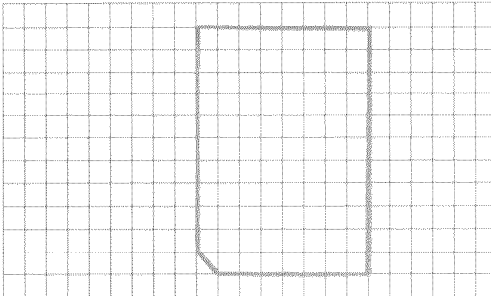


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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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

PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31)		COUNTY: Garfield	CITY: New Castle	STATE ID NO.: 56F2376
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-314-09-001		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Wintercount		OWNER: Edward A. McCune and Barbara Cebula P.O. Box 182 New Castle, CO 81647		
ADDRESS: 303 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647		TOWNSHIP 5S RANGE 90W SECTION 31 NW 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: Trimble Block		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 7 LOT(S): 1 and E7.7' ADDITION: Original Townsite YR. OF ADDITION: 1888		
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 13	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1890 c. ACTUAL: SOURCE: Sanborn Map 1893 & photos
		USE: PRESENT: Commercial & Apartments HISTORIC: Commercial and Meeting Hall		
		CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING		
		EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Wood stairs to second story on east; some stucco or concrete on rear walls.		
		CONTINUED YES X NO		
		ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:		
STYLE: Nineteenth Century Commercial		STORIES: 2	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stone, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 3,990	INDIVIDUAL: X YES NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story, flat roofed, rectangular brick building with banded brick cornice with dentils and frieze with checkerwork. Walls composed of locally manufactured orange hued brick. Shopfront cornice of rusticated stone. Angled corner with slightly inset wall at northeast has paneled and glazed double door entrance with transom and stone lintel. Second storefront entrance at west end of facade. Two large four-light display windows with paneled kickplates have bracketed frames. Segmental arched windows with stone sills on east and rear. Entrance on east with newer paneled door accessed by wooden stairs. Metal pipe chimney on east. Wood stairs to second story on rear. Rear entrances on first and second stories are segmental arched.		CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO		
		LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No		
		NAME: DATE:		
		ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? X YES NO TYPE: Sheds		
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:		

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown SOURCE: BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown SOURCE:	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2376 ORIGINAL OWNER: W.H. Trimble (?) SOURCE: Colorado Business Directory THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920		
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE): CONTINUED YES ☒ NO				
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): This building, known as the Trimble Block, does not appear in an 1888 photo of the town, but is shown on the 1893 Sanborn Map. In 1893, the western storefront is shown as a dry goods store and the eastern storefront is listed as a drug store. The second floor is indicated as a hall. In 1899, a saloon is shown in the western part of the building, while an office is shown on the east and a hall is still indicated on the upper floor. By 1904, the western part of the building is indicated as vacant, while the eastern part is shown as a saloon. W.H. Trimble operated a saloon and theater in New Castle and appears in the Colorado Business Directories from 1890 to 1900. The second story hall, which served as the scene for entertainment and meetings, led to the building being called the Trimble Opera House. Two other buildings with second floor halls in New Castle were also known as opera houses. The New Castle Historical Society walking tour notes that the building was used as a dance hall and saloon by Jim Tarro, Sr., and also housed Claude Hall's Barber Shop, Schmueser's Grocery Store, and Bomer's Meat Market. The building gained some notoriety as the scene of a 1910 shootout between William Griffith, who had a room on the second floor, and local authorities. Griffith, reportedly drunk, killed the town marshall and wounded two others before he retired to his room and died of a self-inflicted gunshot. Bullet holes are still visible in the walls of the building. CONTINUED YES ☒ NO				
SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES ☒ REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ☒ ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES ☒ REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS ☒ ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building, erected in 1895, is significant for its association with the commercial development of New Castle, having housed such businesses as a dry goods store, a drug store, and a saloon, and also for its association with the social life of the town, as the building included a second floor hall used for meetings, dances, and other entertainment. The building is the best preserved of New Castle's nineteenth century commercial buildings and represents the Nineteenth Century Commercial style in its two-story height, flat roof with cornice of decorative brickwork, brick construction with stone trim, angled corner entrance, and first story storefronts with large display windows. The building is notable for its construction of locally-produced brick and native stone. CONTINUED YES ☒ NO				
REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893-1904; New Castle Historical Society, "City of Black Gold: A Walking Tour of the Town," 1988; Colorado Business Directories, 1890-1900; Edward M. McFarland, "The Midland Route," (Boulder: Pruett Publishing Co., 1980), 235; Frank Breslin, New Castle, Interview, 7 June 1996; New Castle Museum. CONTINUED YES ☒ NO				
SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: June 1996		