


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

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

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| PROJECT NAME: Littleton Historic Buildings<br>Survey 1997 (#97-01-082)  |                     | COUNTY:<br>Arapahoe  | CITY:<br>Littleton   | STATE ID NO.: 5AH1248 |
|   |                     | TEMPORARY NO.: 2077-17-4-17-004  |  |                       |
| CURRENT BUILDING NAME:<br>The Focal Point   |                     | OWNER: ELLINGBOE, SONYA W<br><br>6179 S ELATI ST<br>LITTLETON CO 80120               |  |                       |
| ADDRESS: 5870 S CURTICE ST<br>Littleton, CO 80120   |                     | TOWNSHIP 5S      RANGE 68W      SECTION 17      SE 1/4      SE 1/4                   |  |                       |
| HISTORIC NAME:<br>Knight House  |                     | U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Littleton, Colo.<br>YEAR: 1965 (r. 1994)      X 7.5'      15'    |  |                       |
| DISTRICT NAME:  |                     | BLOCK: 13      LOT(S): 15-16<br>ADDITION: PEABODY'S RESUB      YR. OF ADDITION: 1887 |  |                       |
| FILM ROLL NO.: 97- 4<br>BY: Roger Whitacre  | NEGATIVE NO.:<br>14 | LOCATION OF NEGATIVES:<br>Littleton Hist. Mus.                                       | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:<br>ESTIMATE: 1890s      ACTUAL:<br>SOURCE:<br>Litt. Indep., 6-26-86  |                       |
|    |                     |  | USE:<br>PRESENT:<br>Offices<br><br>HISTORIC:<br>Residence  |                       |
|   |                     |  | CONDITION:<br>EXCELLENT      X      GOOD<br>FAIR      DETERIORATING  |                       |
|   |                     |  | EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS:<br>MINOR      X      MODERATE      MAJOR<br>DESCRIBE:<br>Large rear addition; altered porch<br>supports and base; newer door. |                       |
|   |                     |  | CONTINUED      YES      X      NO  |                       |
| STYLE: No Style   |                     | STORIES:<br>1-2  | ORIGINAL SITE X      MOVED<br>DATE(S) OF MOVE:   |                       |
| MATERIALS: Wood, Concrete   |                     | SQ. FOOTAGE:<br>2300   | NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY  |                       |
| ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:<br>Side gable roof one-story frame dwelling with projecting front gable and large rear addition; overhanging eaves; composition roofing. Walls clad with lap siding which extends to eaves; concrete foundation. Center brick chimney and stuccoed chimney on north. Front gable face has multi-light window with low pedimented lintel. Projecting porch with hip roof and wood post supports atop wood deck. Small projection on north with hipped roof rectangular bay window with four 2/2-light double-hung sash windows. Other windows are also 2/2-light double-hung sash with wide lintels. Off-center paneled door. |                     |  | INDIVIDUAL:      YES      X      NO  |                       |
|   |                     |  | CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT:<br>YES      NO   |                       |
|   |                     |  | LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No<br><br>NAME:<br>DATE:   |                       |
|   |                     |  | ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS?      YES      X      NO<br>TYPE:   |                       |
| CONTINUED?      YES      X      NO  |                     |  | IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:  |                       |
| ADDITIONAL PAGES:      YES      X      NO   |                     |  |  |                       |

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| PLAN SHAPE:  |  | ARCHITECT:<br>Unknown                              |  | STATE ID NO.: 5AH1248   |  |
|  |  | SOURCE:  |  | ORIGINAL OWNER:<br>Unknown                                    |  |
|  |  | BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:<br>Unknown                     |  | SOURCE:   |  |
|  |  | SOURCE:  |  | THEME(S) :<br>Rail Era: Rail Town Physical<br>Form, 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):   |  |  |  |   |  |
| According to the owner of this property, as quoted in the Littleton Independent, this house was built in the 1890s and was the home of the Knight family. Harold Knight is listed in the 1905 city directory as residing at 260 S. Curtice (the number system has changed twice since that listing). The 1920 U.S. Census appears to list Knight at the house next door at 5860 S. Curtice; however, the census number may be different than that of the Sanborn map numbering or merely incorrect.  |  |  |  |   |  |
| In any case, the Knight family is listed here in the 1932 and 1939 city directories. Harold Knight was a volunteer fireman, worked for the Northern Irrigation Company, and was sexton of Littleton Cemetery. He lived here with his wife, Irene, and daughter Edith. In 1986, the newspaper reported that Sonya Ellingboe, who had been operating the Book House at this address was closing the business because of lack of customers. A long-time resident of Littleton, Ms. Ellingboe was described as a community volunteer and activist and member of the Town Hall board. |  |  |  |   |  |
| 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   |  |  | ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS |   |  |
| X  | REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION |  | CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT            |   |  |
| STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:   |  |  |  |   |  |
| This house, although somewhat altered, represents Littleton residential architecture of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries through its gabled roof with overhanging eaves, lap siding, prominent porch, and rectangular bay window.   |  |  |  |   |  |
| CONTINUED      YES      X      NO  |  |  |  |   |  |
| REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):  |  |  |  |   |  |
| Arapahoe County Assessor records; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1914-1949; Littleton City Directories, 1932 and 1939; U.S. Census, 1920; Littleton Independent, 26 June 1986; and Littleton Times, 25 June 1986.  |  |  |  |   |  |
| CONTINUED      YES      X      NO  |  |  |  |   |  |
| SURVEYED BY: R.L. Simmons/T.H. Simmons   |  | AFFILIATION: Front Range Research Associates, Inc. |  | DATE: October 1997  |  |