

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Colorado
COUNTY:	Douglas
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	OCT 11 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Castle Rock Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Denver & Rio Grande Railway Depot at Castle Rock

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
420 Elbert Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castle Rock

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
#3- Frank E. Evans

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Douglas CODE: 035

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Murray

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1036 South Columbine

CITY OR TOWN:  
Denver

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Douglas County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Third and Wilcos

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castle Rock

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
none

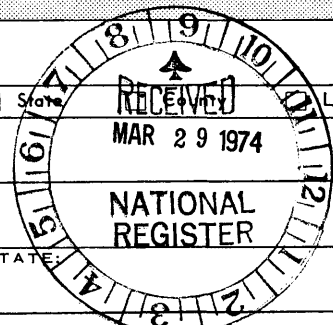
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: CODE:



STATE: Colorado

COUNTY: Douglas

ENTRY NUMBER: 100112

DATE: OCT 11 1974

FOR NPS USE ONLY

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The D & RG Depot in Castle Rock, Colorado is a single detached structure of rectangular plan measuring 24' X 40'. On the side is a portico from which switching and telegraphy could be performed. The building is 1½ stories with a tin roof. There is a crawl space underneath the structure. It was built of native rhyolite stone, a volcanic rock, quarried within a mile of its original and present location.

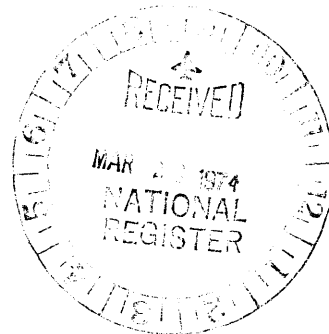
This railway station is distinctive with its wood-carved buttressing supporting walls and large, overhanging roofline. Over each doorway is a transom. Over each window is a lintel with slipsills underneath. The walls are of double-stone thickness, cut stone, coursed.

On the interior are the original teller cages, switches and ticket cabinetry, In what was the luggage and shipping room (now the livingroom) a 20' high natural rock wall with names and dates dating back to 1875 are found. Overhead are massive wooden beams connected to the outside carved buttresses mentioned above.

The depot was built by Benjamin Hammar, now buried in the Castle Rock cemetery. Hammar constructed the original Denver Union Terminal in downtown Denver. Although the architect is not known, the original ink and water color architectural renderings have been donated by the Rio Grande and hang inside the building.

This structure is one of Colorado's older original buildings. Its "authentic" Victorian railway motif gives it a uniqueness in "Colorado architecture". Otherwise slated for destruction, the station was moved off its original site by its present owners in 1970. It stands just several blocks away and sustained very little damage from the move --which saved the building from being torn down.

Due to the permanence of this structure, the U. S. Coast & Geological Survey located the Castle Rock Station as a "Benchmark" for elevation purposes.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Several years before Colorado Statehood, Gen. Wm. Jackson Palmer was constructing his initial railhead between Denver and Pueblo. That link was completed between 1871-72. Colorado Springs was a mere village. The town of Castle Rock was platted in 1874. Only a few stone railroad depots were constructed by the D & RG (or any of the railroads). Neither town records or those kept by the D & RG recount a specific date of construction --since the building was a public utility and the D & RG was being run by the Sante Fe R.R. in that time of hardship. But by dates on the walls and by dates of manufacture of hardware, the year of construction was placed at 1875.

Unlike many other railroad depots, this one at Castle Rock was not added onto or otherwise "defaced". Probably due to the fact that Castle Rock itself did not witness tremendous growth as a town such as Littleton, or did not wither and die. Yet the Denver & Rio Grande railroad did grow and make a giant contribution to the State of Colorado. This building stands as a graphic reminder of that past.

Undoubtedly many famous personages and some noteworthy events have happened in or nearby this old structure. One lady ticket agent working there after the turn of the century standardly carried a pistol strapped to her side as she has written. Yet, unlike the names and dates written in carbon black on the interior walls, other history on this place is lost or unknown.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Down at the Depot, Alexander, Edwin P., 1970, Bramhill House, New York, p. 28. The Denver Post, Dec. 28, 1969, "Castle Rock Landmark -- Depot to Become Home", by Lonk Tyson, p. 27. The Denver Post, July 8, 1970, "All Aboard! Depot Chugs Off to New Station" p. 92. KBTB Television Newscast, July 7, 1970 and in Aug., 1969. KBTR newscast several news spots July 7, 1970. Empire Magazine, Nov. 19, 1972, "They Live at the Depot", by Joanne Ditmer, pp.56-59. Other articles: The Douglas County News -July 9, 1970; The Gazette Telegraph (Colo. Spgs.) Approx. Nov. 8, 1970.

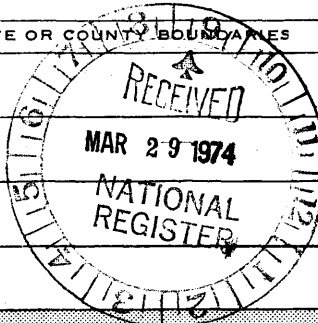
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 22' 28"	104° 51' 43"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mr. and Mrs. William E. Murray**

ORGANIZATION: **Owners of the property** DATE: **3-20-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1036 South Columbine**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *Steph W. King*

Title *Colorado Historic Preservation Officer*

Date *3/25/74*

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

*A. P. Quastner*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *10/11/74*

ATTEST:

*Wm. D. Smith*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date *10.11.74*