

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

### Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

OAHF 1403

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Determined Eligible - National Register

Determined Not Eligible - National Register

Determined Eligible - State Register

Determined Not Eligible - State Register

Need Data

Contributes to Eligible National Register District

Noncontributing to Eligible National Register District

1. Resource Number: 5DA.2666
2. Temporary Resource Number: 756
3. County: Douglas
4. City: Castle Rock
5. Historic Name: Castle Rock Fuel and Feed
6. Current Building Name: Castle Rock Bicycle
7. Building Address: 420 Third Street
8. Owner Name and Address: Wayne C. Bennington, 200 Perry Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104



44. National Register Eligibility: Eligible

44A. Local Landmark Eligibility: Eligible

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. PM: 6th Township: 8 Range: 67W  
1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE of Section: 11
10. UTM Reference Zone: 13 Easting: 512234.0 Northing: 4358074.0
11. USGS Quad Name: Castle Rock South Map Scale: 7.5' MapYear: 1965/1994
12. Lot: 2 Block: 21 Addition: Town of Castle Rock
- 12A. Historic Neighborhoods: Central Downtown  
Downtown Conservation Area: South Perry
13. Boundary Description: The property is bounded on the north by a public sidewalk and Third Street; on the west by the Barn - Antiques and Specialty Shops (5DA.0688). The east is bounded by the railroad tracks and easement; and the south is bounded by Castle Rock Feed and Supply.
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## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan: Rectangular Plan
15. Dimensions in Feet: 30' x 90'
16. Stories: one
17. Wall Material: Concrete/Concrete Block
18. Roof Configuration: Front Gabled Roof
19. Roof Material: Composition Roof
20. Special Features: Fence False Front

21. Architectural Description:

This is a twentieth century commercial building constructed of painted concrete block. There are cmu curved corner columns that flank the central entrance door and are spaced equally down both the east and west elevation. The north façade has a flat parapet with a central single lite door with plate glass windows flanking the door. Each plate glass window has a simple wood shingle clad awning supported by wood brackets.

West Elevation: There are five bays delineated by the columns. There are three high windows centered on the southern column bays. There is a larger four- lite steel casement window on the second bay. The windows have been covered over with an opaque material.

East Elevation: The east elevation has a similar four lite steel casement window in the second bay and adjacent is a high two-lite steel sashed window. The next bay has a steel awning window that has been covered with an opaque material. The next bay has a door with a single lite. The other bays has windows.

The south elevation is only partially visible and has horizontal board siding in the gable end. Below there are multiple openings, but a description is not possible because of the fence that surrounds the yard and the rear of the building.

22. Architectural Style: No Style

23. Landscape or special setting features:

There are no landscape features except for a wood rail fence and benches in front of the building.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects:

Grain Elevator: This building was originally associated with 400 Third Street (5DA0688). It was constructed after 1930, but before 1949 and was a part of Douglas County Mercantile. Later, sometime in the 1950s, this building became associated with this property, when the primary building was constructed - The Castle Rock Fuel and

Feed. The grain elevator has a monitor style roof clad in standing seam metal. The walls of the building are also clad in standing seam metal siding. There is a man door on the east elevation and a larger vehicle type door on the south elevation. There are also two fixed windows on the east elevation up in the gable end of the monitor roof. There are numerous historical signs on the building. Most are faded and in poor condition. There is a painted sign on the vertical wall of the monitor roof on the south elevation. It says Castle Rock Fuel and Feed Co., Purina. There a another attached metal sign near the roof eave. Only a portion remains and it says - "Feed & Elev. Co.". The north elevation has identical signage. There is a shed roofed addition on the west elevation of the building that holds the scales for the grain elevator. Another building that is on the site is the warehouse building. It also was originally associated with the Barn and was a hardware warehouse and later just a miscellaneous warehouse. The building is wood construction with a side gable roof. The building is clad in horizontal wood siding. There is an addition on the north end of the building, which was added between 1914 and 1930. The original building was constructed in 1905 at the same time as the Barn. There is a tower clad in metal standing seam siding straddling the ridge of the roof of the building. The tower has a gable roof and door on the south elevation and a window on the east and west elevations. The main building has a sliding freight door facing the tracks on the east elevation and the yard on the west elevation. The addition also has a freight door facing the railroad tracks. There is a gabled roof building attached to the north elevation of the grain elevator that was constructed after 1950. There is a raised loading dock on the north elevation with a overhead freight door. There are stairs coming off the west end of the loading dock. There is a sign that says Castle Rock Feed and Western Wear near the loading dock. The building is clad with metal siding. Extending off the north elevation of the building is a shed roofed hay barn. It is wood construction clad with the galvanized metal siding. There are two freight doors on the east elevation facing the tracks. The building is open on the west elevation, but at one time there were large sliding doors covering the openings. There is a large Purina Chows sign on the north elevation along with several other signs. There is also a large Castle Rock Feed and Supply Co. sign on the east elevation.

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#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: Estimate: 1958 Actual:  
Source of Information: Aerial Photo of Castle Rock - 1949 - cc2008001 hrc1949 - Douglas County History Research Center/Castle Rock Telephone Directories
26. Architect: Unknown  
Source of Information: Unknown
27. Builder: Unknown  
Source of Information: Unknown
28. Original Owner: Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company  
Source of Information: Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
29. Construction History:  
Circa 1958 - Building was constructed.
30. Original Location: Yes Date of Move:

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#### V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original Use: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store 32. Intermediate Use:
33. Current Use: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store
34. Site type(s): Feed Store and a Bicycle Store
35. Historic Background:  
1883 - 1990 The Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company  
1990 - 1991 Van Pelt Investment  
1991 - 1994 Robert T. and Bette C. Van Pelt  
1994 Bette C. Van Pelt

1994 - 1997 William C. (Father) and Wayne C. (son) Bennington  
1997 to Present Wayne C. Bennington

#### Businesses in the Building

Circa 1958 - 1994 Castle Rock Feed and Supply (originally owned by Carol Hier)  
1994 - Present Castle Rock Bicycle

Carroll Hier was born October 10, 1911 to Robert and Flora Hier on a cattle ranch in Jarre Creek Canyon near where his great grandparents homesteaded in the 1870s. The family had a farm in Sedalia and that is where Carroll was raised. He moved to Castle Rock in 1930 and later married Flora, daughter of Frederick Linwood and Elizabeth Sobey Bean on November 6, 1937. The family home was located at Fifth and Cantril and is currently the rectory for the Christ Episcopal Church.

Carroll was the Douglas County Assessor from 1939 - 1942. After leaving the Assessor's Office, Hier purchased the Castle Rock Fuel and Feed CO. He was the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder from 1971 to 1982. Additionally, he was on the Town of Castle Rock Council and the Mayor of Castle Rock (1948 - 1956). He was mayor during turbulent times, including the widening of Wilcox Street and the construction of Interstate 25. Among Hier's notable achievements was presiding over the construction of the first Christmas holiday star on top of the Castle Rock. Hier was also director of the Castle Rock School District No. 38 for 12 years. In the late 1960s, Hier and some investors, including his son Bob, built one of the pioneering subdivisions, Castle Mesa, with about 20 homes, on Wolfensberger Road. According to his son, Bob, Carroll was most proud of his influence in the decision to put Interstate 25 through Castle Rock. That move was to dictate the events that defined Castle Rock and Douglas County in the '90s as one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation.

Carroll opened the Castle Rock Fuel & Feed at 201 Fourth (406 Jerry Street - 5DA2047) in 1950, but purchased the grain elevator on Third Street from Seidensticker in 1946. Hier remained at 201 Fourth until 1958 when he moved his business to 420 Third, the same location as the grain elevator. He remained in business for 17 years.

Carroll Hier died October 9, 2004 at the age of 93. His wife died in 1985.

It is not clear who purchased the Castle Rock Fuel and Feed from Hier, it may have been Robert Van Pelt, we do know that he purchased the land the building sat on from the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in 1990 and his death certificate states he owned a feed store.

Robert Van Pelt was born December 5, 1925 to Brookhart Van Pelt and Henrietta Leu in Kimball County, Nebraska. In 1930, he and his mother and father were living in Lincoln, Nebraska where his father was a lawyer. Little else is known about Van Pelt, but he married Bette C. House and they lived at 2535 Perry Park Road at his death on May 10, 1994. After her husband died, Bette sold the building and the feed store closed at this location. A new building was constructed facing Perry Street at 200 Perry Street and it was called Castle Rock Feed and Supply.

After the sale to the Bennington's, Castle Rock Bicycle Shop opened.

#### 36. Sources of Information:

Douglas County Assessors Records; Douglas County Clerk and Recorder; Castle Rock Telephone Books; U. S. Federal Census; Death Certificate - Robert Van Pelt; Obituary - Carroll Hier - Douglas News Press

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## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local Landmark Designation: **No**

Designation Authority: **N/A**

Date of Designation: **N/A**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Consideration A through G (see Manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register Criteria.

38A. 2.18.160 Castle Rock Criteria for Designation:

- A. The character, interest or value of the proposed landmark as part of the development heritage or cultural characteristics of the town;
- B. The proposed landmarks as a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event;
- C. The identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to the local, county, state or national history;
- D. The proposed landmark as an emodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type of method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials, the use of locally quarried rhyolite rock being of special importance to the Town;
- E. The proposed landmark as an identification of the work of an architect, landscape architect or master builder whose work has influenced the development in the Town, County, State, or Nation;
- F. The proposed landmark's architectural, cultural or archeological significance;
- G. The proposed landmark as an example of either architectural or structural innovation;
- H. The relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or site which would also be determined to be of historic significance; and
- I. The age of the structure. A fifty-year minimum is generally required.

39. Area(s) of significance: **Commerce**

40. Period of significance: **1958**

41. Level of significance: **Local**

42. Statement of significance:

Commerce: This building and outbuildings are significant for their association with the Castle Rock Fuel and Feed and the outbuildings association with the Douglas County Mercantile/Richardson Lumber Company. These businesses were extremely successful and were landmarks for the local farmers and contractors. They were the last of the hometown lumber companies and feed stores.

It is difficult to prove significance based on the ownership of a building, but the local landmark criteria can be used in this instance. Carroll Hier was a significant and very prominent owner of the business that was located in this building. He never owned the property, but did run his Castle Rock Fuel and Feed out of this building. It is presumed he had the building constructed. Hier was a mayor of Castle Rock, the school district director, a town council member, a county assessor, and the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder. He may best be known for his influence in the construction of Interstate 25 through Castle Rock and its impact on the growth of Douglas County and Castle Rock.

43. Assessment of historic integrity related to significance:

The building's level of integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity, as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society (setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and





















