
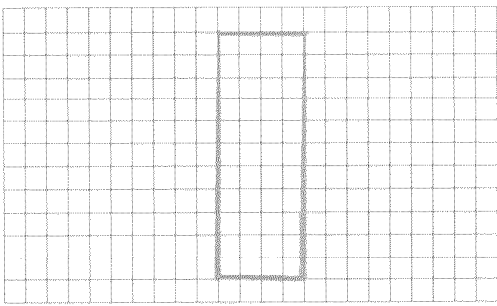


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HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

PROJECT NAME: New Castle, Colo. Historic Buildings Survey, 1996 (#95-M3-31)		COUNTY: Garfield	CITY: New Castle	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2372
		TEMPORARY NO.: 2123-314-08-010		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Schroeder's General Store (west part)		OWNER: C. Schroeder Inc. P.O. Box 230 New Castle, CO 81647		
ADDRESS: 239 W. MAIN ST. NEW CASTLE, CO 81647		TOWNSHIP 5S	RANGE 90W	SECTION 31 NW 1/4 SE 1/4
HISTORIC NAME: Calhoun Clothing Store		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: New Castle, Colo. YEAR: 1962 (PR1987) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME:		BLOCK: 3	LOT(S): 14	YR. OF ADDITION: 1888
ADDITION: Original Townsite				
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 28	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: 1890 c. ACTUAL: SOURCE: Sanborn Map, 1893	
			USE: PRESENT: Commercial	
			HISTORIC: Commercial	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR MODERATE X MAJOR DESCRIBE: Storefront remodeled with new windows, door removed, new siding.	
STYLE: Vernacular Masonry			STORIES: 1	CONTINUED YES X NO
MATERIALS: Brick, Wood, Cinderblock			SQ. FOOTAGE: 2,320	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: One-story, rectangular, flat roofed brick building. Facade of building has inset central area flanked by angled walls which now includes a pay telephone. Flanking inset are plate glass windows. Exterior siding includes vertical half-logs beneath windows and horizontal half-logs above windows; painted mural with alpine scene on upper walls. Stuccoed piers enframe wood siding and windows on lower facade. Rear has board and batten siding and cinderblock. Inset parking area in rear.			NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
			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	

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Unknown	STATE ID NO.: 5GF2372		
	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): <p style="text-align: right;">CONTINUED YES X NO</p>				
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE): According to John C. Ritter, this building was originally Calhoun's Clothing Store, operated by John A. MacRae. Little is known about the original owner, Calhoun. MacRae was a Canadian immigrant who became partners with J.W. Ritter in 1892 and ran a clothing and shoe store in this building. Ritter, a Pennsylvania native, had come to Colorado in 1880, where he engaged in railroad construction and delivered mail between Glenwood Springs and Rifle. He came to New Castle in May 1887 to manage the H.R. Kamm general store. The 1893-1904 Sanborn Insurance maps identify this building as a clothing store. Ritter and MacRae became partners, buying the clothing store and, in the 1910s, acquiring Kamm's store. The Ritter and MacRae store was described as "a regular metropolitan one, while the stock they carry is equal to that carried by any similar store west of Denver." Both Ritter and MacRae served as mayor of New Castle; Ritter was also postmaster and a member of the school board. Following MacRae's death, Ritter continued to operate the store until his death in 1944 at the age of 85. The building later housed a branch of the Three River Library system. The front part of the building is now utilized as part of Schroeder's General Store and the back part is divided into two apartments.				
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SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW): <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT </td> </tr> </table>			ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES <input type="checkbox"/> REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION	HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This building is associated with the early commercial development of New Castle, having been a clothing store during the late nineteenth century, and having housed one of the town's longest lived clothing and dry goods establishment during the twentieth century. Alterations to the building have diminished its historic integrity.				
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REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC): Garfield County Assessor, Commercial Property Appraisal Record; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1893-1904; John C. Ritter, "Report to the New Castle Historical Society," 25 October 1982; Colorado Business Directory, 1889-1915; Garfield County Library New Castle Notebook, "Early Days of New Castle" and "The Growing Town of New Castle;" "Glenwood Springs Post," 16 September 1981, 9B.				
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