

Form 10-306  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Colorado</b>
COUNTY: <b>Jefferson</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>MAR 13 1975</b>

### 1. NAME

COMMON: <b>* Hildebrand Ranch</b>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Deer Creek</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>7 miles southwest of Littleton</b>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <b>Second</b>	
STATE: <b>Colorado</b>	CODE: <b>08</b>	COUNTY: <b>Jefferson</b>	CODE:

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>reservoir area</b> <b>recreation area</b>

### 4. AGENCY

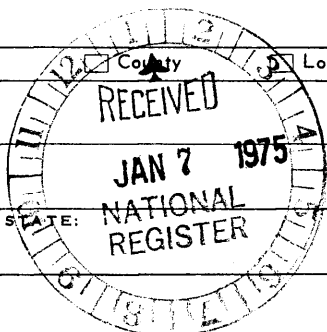
<b>U. S. Army Corps of Engineers</b>		STATE:
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) <b>Omaha District</b>	STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Federal Building</b>	
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Omaha</b>	STATE: <b>Nebraska</b>	
	CODE:	

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Jefferson County Courthouse</b>			COUNTY:
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Golden</b>	STATE: <b>Colorado</b>	CODE: <b>08</b>	

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>none</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	DATE:



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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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

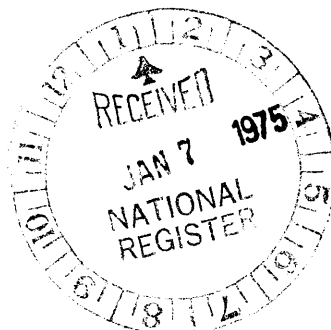
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hildebrand Ranch is located in a meadow on the north bank of Deer Creek approximately one-half way between the front range of the Rocky Mountains and Deer Creeks' confluence with the South Platte River. The ranch buildings are well maintained, and in good shape considering their age. The original log house was constructed in the 1860's. Subsequent frame additions to the house, and the addition of wood siding, now disguise the exterior of the original structure. Mrs. Margaret Hildebrand, the former owner, indicates that the additions on the east and west ends of the original house were made in 1880. The interior of the original log structure and that of the two additions have been surfaced with plaster, obscuring the original log construction. The roof is presently surfaced with asbestos shingles laid over the original wood shingles. Underneath the original structure is a root cellar. Access is provided by an outside door.

In addition to the main structure there is:

- (1) A newly constructed white frame outhouse. An old, previously constructed, outhouse of board and batten construction remains, but is no longer functional.
- (2) A weathered board-sided, wood frame wood shed with a tin roof.
- (3) An open well.
- (4) A one-room, tar-paper covered, wood frame bunk house.
- (5) A weathered board and batten, wood frame coal shed.
- (6) A white, frame constructed garage, with a roof of asbestos shingles laid over the original wood shingles.
- (7) A horse barn with board and batten siding and an asbestos over wood shingled roof.
- (8) A cow barn, a general utility barn, a second horse barn with attached log rail corral, a carriage shed, and several lesser structures, all with board and batten construction and tin or asbestos shingled roofs.

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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Pioneer Ranch</u>                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Hildebrand Ranch lies in three areas:

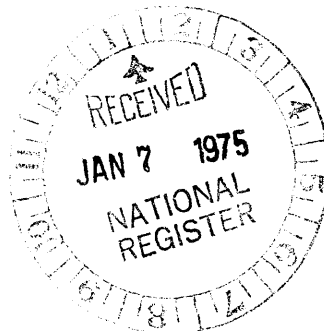
(1) It's early establishment marks it as one of the first attempts at domestic agriculture in the Rocky Mountain region prior to the advent of the transcontinental railroad.

(2) Since the ranch was established it has been owned and operated by a single family.

(3) With a few exceptions, the buildings retain a remarkable degree of integrity from their 19th-century origins.

Now, amidst industrial development and modern housing, flood control and recreational development, the Hildebrand Ranch stands in the picturesque valley along Deer Creek unscathed by changing fortunes. Acquisition by the Corps of Engineers has doubtlessly saved it from the sub-dividers and nomination to the National Register will be a further investment in its resistance to the passage of time.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal Interview - Mrs. Margaret Hildebrand, Former Owner and long-time resident.

Jefferson County Courthouse Records - Grantors Book No. 1

History of Colorado, Illustrated, Col. IV, the S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1919, p. 722.

The Real Pioneers of Colorado, Vol. II, McGrath, Maria Davies, p. 170.

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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	34'	00"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	105°	06'	30"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

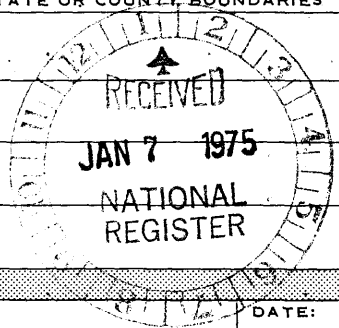
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **William R. Barnhart, Research Assistant** DATE: **3 May 1973**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Western Interpretive Services**

STREET AND NUMBER: **545 S. Tschirgi** PHONE: **674-4504**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sheridan** STATE: **Wyoming 82801** CODE:

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Steph...*  
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

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Federal Representative Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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

*A.R. Mortensen*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **3/13/75**

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **3-12-75**

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**HILDEBRAND RANCH**

OLD FARMSTEAD

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
HEADQUARTERS  
MAINTENANCE YARD

ONE ROOM SCHOOL

**Green Ranch**

GROUPS OF ENGINEERS  
HEADQUARTERS AND  
MAINTENANCE YARD

STATE OF COLORADO  
HEADQUARTERS  
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OLD BARN

**Palmer Place**

MARTIN MARIETTA

R-69-W  
R-68-W

TITAN ROAD

ROXBOROUGH PARK ROAD

SOUTH

PLATTE

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SCALE 1:25000