

901 Wazee Street
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Colorado

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STATE Colorado	COUNTY Denver	TOWN OR VICINITY Denver
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 901 Wazee Street		HABS NO. CO-69
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Thirsty's (3.2 bar)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 901 Wazee Street, Denver, Colorado 80204		UTM: 13.49942D.439980 Quad: Fort Logan, Colorado
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1901 (Commercial-Industrial Appraisal, City & County of Denver)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building located at 901 Wazee Street is an intact example of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture which is associated with the development of the West Wazee Street Warehouse District. Although the structure is historically and stylistically related to the Warehouse District, contemporary development along the 900 block of Wazee (cont.)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial Vernacular with Romanesque Revival detailing		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load bearing masonry (brick) with interior wood framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; Overall dimensions: 67' x 125'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The principal elevation (SE) includes slightly recessed segmental arches which divide the facade into three bays. These arches span the second and third stories and terminate at the buildings cornice. A corbelled, segmental arch cornice bands the building on all elevations. The building retains its original segmental arch, window openings and sandstone window sills.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Information not available.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The building was substantially renovated in 1980 during a conversion from a commercial warehouse to a 3.2 bar. Exterior alterations completed during the renovation included the replacement of original windows with (con		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is in good condition and is currently used as a 3.2 bar known as Thirsty's.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation of this structure was undertaken for the Colorado Department of Highways on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration in compliance with Section 80D.4 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regula- (cc		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Colorado Cultural Resource Survey #5DV1005 (Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1983). Commercial Industrial Appraisal City and County of Denver. Preliminary Case Report Project FCU 040-4(6). Colfax Viaduct Final Phase. (Colorado Department of Highways for the Federal Highway Administration 1984).		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Kathryn M. Kuranda Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff for the Colorado Department of Highways		DATE March 1984

Significance:

Street prevents its inclusion within the district. The former warehouse was determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C in June, 1983.

Major Alterations and Additions:

reflective plate glass units enframed by aluminum surrounds. The principal southeast elevation entrance was replaced by a contemporary unit incorporating plate glass, double doors and transom enframed by aluminum surrounds. Poured concrete stairs and handicapped access ramps were added to the principal (SE) elevation.

Other Information as Appropriate:

lations. The future development of the Auraria Parkway will adversely affect 901 Wazee Street. Although the structure will be retained intact, the orientation of the building will be towards the Parkway posing an adverse visual effect.