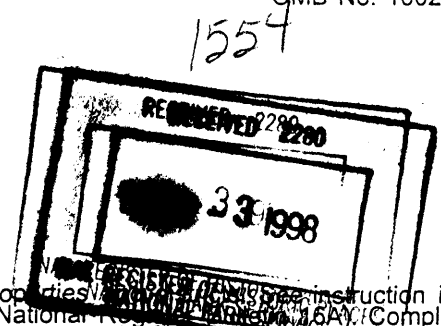


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 15A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jefferson Denver South Park & Pacific Railroad Depot

other names/site number Jefferson DSP&P Railroad Depot, Jefferson Depot, 5PA81

2. Location

street & number U.S. Highway 285 [N/A] not for publication

city or town Jefferson [N/A] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Park code 093 zip code 80456

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Georganna Coughlin State Historic Preservation Officer Nov 27 1998
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined eligible for the
National Register
See continuation sheet [].
- determined not eligible for the
National Register.
- removed from the
National Register
- other, explain
See continuation sheet [].

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper 12/31/98 Date

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/rail related

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Combination depot
Late Victorian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls wood

roof wood/shingle
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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DESCRIPTION

The circa 1880 Jefferson Denver South Park & Pacific Railroad Depot is located in an open field on the north side of U.S. Highway 285 in Jefferson, in the South Park area, of Colorado. The depot is all that remains of a station complex that once served the surrounding ranching area. Constructed as a combination depot, it handled passenger and freight traffic and reportedly included living quarters. The Late Victorian depot, which exhibits elements of the Stick style in its detailing, is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity in terms of location, feeling, materials, workmanship and design.

The depot is a one story wood frame rectangular building measuring approximately 22x40 feet. Although angled somewhat on its site, the depot may be viewed as facing south. A 4x12 foot bay projects from the south facade. Square nails were used in the original construction. The side gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The wide overhanging eaves are supported by ornamental wooden brackets. A stove pipe projects through the north slope of the roof near the east end. Two chimneys that appear in a 1937 photograph are no longer in place.

The building now rests on a concrete foundation that appears to have been added. To a height of 4 1/2 feet, the walls are board and batten. The upper walls are clapboard. Walls are painted a bluish gray, and the extensive wood trim is painted cream. Signs reading "JEFFERSON" that appear to date from at least 1937 are located in the east and west gable ends.

The original tall, narrow wood framed windows are 4/4 double hungs. Many retain original glass. Most window and door openings are topped with plain board, bracketed hoods, and there are diagonal board panels below the windows. Two windows on the west end of the north wall are believed to have been added circa 1900. They were installed with wire nails and do not exactly match the other windows. The adjacent door was also installed with wire nails.

The main passenger entrance is a single door, with a two light transom that is located at the east end of the south facade. The bay includes four of the tall 4/4 windows. A large eight panel wooden sliding freight door is on the west end of the south facade. It is 7 feet wide and has a five light transom. A similar door with a five light transom was located in the center of the west elevation. This opening has been partially filled with siding that matches the rest of the building. It now has a single door in the south side of the opening.

A plank boardwalk, constructed at an unknown date, runs along the south and east sides of the depot. As recently as 1995 the depot housed a gift shop. It is vacant at this time.

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






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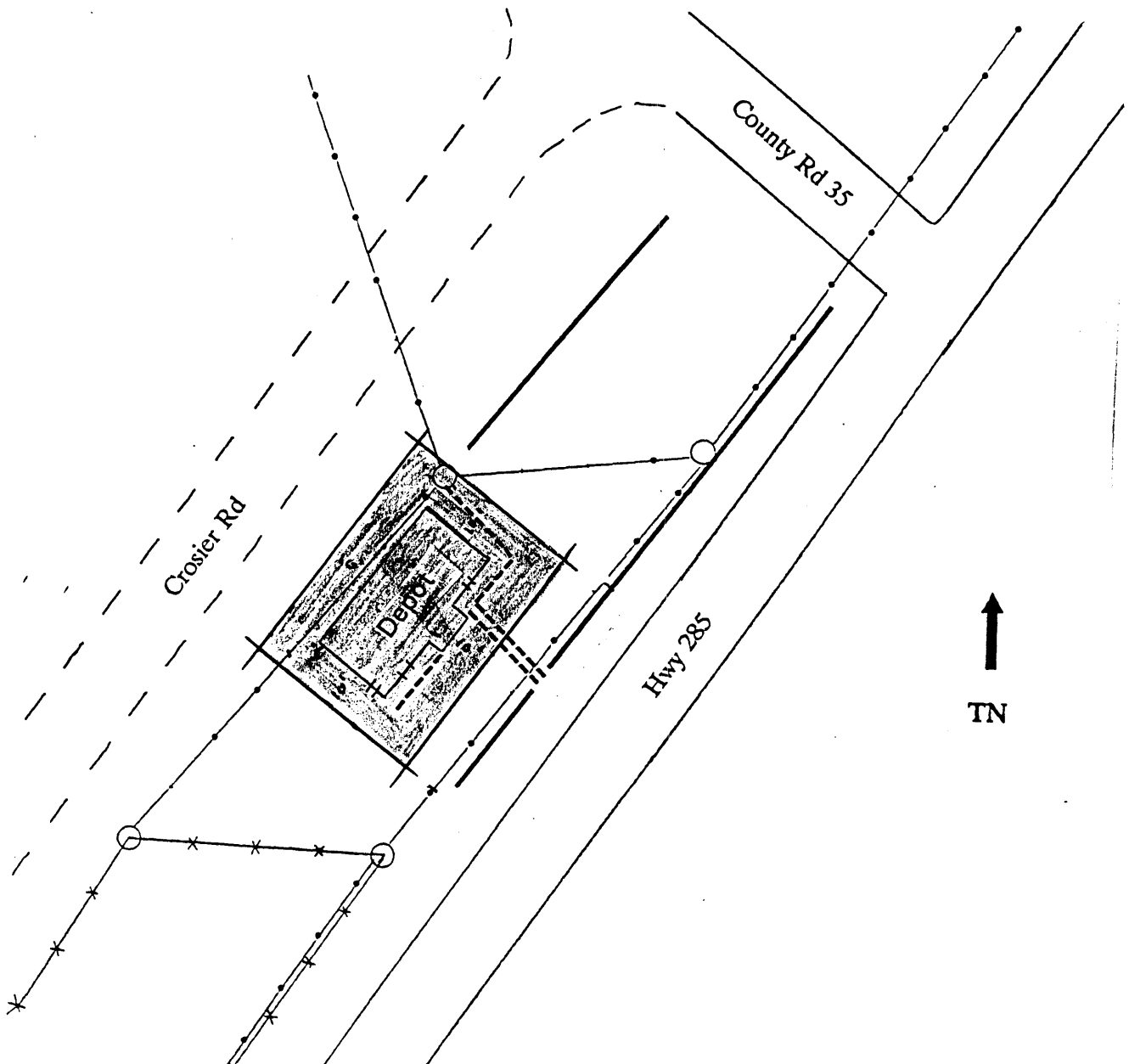
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SITE/BOUNDARY MAP

KEY	
	Site Boundary
	Post
	Fence
	Powerline
	Paved road
	Dirt road
	Wood beam barrier
	Boardwalk
	Path



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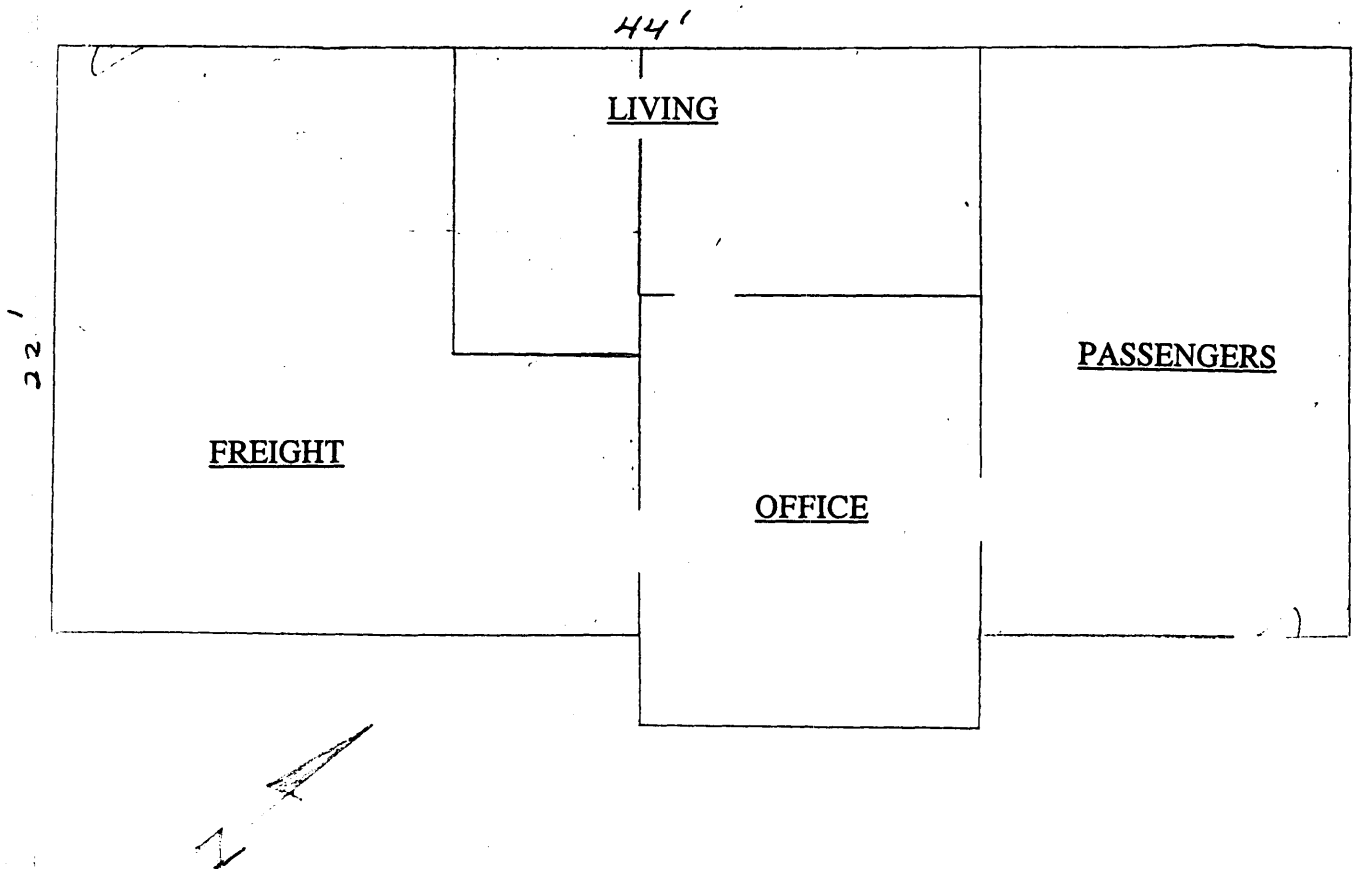
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Interior

Much of the interior remains intact. The central office and eastern passenger rooms have vertical board wainscoting. Some of the walls are wallpapered above. Narrow board flooring remains. Baseboards are plain, and door and window surrounds are of fluted, flat boards. Doors have transoms, and ceilings have recessed wooden panels. The western freight room has 12 inch wide wood plank floors that are fastened with square nails.

Approximate Floor Plan



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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record
- # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Architecture

Periods of Significance

1880-1937

Significant Dates

1880

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Denver South Park & Pacific Railroad

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

Name of repository:

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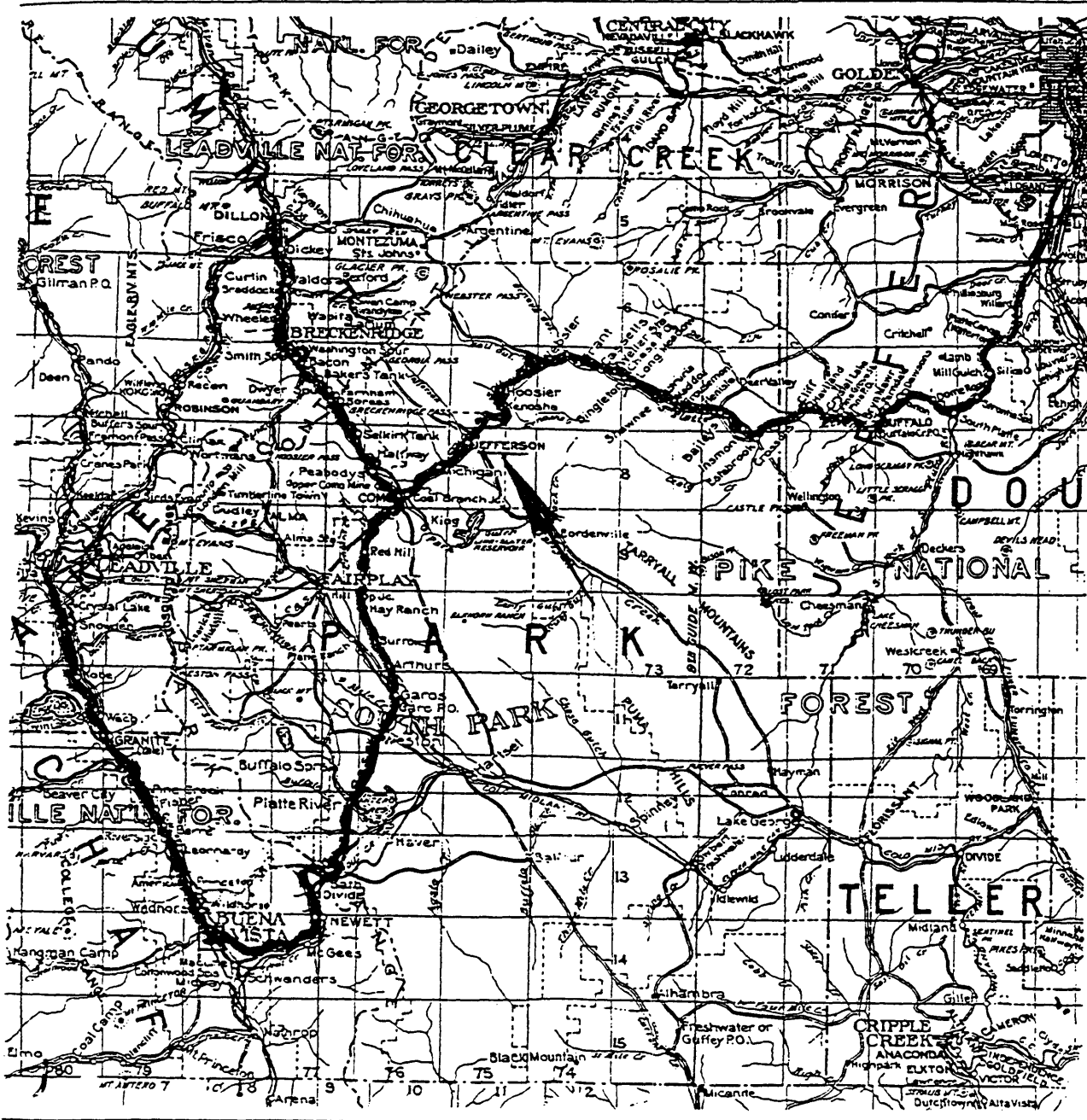
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1913 MAP - Showing DSP&P route through Park County



Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad, from 1913 Colorado state map

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SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion A - Transportation

The circa 1880 depot is significant for its association with the development of the Denver South Park & Pacific Railroad (DSP&P), one of the railroads highlighted in the Multiple Property Documentation Form - Colorado Railroads, 1858-1948. The depot remained in active use until 1937. It is one of only a few intact historic resources surviving from the DSP&P's narrow gauge rail network that extended from Denver into Colorado's rich mining regions during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The DSP&P filed for incorporation on June 14, 1873. Its founders included Colorado political and financial movers and shakers John Evans, David Moffat, and Charles Kountse. Evans, the prime mover behind the enterprise, envisioned the DSP&P extending from Denver across the Rocky Mountains all the way to the Pacific Ocean. In building the railroad, the company decided to utilize narrow gauge spacing of three feet between rails. In Colorado's mountainous terrain, narrow gauge construction allowed for steeper grades, sharper curves, and a lower cost for materials and rolling stock. Track laying began in May, 1874. Funding difficulties resulted in there being only 32 miles of track extending out of Denver by June of 1878. From Denver the route to South Park, via Platte Canyon and the Arkansas River, had to traverse Kenosha Pass at an altitude of 10,200 feet. The track reached Kenosha Pass in May, 1879, and it reached Jefferson later that year.

As was common with Colorado railroading, companies rushed to reaching booming mining communities. Competition was stiff, and like many others, the DSP&P experienced bankruptcies, reorganizations, and takeovers. By the turn of the century, it had become part of the newly organized Colorado and Southern Railway. By 1916, there were approximately 416 total miles of track. In general, the dismantlement of the network occurred over a period of time stretching from the early 1920s into the early 1940s. The 58.59 miles of track passing through Jefferson between South Platte and Como were removed in 1938.

Jefferson was the first South Park area station after Kenosha Pass. For the most part, hay and stock raising supported the local economy. As the DSP&P was built, Jefferson became a railroad tie shipping center. Located at milepost 81.12, at an altitude of 9508 feet, the depot is all that remains of a facility that at one time included stock pens, a coal bin, wye, 47,500 gallon wood water tank, a two-story frame section house, and 3,059 feet of siding. The depot, highly visible, at its original location is well able to convey its historic use.

Criterion C - Architecture

The circa 1880 depot is a well-preserved example of a combination depot as described under the Depot Property Type in the Multiple Property Documentation Form - Railroads in Colorado, 1858-1948. Combination depots were commonly constructed in areas where rail lines served sparsely populated

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areas. The depot includes a track side bay window, a feature introduced in the 1870s, that provided the agent with a better view of the tracks. The depot's floor plan is typical of the type, with a freight room and passenger waiting room, separated by the business offices. Living quarters for the agent were commonly included in depots located in areas where access to housing was difficult.

The Jefferson DSP&P Railroad Depot survives as a virtually intact example of its type. The few exterior changes appear to date from the turn of the century. The depot compares favorably with a surviving DSP&P combination depot, located along Colorado Highway 9 in the Park County town of Fairplay, that has been moved from its original location and now serves as a real estate office.

In addition, this basically simple Late Victorian building exhibits elements of the Stick style in the diagonal board pattern found below its windows and in the elaborate detailing of its ornamental brackets. The use of Stick detailing was not particularly common in Colorado, and the depot is one of the few recorded examples.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary includes the footprint of the depot plus ten feet around its perimeter, as indicated on the map on Continuation Sheet 2.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the portion of the site that retains the highest degree of historic integrity.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization n/a date 08/10/98

street & number 33815 Castano Drive telephone 949-240-0964

city or town Dana Point state California zip code 92629

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Garrett C. Weeks

street & number 33815 Castano Drive telephone 949-240-0964

city or town Dana Point state California zip code 92629

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photographs numbers 1-6:

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Location: U.S. Hwy. 285, Jefferson, Park County, CO
Photographer: Garrett C Weeks, Owner
Date of Photographs: August 1998
Negatives: 33815 Castano Dr., Dana Point, CA 92629

<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Information</u>
1.	West and south sides, view northeast.
2.	South and east sides, view northwest.
3.	North side, view south.
4.	Freight room, view southeast.
5.	Interior detailing, with wainscotting.
6.	Interior detailing.

HISTORIC VIEW



*M. C. Poor photo,
from David S. Digerness Collection.*

The Jefferson station in 1937. The main line extends in a southwesterly direction across South Park toward the Park Range.

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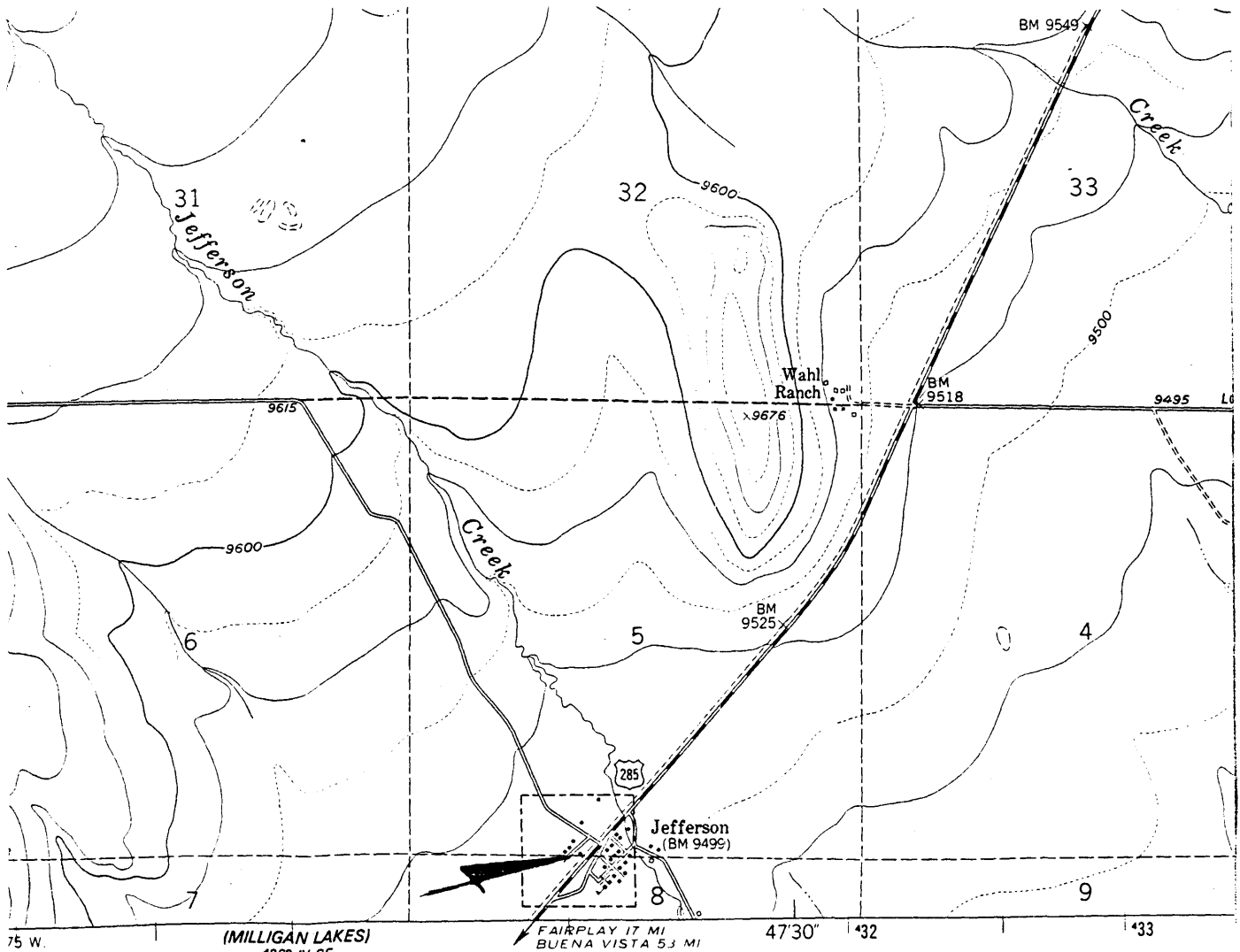
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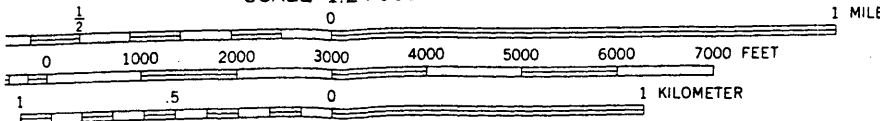
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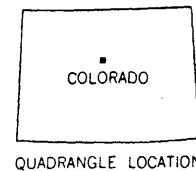
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