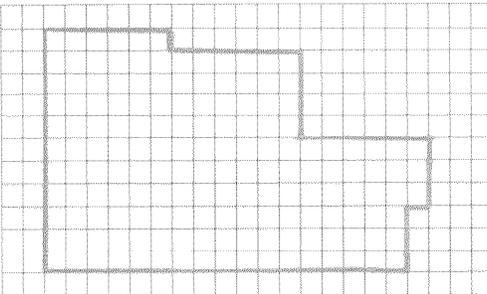


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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominated
<input type="checkbox"/> Det. Not Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Rehab.
Date _____	

PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31)		COUNTY: Garfield	CITY: New Castle	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2369
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-314-07-002		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Rosie's Roller Skating/Ferrin's Daycare		OWNER: Cleyo H. and Rosie B. Ferrin P.O. Box 59 New Castle, CO 81647		
ADDRESS: 151 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647		TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 90W	SECTION 31 NW 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: New Castle School		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 2	LOT(S): 1-11, 23, 24	
		ADDITION: Original Townsite YR. OF ADDITION: 1888		
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-2 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 12A	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1912-13 SOURCE: Garfield County Assessor
				USE: PRESENT: Childcare Center HISTORIC: School
				CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING
				EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Painted brick and stone; addition on east (1937); stairs and deck on west; some basement windows boarded up. Originally had pediment on facade, removed many years ago. Entrance added to facade by 1928. CONTINUED YES X NO
				ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
STYLE: Vernacular Masonry		STORIES: 1	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stone, Adobe (addition)		SQ. FOOTAGE: 18,565	INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story brick school building with raised basement level; one-story addition on east. Flat roof with cornice of decorative brickwork. Piers at each corner of building project above roofline. Walls composed of painted brick with decorative panels on side walls; painted stone foundation and basement level. Central, recessed entrance with two sets of double doors topped by large four-light transoms. Double door on west with arched, divided transom and decorative brick lintel. Series of six tall, narrow, double-hung windows with segmental arched lintels and shared sill course flank entrance. Double-hung windows, paired and single, in basement level. Addition on east is composed of adobe brick, one-story, flat roofed, with large multi-light windows and stepped cornice with with Art Deco speed lines. CONTINUED? YES X NO			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: NO	
			NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:		

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2369
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: New Castle School District
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Garfield County Library Files
SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920	
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): After New Castle's 1892 school building became unusable due to structural problems in 1909, classes were held in various buildings around town, including the town hall and various churches. The town did not erect a new building until 1912-13, when New Castle received \$7,500 in emergency school funds from the state. The bricks used in the construction of the building reportedly came from the Ganley Ranch and the stone was from a local quarry. The building did not have indoor plumbing when first completed. The building was dedicated in December 1913. The first graduation from the school was in 1924; graduates were Edward Jordon and Edward Tarro. There was little space for athletic activities and space was leased in other buildings for recreation after school and for night basketball games. The gymnasium/auditorium and classroom addition was completed with WPA labor in 1939 at a cost to the district of \$700. The adobe bricks for the gym were produced on the school grounds. After the addition was completed, there were six teachers: three for elementary school children and three high school teachers, including the principal. Later, the school affiliated with the state agricultural college and instruction included an agricultural class and a workshop. The library of the school later became a county library. In 1972, New Castle Elementary and Riverside Junior High School was built west of Elk Creek. The school later housed a restaurant, the Iron Skillet.		
CONTINUED YES X NO		
SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):		
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is significant for its association with the history of education in New Castle, having been erected as the New Castle School in 1912-13 and continuing to house classes until 1972. The building is representative of early twentieth century school construction in Colorado's small towns and is notable for its composition of locally manufactured brick and locally quarried stone. The school auditorium is significant for its representation of Depression era construction in New Castle and its composition of adobe brick manufactured on the school grounds.		
CONTINUED YES X NO		
REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; New Castle Museum; New Castle Historical Society, "City of Black Gold: A Walking Tour of the Town," 1988; Mary Wade and Gladys Prendergast, "History of New Castle, Colorado," n.d.; Steve Rippy, New Castle, Photograph Collection; Edna Sample, "Short History of New Castle Schools," 1990; Garfield County Public Library, New Castle Clipping Files.		
CONTINUED YES X NO		
SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons	AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc.	DATE: June 1996