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COUNTY: Douglas
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON:	Quick, Ben, Ranch and Fort
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Quick House/Fort Washington Site

2. LOCATION

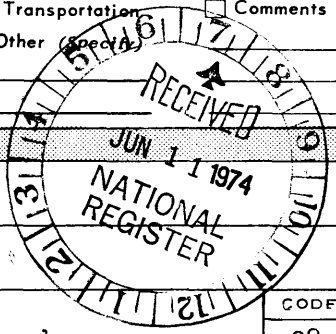
STREET AND NUMBER: 6695 West Plum Creek Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Palmer Lake		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Douglas	CODE 035

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. Peter Kost			
STREET AND NUMBER: 6695 Perry Park Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Perry Park Subdivision		STATE: Colorado	CODE 08



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Douglas County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: 220 Wilcox			
CITY OR TOWN: Castle Rock		STATE: Colorado	CODE 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Colorado Inventory of Historic Structures and Sites			
DATE OF SURVEY: March 26, 1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Colorado State Museum			
STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Denver		STATE: Colorado	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Fort Washington (no visible remains) consisted of a log stockade erected during the late summer of 1868 enclosing the 1861 Quick homestead cabin and the 1867 frame replacement structure. The fort wall stood approximately eight feet high and consisted of pairs of posts spaced one to two feet apart inserted into the ground at ten to twelve foot intervals and then filled with logs to form a wall. This heavy log stockade, enclosing the Quick dwellings and a rather large well, amounted to a total enclosure of something over an acre of land.

The existing Quick house was built by Benjamin Quick in 1885 utilizing native stone from the surrounding homestead. The house is in the Gothic tradition with Germanic influence and through its classic simplicity of design reflects a spirit of stoic elegance.

The structure is a two story dwelling, rectangular in plan and includes a rear wing and a substantial matching stone out building at its rear. The north and east walls are of rock faced coursed cut stone, while the south and west walls are of rusticated coursed cut stone and all are set with common bond.

The shingled roof includes a center gable with wood frieze while the high end gables are without trim. Brick chimney stacks are at either end of the roof line and are of common design. The rear wing gable is offset to the right with an extension to the left main wall with the kitchen chimney centered in the extension slope. The eaves are masked with cornice fascia and the trim is forest green throughout.

The tall main story windows are double hung sash in design with cut stone lugsiles with one piece arch shaped cut stone lintels which include a simulated key stone.

The main entrance is centered on the main facade with the center gable protruding overhead on a railed balcony.

The recessed, blind door is of two panel construction and is topped with a arch shaped cut stone lintel matching the windows. The door opens onto a small portico with four diminishing, square, one piece, native stone pillars capped with redstone. These pillars support a frame balcony with an identical door opening under the center gable which, in turn, is elegantly supported by four turned wood pillars.

The upper story windows are less elongated but are of identical design and are equipped with common wood shutters.

The rectangular stone out building is identical in design to the main dwelling; it reflects total harmony with the overall architectural theme.

The yard is fenced with matching cut stone and shaded by massive cottonwoods which are clustered on the banks of West Plum Creek.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) Fort: 1868 House: 1885

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 type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>para-military</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Benjamin Quick, a Douglas County 59'er, settled along West Plum Creek in 1861, building a log dwelling and beginning a successful ranching operation which gained the admiration of the other pioneers of the valley.

Mr. Quick soon set a reputation as a true civic leader by contributing to the welfare of the valley in ways such as building and funding the first school from his personal resources and even paying the teacher's salary.

During the summer of 1868 marauding bands of Cheyenne and Arapahoe's began a series of raids along the Plum Creek divide; each day brought news of more settlers being terrorized and more stock being driven off. Since the organized Colorado regiments were involved in long term Indian campaigns to the east of the valley, the ranchers were left to their own defense.

Fearful for their lives, the settlers erected several forts in the area among them Fort Washington which was located on Quick's Homestead and became a strong point defense for the entire West Plum Creek Valley, Rifles were secured from the state and all able-bodied men formed themselves into a cavalry company with John Koontz as their Captain.

Many of the settlers had Civil War experience and therefore set up very effective scouting and patrolling procedures which did much to control the Indian trouble in the area. On at least one occasion the entire population of the valley "forted up" at Fort Washington for over two months while their homes and ranches were being raided.

Although built after the 1868 Indian Wars, the Quick mansion now standing is a fitting tribute to the man and his fort. For years it has been a show place of Douglas County and is a delightful representative of Douglas County stone architecture for the period.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Portrait and Biographical Record of Denver and Vicinity, Colorado Chapman Publishing Company Chicago 1898

Personal papers and letters of Albert Dakan
Collection of Margret Benn

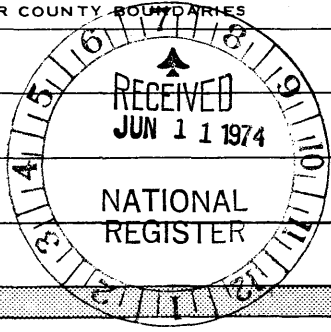
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		39° 15' 52"	104° 57' 11"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Colorado	08	Douglas	035
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Craig H. Trout-Asst. Historian

ORGANIZATION: Douglas County Historical Society DATE: May 17, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 2274 West Parkhill Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Littleton 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: [Signature]

Title: Acting Preservation Officer

Date: June 4, 1974

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/1/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9-31-74

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