

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Henkel-Duke Mercantile Company Warehouse

and/or common Charles Henkel & Co. Building/Montgomery Ward Warehouse

2. Location

street & number 212 - 222 West Third Avenue n/a not for publication

city, town Pueblo n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Pueblo code 101

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name ECS, Incorporated

street & number 800 Monsell Road

city, town Roswell n/a vicinity of state Georgia 30075

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pueblo County Courthouse

street & number 10th and Main streets

city, town Pueblo state Colorado 81003

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980-81 federal state county local

depository for survey records Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, 1300 Broadway

city, town Denver state Colorado 80203

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Henkel-Duke Building is a four-story brick warehouse of 1895 vintage located in the downtown area of Pueblo. The warehouse is characterized by a three-story, three-bay arcade supporting three bays, with four window openings in each bay at the fourth floor. At the roofline is a simple cornice below a parapet with a pier extension defining each bay separation.

Ornamentation of the structure is minimal and reflects its designed use as a warehouse. There is some highlighting of the brick by the use of stone drips around the radiating voussoirs at the tops of the arches and above the double hung windows at the fourth story. The third-story windows are lunettes within the arch and contain multi-pane glass. On the first floor in each of the arches there are three bays with six-pane transoms over single pane windows. The entrance is centrally located. Red sandstone has been used to face the foundation. The frame streetfront does not appear to have undergone any major alteration since construction.

In the 1930s, the Neo-Colonial Revival Montgomery Ward Building was erected directly east of the Henkel-Duke property, and the Henkel-Duke Building was used as warehouse space for Montgomery Ward. The only alterations made during construction were the cutting of an access door between the two structures and the finishing of the second floor of the warehouse to match the interior of the new Montgomery Ward building.

The west wall has only a few bays at the first floor level. An enclosed early loading dock of wood frame with metal siding is attached to the southwest side and rear (south).

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1895 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed c. 1895, the Henkel-Duke Building is a distinctive example of 19th century warehouse design. It was built as the office and warehouse for the Henkel-Duke Mercantile Company, one of the leading wholesale grocery warehouses in southern Colorado. At one time, there were a number of warehouses in Pueblo which reflected this style of architecture; the Henkel Duke building is the sole remaining example.

Charles Henkel and Nathaniel Duke, who founded the business, were members of prominent Pueblo pioneer families. Charles Henkel was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany in 1845. At the age of four, Henkel, with his parents and relatives, emigrated to America. It is thought that Henkel first arrived in Pueblo in 1862 (according to the records of the Southern Colorado Pioneers Association). In his obituary(1926), reference is made to the fact that one of the freight wagon trains on which Henkel worked camped at old Fort Pueblo site prior to the establishment of the town in 1870.

When the Civil War broke out, Henkel joined the ranks of Company E of the First Colorado Cavalry and served during the massacre of Sand Creek. In 1865, the Colorado Cavalry was disbanded and Henkel was discharged in Denver. In the early spring of 1869, Henkel was again in Pueblo. He, in partnership with a man named Ross, founded the well-known City Bakery on Santa Fe Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Following a series of partnerships at various business locations, Henkel emerges in the grocery business under the name of Charles Henkel & Company. The firm, located at the corner of Santa Fe and Sixth Street, was reported to have on hand the largest and most complete stock of staple and fancy groceries in southern Colorado. In 1876, Nathaniel Duke joined Henkel in the grocery business. The company later evolved into the wholesale grocery business.

Nathaniel W. Duke (1846-1893) was born in Kentucky. He came to Pueblo in 1868 and worked for the Thatcher brothers in their general merchandise store. Together, Henkel and Duke built one of the most successful wholesale grocery businesses in southern Colorado.

Following Duke's death in 1893, his family continued in partnership with Henkel. (The 1899-1900 City Directory lists the company as the Henkel-Duke Mercantile Company, with Ella Ayers, Duke's widow, and his son Thomas as officers.)

Both Duke and Henkel played an active role in the development of the Pueblo community. Duke served a term as county treasurer in the early 1870s. Henkel served as both a county commissioner and mayor of Pueblo.

The Henkel-Duke Building is an excellent example of warehouse design in Pueblo of the late 19th century. The arched bays, decorative brick and stonework, and intact storefront add to the architectural interest.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Charles Henkel," Colorado Chieftain, March 11, 1875, p. 3.

"Charles Henkel, Pioneer, Dies at Home in Pueblo," Pueblo Chieftain, October 30, 1926.

"Nathaniel Duke Dead," Pueblo Chieftain, December 18, 1893, p. 5.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .36 acre

Quadrangle name Northeast Pueblo, Colo.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 4,5, and 6, Block 32, Pueblo.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James F. Munch, Environmental Planner

organization Pueblo Regional Planning Commission date December 29, 1984

street & number 1 City Hall Place telephone (303) 543-6006

city or town Pueblo state Colorado 81003

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Barbara Swiler

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 4/10/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 5/17/84

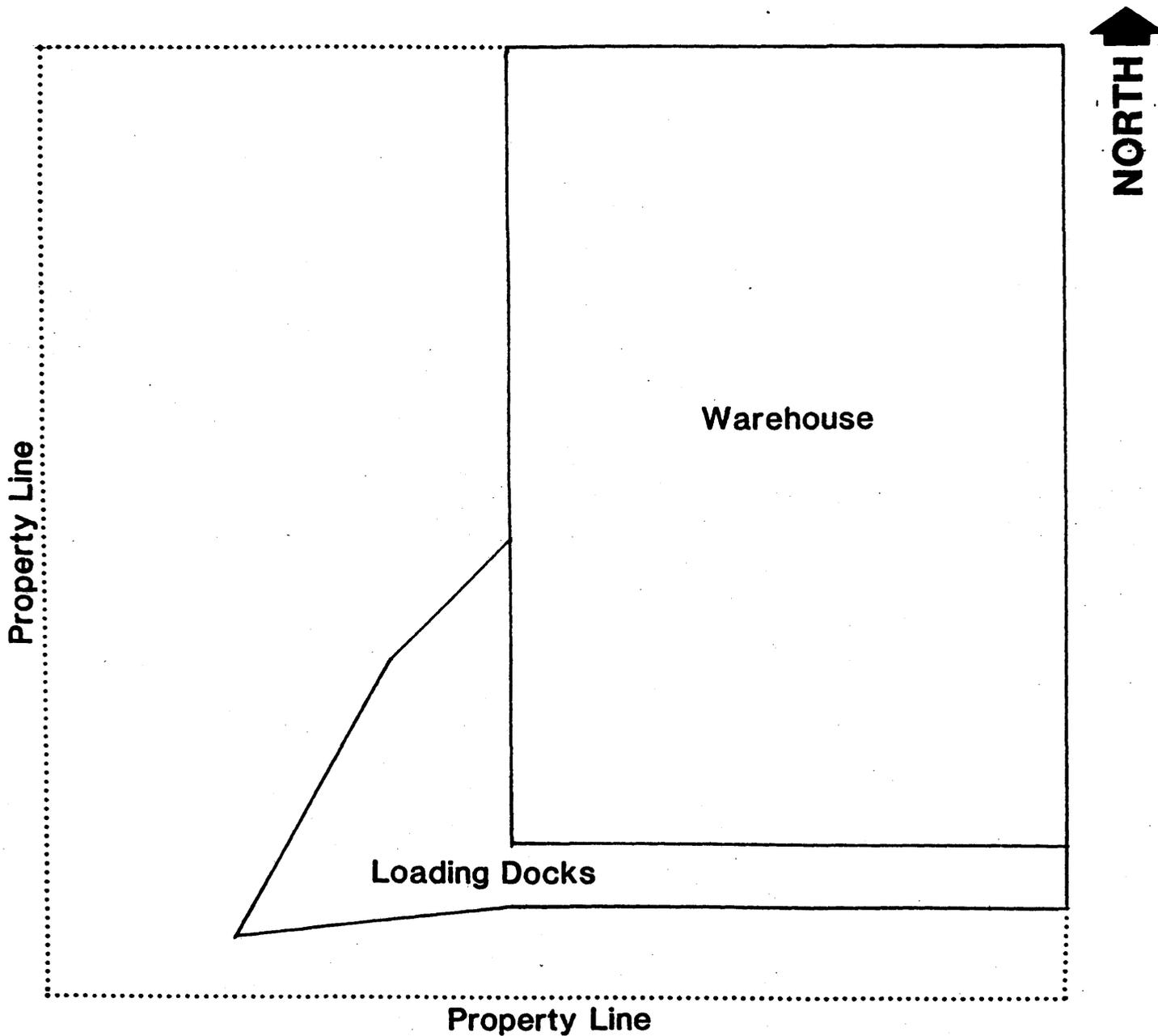
Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

Black & White Print

Henkel-Duke Mercantile Co. Warehouse
Pueblo County, Colorado

Pueblo Planning Office
December 1983
Not to Scale
Numbers keyed to photos



Henkel - Duke Warehouse

not drawn to scale