


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.: 5GF2379
CURRENT BUILDING NAME:		OWNER: Richard and Mollie Yeoman 1755 10 1/2 Rd. Mack, CO 81525		
ADDRESS: 331 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): W17.5' of Lo	
FILM ROLL NO.: 96-1 BY: T.H. Simmons		NEGATIVE NO.: 16	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Town of New Castle	
		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1895		
		SOURCE: Garfield County Assessor		
		USE: PRESENT: Storage		
		HISTORIC: Commercial		
CONDITION:		EXCELLENT GOOD X FAIR DETERIORATING		
EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:		X MINOR MODERATE MAJOR		
DESCRIBE:		Old, small, one-story frame addition on rear.		
		CONTINUED YES X NO		
STYLE: Nineteenth Century Commercial		STORIES: 2	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Brick, Stone, Wood		SQ. FOOTAGE: 2,074	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story, rectangular brick building with cornice with decorative brickwork; flat roof stepped downward toward rear. Walls composed of locally produced orangish brick; foundation covered with concrete. Off center, inset entrance with paneled and glazed door with transom has frame surround; angled wall to right of entrance. Large window next to door with bracketed frame; paneled kickplate below window. Large display window with four lights has bracketed frame and paneled kickplate. Storefront cornice of rusticated stone (painted). Two double-hung, flat arched 1/1-light windows with stone sills and lintels (painted) on facade, second story. Double-hung windows with wood sills on west elevation, as well as paneled and glazed door on upper story. Rear has segmental arched windows with stone sills and paneled and glazed door on upper story.		INDIVIDUAL: X YES 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.: 5GF2379
	SOURCE:	ORIGINAL OWNER: W.H. Trimble (?)
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Colorado Business Directory
	SOURCE:	THEME(S): Rail Towns, 1870-1920

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):  
 This building was built in a similar style and was attached to the building to the east (303 W. Main St.).

CONTINUED    YES    X    NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):  
 This building is not shown on the 1893 Sanborn map when a frame saloon is shown on this site. On the 1899 Sanborn map the building is shown and is indicated as "Liquor storage." W.H. Trimble operated a saloon in New Castle and is listed in the 1890 to 1900 Colorado Business directories. The 1895-97 directories show Trimble as operating a theater, and a theater and saloon (in 1898). The second floor of the building was a large hall used for entertainment, meetings, and dances; thus, the building became known as the Trimble Opera House. In 1904, the building is shown as the telephone office on the Sanborn map of that year. According to the New Castle Historical Society walking tour, the Colorado Telephone Company came to New Castle in 1901 and established its office in the Trimble Block, with Mrs. Eva Trimball as the first switchboard operator.

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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 This building is significant for its representation of Nineteenth Century Commercial style architecture in New Castle, as reflected in the brick construction, two-story height, flat roof with cornice of decorative brickwork, and first story storefront. The building is associated with the development of New Castle's commercial district during the late nineteenth century, having served as a liquor storage area for a saloon and as the office of an early telephone company.

CONTINUED    YES    X    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.

CONTINUED    YES    X    NO

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