

Resource Number: 5PE.8248
Temporary Resource Number: FN15

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COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official eligibility determination
(OAHP use only)

Date _____ Initials _____
 Determined Eligible- NR
 Determined Not Eligible- NR
 Determined Eligible- SR
 Determined Not Eligible- SR
 Need Data
 Contributes to eligible NR District
 Noncontributing to eligible NR District

I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: 5PE.8248
2. Temporary resource number: FN15
3. County: Pueblo
4. City: Pueblo
5. Historic building name: Firestone Service Stores, Inc.
6. Current building name: Firestone Tire Garage
7. Building address: 301 W. 8th St
8. Owner name and address: Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC., 333 E. Lake St., Bloomingdale, IL, 60108

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. 6th Township 20S Range 65W
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 25
10. UTM reference (NAD 83)
Zone 13 ; 534068 mE 4236329 mN
11. USGS quad name: Northeast Pueblo, CO

Year: 1977 Map scale: 7.5' 15' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.

12. Lot(s): 14-16 Block: 17
Addition: Pueblo Year of Addition: 1870
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Boundary includes the building and surrounding parcel (No. 525444007) on which it is located.

III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): T-shaped plan
15. Dimensions in feet: Length 131 x Width 102
16. Number of stories: 1
17. Primary external wall material(s): Brick, concrete
18. Roof configuration: Barrel roof, Flat roof
19. Primary external roof material: Synthetic, Other roof material
20. Special features: Attached garage

21. General architectural description:

5PE.8248 is a single story commercial building with a T-shaped plan on a concrete slab foundation. It is located in the northwestern corner created by the intersection of W. 8th St. and Court St. and arranged so that the crossbar of the "T" is located at the parcel's north end and orientated parallel to W. 8th St. while the stem of the "T" extends south perpendicular to 8th. The older portion of the building is parallel to 8th St. and constructed from poured concrete with a barrel vaulted roof on steel bowstring trusses. The southeastern corner is truncated, giving it five separate walls, all of which are topped by a concrete parapet. Each of the original portion's street-facing corners are highlighted by octagonal buttresses appearing similar to over-sized guard stones. The southeastern wall is bookended by two of these buttresses with two more square buttresses placed in its center on either side of a blind doorway. This is topped by decorative cast concrete work in a modified chevron pattern. To either side of the doorway between the square buttress and the octagonal buttress is a short dwarf wall of brick masonry topped by an aluminum-framed window wall. Each of these is divided by vertical and horizontal members into three vertical segments topped by a clerestory with a total of six glass panes per wall. Above the buttress caps, a cast concrete belt course wraps the street-facing walls of the building, marking the base of the parapet, which in turn provides a panel for a large "Firestone" sign that runs nearly the length of the wall.

The northeast wall of the crossbar is likewise bookended by octagonal buttresses but contains no apertures or fenestration. Instead, the blank panel has been painted with a large mural depicting a New Mexican Pueblo advertising the Pueblo Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc.

The north alley-facing wall of the building is unadorned by any cast concrete buttresses, belt courses, or chevrons. Instead it contains a variety of windows many of which appear to contain their original steel-framed units since covered by paint. From the building's northeastern corner, a small square 6-light window is covered by metal grating. West (left) of this, a horizontally-orientated rectangular aperture has been covered over by painted plywood. Further west, but closer to the northwestern corner, is a large horizontally-orientated window with 36 lights, while further west of this, is a vertically-orientated rectangular 9-light window. Between this and the building's corner, is a horizontally orientated 6-light rectangular window. All of these windows appear to be steel-framed and painted over.

Along the building's western wall are a set of four horizontally-orientated steel-framed painted-over windows in a long row. The three southern windows all appear to be similarly sized, while the most northerly is longer by half. All of these are covered by metal grating. Above this row, and set higher near the building's northeastern corner, is another horizontally-orientated steel-framed painted-over window.

The remaining southern wall of the crossbar is split by the addition of a modern garage wing (the "stem") and it retains its octagonal buttresses at either corner. Between the southwest corner's buttress and the junction with the modern addition's west wall, a blank rolling garage door and blank steel door have been set into the wall plane. Between the junction with the addition's east wall and the southeast buttress, the large wall is pierced by a single blank steel door to the west (left); an aluminum-framed window wall including the building's public entry, and an vertically-orientated aluminum-framed fixed window to the east (right). The central window wall contains three vertical segments separated by vertical members. The central segment is occupied by a single full-glass aluminum-framed door with a side light topped by a thin transom. To either side of it are fixed plate-glass panels set atop brick masonry dwarf walls. The east (right) dwarf wall continues beyond the eastern edge of the window atop it to form a base for the vertically-orientated fixed plate-glass window next to the octagonal buttress.

The footprint's "stem" is formed by a modern garage addition constructed from poured concrete walls topped by a flat ballasted roof composed of pre-cast concrete T-Beams. The addition's east wall contains three rolling garage doors for the three internal car bays all of which are topped by a sign reading "Car Service Center." The third northernmost garage door is flanked by aluminum-framed glass window walls. The southern (left) window wall contains a single vertical and horizontal member creating a total of four individual panes. The northern (right) window wall is composed exclusively of a full-glass aluminum-framed door topped by a single elongated transom. The west wall of the addition is identical to the east with three garage doors, two side lights, and an overhead sign. The final south wall is devoid of fenestration and ornamented only by casting lines in the concrete and a large "Firestone" sign identical to that in the southeastern wall of the original building.

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22. Architectural style/building type: Modern Movement
23. Landscaping or special setting features: All portions of the parcel not occupied by the building footprint are paved for use as vehicular paths and parking areas. The parcel is edged on two sides by a pedestrian sidewalk and a third by a vehicular alley. The building is located in an urban area surrounded by a combination of one, two, and three-story buildings, as well as open parking lots. Shade trees, streetlights, and other street furniture are placed throughout the pedestrian areas.
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: Mural in eastern wall.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: 1932 Estimate: Actual: _____
Source of information: City Directory; Pueblo County Assessor's Office
26. Architect: Unknown
Source of information: N/A
27. Builder/Contractor: Unknown
Source of information: N/A
28. Original owner: Firestone Service Stores Inc.
Source of information: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):
Although documentation in the Pueblo County Assessor's Office indicates that 5PE.8248 was constructed in 1936, listings in the Pueblo City Directory note the presence of Firestone at the site as early as 1932 where the company constructed a single warehouse block with a truncated corner for pedestrian entry. Aerial imagery indicates that as built, the south side of the building contained a large rolling garage door that allowed for vehicular entry (Pueblo City-County Library n.d.). Prior to 1951, an extension was built off the building's south wall giving it the L-shaped footprint recorded in the 1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (Sanborn Map Company 1951:17). This appears to have been elongated sometime after 1957 to run up to the lot boundary along W. 8th St. Prior to 1991, aerial imagery appears to show that this extension was removed. After 1991, and likely in 1992 (according to permit data), the present extension was constructed giving the buildings its current T-shaped footprint. Whether at this time or not, the building's original entrance was also removed and relocated to its current location. Imagery provided by Google's Streetview indicates the building has not changed since photographed in 2007.
30. Original location Moved _____ Date of move(s): _____

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): Specialty Store
32. Intermediate use(s): Specialty Store
33. Current use(s): Specialty Store
34. Site type(s): Commercial
35. Historical background:
The lots upon which 5PE.8248 is located are not recorded in the city's early Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps until 1886. At this time, the double lot on the corner was occupied by two single-story brick dwellings, while lot 14 addressed as 309 W. 8th St. was occupied by a 1.5-story adobe dwelling (Sanborn Map Company 1886:3). These remained on the site through the publication of the 1904 Sanborn Maps and were likely present immediately prior to purchase by the Firestone Service Stores, Inc. (Sanborn Map Company 1889:17, 1904:17). City directories indicate Firestone was present at the site as early as 1932, and probably constructed its service store around this time. Over the course of its site's use, Firestone continued to expand and alter the building, constructing additions onto its southern wall, extending these additions, and then removing them in favor of a new configuration. The present footprint of the building appears to date after 1991 when aerial imagery does not yet show its distinctive T-shaped footprint (City of Pueblo 1991). Although Firestone remains the occupant of the building today, documentation in the Pueblo County Assessor's Office

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indicates that at an unknown time, the parcel was sold or transferred to the National Life Insurance Co. which owned the building when it was sold to Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC (parent company to Firestone) in December of 2013. The low purchase price of \$9,400 may indicate National Life Insurance and Bridgestone likely had a separate arrangement regarding ownership of the building before the sale (Pueblo County Assessor).

36. Sources of information:

Pueblo City-County Library, 1934-1958 "Pueblo Aerial Views." Pueblo City-County Library, Pueblo. <http://cdm16620.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p16620coll3>, accessed December 16, 2019

Sanborn Map Company, 1883-1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. 10 vols. Sanborn Map Company, Pelham, Library of Congress. <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location%3Acolorado%7Clocation%3Apueblo+county>, accessed December 16, 2019.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes _____ No _____ Date of designation: _____

Designating authority: 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 possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

____ D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

____ Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: N/A

40. Period of significance: N/A

41. Level of significance: National _____ State _____ Local

42. Statement of significance: 5PE.8246 is located within Pueblo's original town plat and is representative of the commercial developments that characterized the City's downtown growth particularly in the automotive era. The stylistic design of the property is indicative of an industrial Art Deco and its later additions show the ways in which the building's occupants expanded the existing building to meet increased demands upon it. These changes have diminished the property's historic integrity leaving it not individually eligible to the National, State, or local landmark registries.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: 5PE.8248 has undergone a number of changes to its original design since its construction. The most prominent of these is the erection of a large garage addition off the building's south wall. The building's original entry has likewise been blinded and a modern storefront has been created adjacent to the garage addition with an aluminum-framed window wall. The windows of both the original entry and those of the new entry are modern aluminum-framed plate glass units. All of the doors along the south wall have been replaced as has the roll-up garage door.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

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Eligible _____ Not Eligible _____ Need Data _____

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes _____ No _____

Discuss: Logan Simpson recommends the property not eligible as a contributing resource to the proposed downtown historic district. Although the building does retain much of its early 20th century appearance, it underwent substantial changes after the proposed period of significance which concludes in 1967.

5PE.8298 is in proximity to a number of other 19th-century and 20th-century commercial buildings surveyed for this project. Per SWCA's earlier survey recommendation, a potential period of significance for a Downtown Pueblo Historic District would begin in 1882 and conclude in 1967. Because the buildings within the survey area are contained within the City's earliest subdivisions, represent the heart of the City's urban fabric, and they encompass the highest concentration of commercial architecture within the City's corporate limits, the potential exists for the designation of a Downtown Pueblo Historic District. The criteria for evaluation would be limited to Criterion A in the area of commerce for the district's collection of multiple well-preserved examples of late-19th century through mid-20th-century commercial architecture that are a physical expression of Pueblo's changing economy over time.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers: 1, 3

Negatives filed at: Logan Simpson

48. Report title: Historic Downtown Property Survey, City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado

49. Date(s): June 26, 2019

50. Recorder(s): J. Levstik, R. Pavel. K. McKinney, L. Emerson Guettinger

51. Organization: Logan Simpson

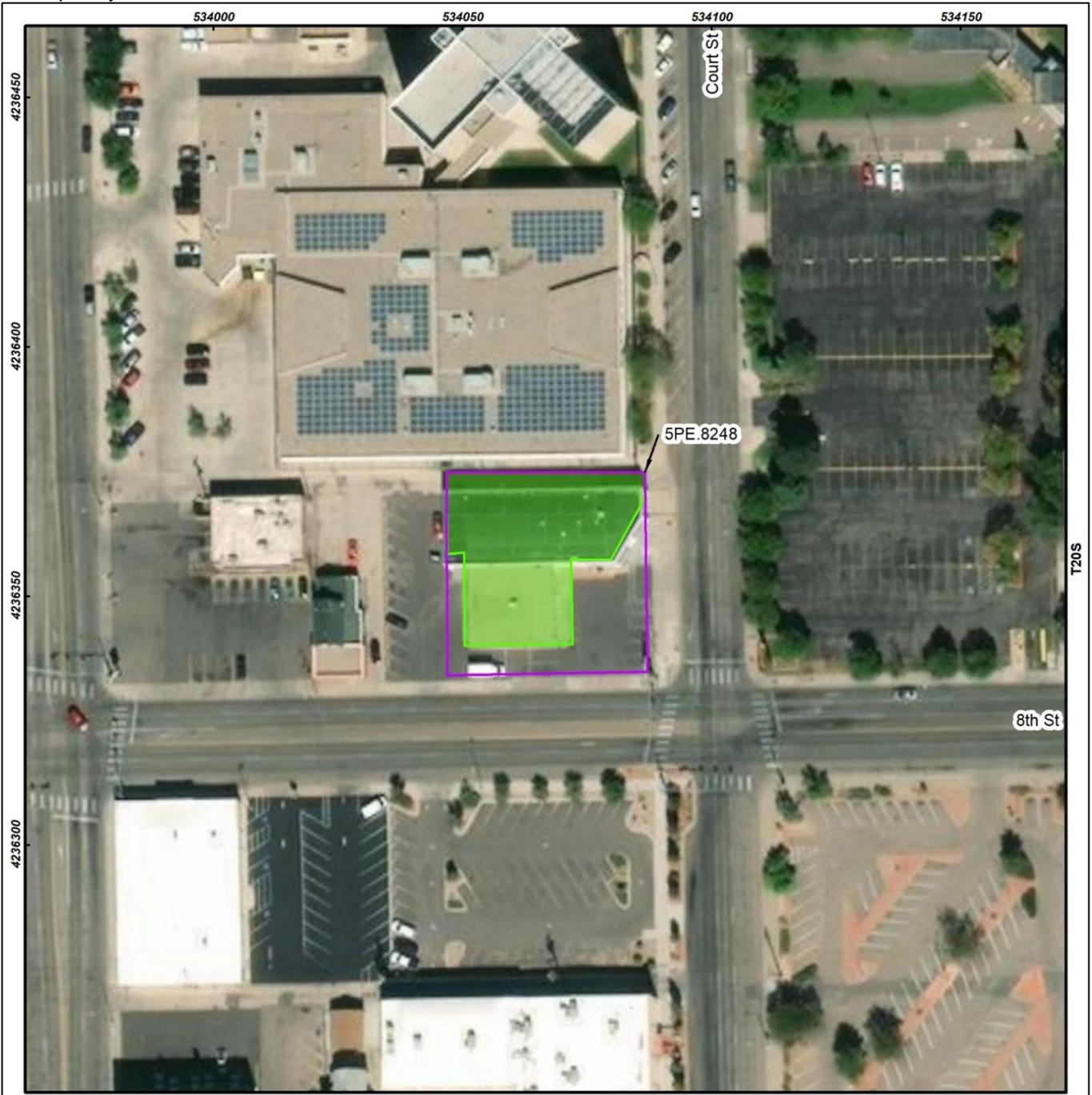
52. Address: 177 N. Church Avenue, Suite 607, Tucson, AZ 85701

53. Phone number(s): 520-884-5500

NOTE: Please include a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad map indicating resource location, and photographs.

History Colorado - Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 866-3395

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T20S

R65W

Source: DigitalGlobe Aerial Imagery (2018)

Pueblo County, Colorado
Projection: NAD 1983, UTM Zone 13



Key

-  Building footprint
-  Parcel boundary



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301 W. 8th St. facing west showing southeast truncated wall and east wall of original building block.



301 W. 8th St. facing south showing north wall. Courtesy of Google Maps.

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301 W. 8th St. facing northeast showing west wall of original building block, west portion of south wall of original building block, and west wall of modern addition. Courtesy of Google Maps.



301 W. 8th St. facing northwest showing eastern portion of south wall of original building block and east wall of modern addition.

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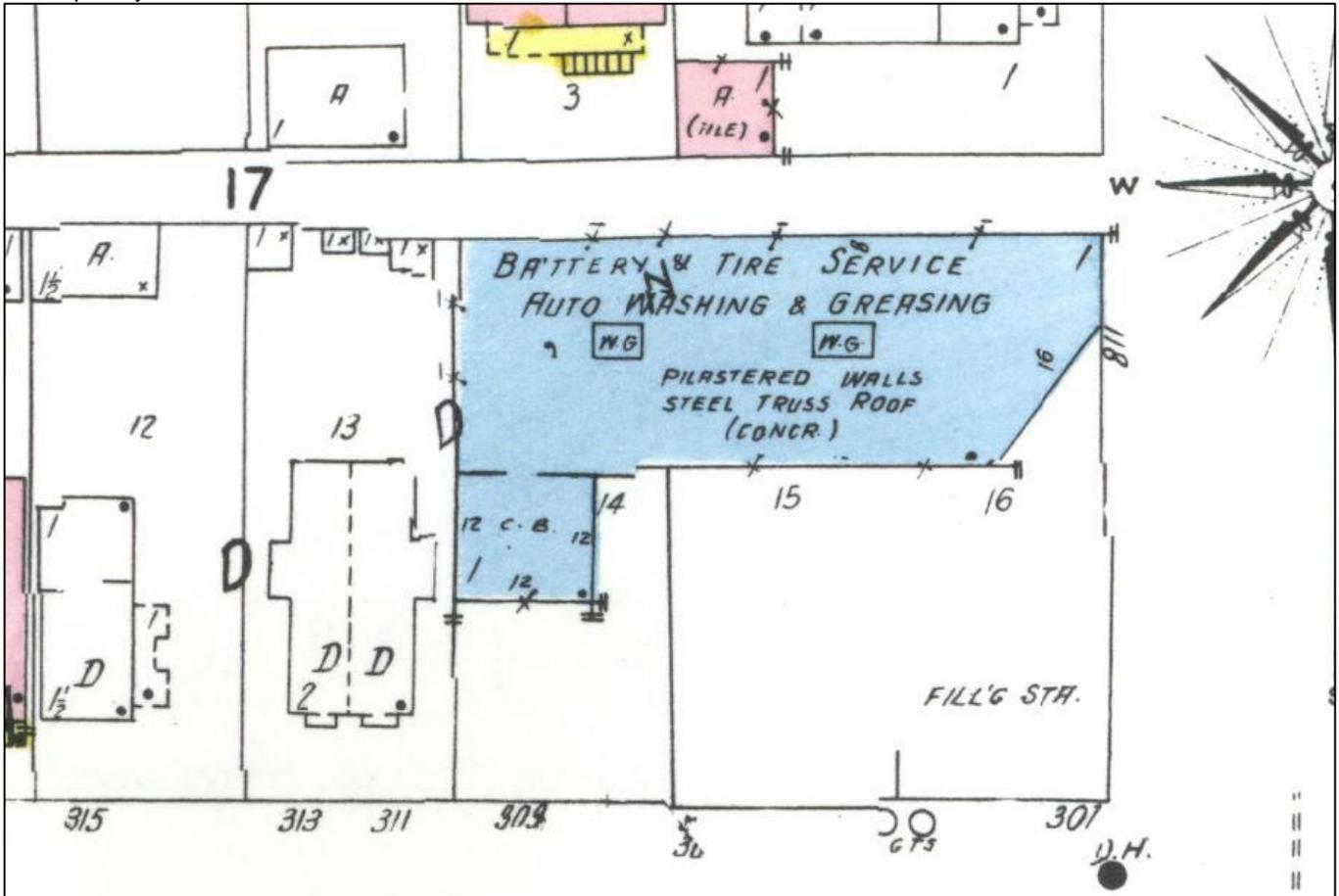


301 W. 8th St. facing north showing south wall of modern addition. Courtesy of Google Maps.



Detail of "Aerial View of Downtown Pueblo." See 5PE.8248 in center. This photograph is undated, but due to the lack of a southern addition to the building, is prior to 1951. Courtesy of the Pueblo City-County Library. Identifier No. PCCLD-Ph-P-01-11-003.

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Detail of page 17 of the 1951 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. Note the southern addition giving the building an L-shaped plan and not yet extending to the southern property line. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.



Detail of "Aerial View of Downtown Pueblo." See 5PE.8248 in center. April, 1957. Courtesy of the Pueblo City-County Library. Identifier No. PCCLD-Ph-P-01-09-005.

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Detail of "Aerial View of Downtown Pueblo." See 5PE.8248 in center. After 1957. Note distended addition stretching all the way to the property line bordering W. 8th St. Courtesy of the Pueblo City-County Library. Identifier No. PCCLD-Ph-P-01-10-005.



Detail of aerial 5PE.8248 from aerial. 1991. Note that nearly the entire south wall is visible. Courtesy of the City of Pueblo.