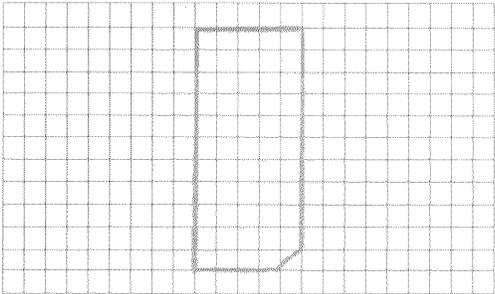


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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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.: 5GF2375
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Gresock's Liquor Store		OWNER: Stephen T. and Lisa E. Gresock P.O. Box 105 New Castle, CO 81647		
ADDRESS: 302 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647		TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 90W	SECTION 31 SW 1/4 NE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: Bank of New Castle		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: B ADDITION: Original Townsite	LOT(S): 1 (exc. W5' YR. OF ADDITION: 1888	
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 22	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1889 SOURCE: Colo. State Business Dir.	
			USE: PRESENT: Liquor Store HISTORIC: Bank, Post Ofc., Drug Store	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Rough textured stucco on walls. Rear addition. Entrance boarded up on east, rear. Hood added over entrance.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: Vernacular Masonry		STORIES: 1	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Concrete, Stucco		SQ. FOOTAGE: 1,286	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story rectangular building with flat roof which is stepped toward rear. Shed roofed projection on rear with corrugated metal siding. Walls covered with rough textured stucco; concrete foundation. Corner angled on southeast and includes entrance with paneled and glazed door sheltered by gabled hood with triangular, spindled braces. Plate glass display window on facade with wood sill. Three single-light windows with decorative shutters and wood sills on east. CONTINUED? YES X NO			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No	
			NAME: DATE:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? YES X NO TYPE:	
			IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2375
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE:
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 An early photograph shows that the bank had a cornice composed of corbelled brick arches.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):
 This building housed the first bank in New Castle, the Bank of New Castle, organized in March 1889 by J.W. Ross, W.J. Miller, and Paul Blount. The Bank of New Castle briefly survived the 1893 Silver Panic and appears in the 1894 Colorado Business Directory, however, the bank is not listed in the 1895 directory. By 1899, the building housed the New Castle post office. John C. Ritter recalled that the post office was operated by "Pap and Grandma Stout." The Stouts were early residents of New Castle: S.W. Stout is listed as a saloon operator in the 1889 directory; a restaurant operator in the 1890 directory; and operated a restaurant and agricultural implement sales in the 1891 and 1892 directories. Not listed in the 1893-1900 directories, Stout appears as postmaster in the 1901-07 directories. In those years, the postmaster owned the building used as the post office. Ritter stated that the Stout's daughter sold the building about 1909, when the building was again turned into a bank. The New Castle State Bank opened 14 May 1909 with a capital stock of \$10,000 but failed to survive the Depression, closing in the 1930s. After the bank closed, the building was owned by John W. Ritter, who sold it to Hap Jantzen, an electrician and appliance dealer. The building was then purchased by Arthur Natal, of Carbondale, who operated it as a restaurant for about a year. Doris and Harry Flynn bought the building and operated it as a drug store. Doris was a schoolteacher who got a pharmacist license in 1928. She also operated a drug store in Silt for 21 years. She closed the Silt store after Harry's death and ran the New Castle store for another 30 years. Flynn stated that she mended scrapes and tutored kids at the soda fountain. On the closure of Flynn's in 1979, the newspaper noted that "this old mining town of just over 500 people lost a little chunk of its communal heart."

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:
REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER	ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES	X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 This building is associated with the development of the financial and commercial life of New Castle, having been erected in 1889 as the Bank of New Castle, and having served as the town post office, another bank, a restaurant, and a long lived drug store during subsequent years.

CONTINUED YES X NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):
 Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893-1904; "The Weekly Newspaper, 17 January 1979; Colorado Business Directories, 1889-1915; John C. Ritter, "Report to New Castle Historical Society," 25 October 1982; New Castle Historical Society, "City of Black Gold: A Walking Tour of the Town, 1988; New Castle Museum, Photograph Collection; 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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