p> <p>CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT</p>
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the H.R. Kamm Store, one of the earliest mercantile establishments in New Castle, and also with Ritter and MacRae, one of the longest lived clothing and dry goods stores in the town. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED YES X NO</p>				
<p>REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893-1904; New Castle Historical Society Clipping Files, John W. Ritter Obituary, 15 December 1944; and New Castle Historical Society Photographic Collection; John C. Ritter, "Report to the New Castle Historical Society," 25 October 1982; Colorado Business Directory, 1889-1915.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED YES X NO</p>				
<p>SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons</p>	<p>AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.</p>	<p>DATE: June 1996</p>		