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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Colorado
COUNTY:	Jefferson
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 1 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Blue Jay Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway 126, west side, about 100 yds. south Wellington Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Buffalo Creek

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2

STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08** COUNTY: **Jefferson** CODE: **059**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 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:
Mrs. Katherine Davis Ramus

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Buffalo Creek

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
1700 Arapahoe

CITY OR TOWN:
Golden

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

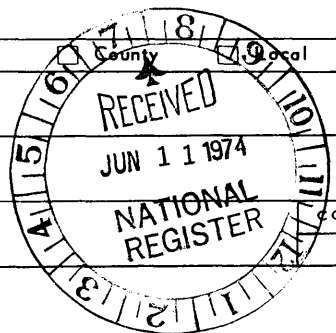
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7. DESCRIPTION

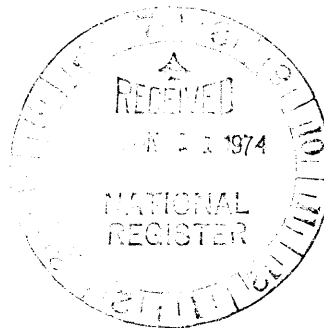
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blue Jay Inn was originally two separate hotels, 2-storey, third pitch gabled roof. The front and main part of the present inn was approximately 100' long and 20' deep. It had a small porch over the front door. There were five front bays. The front wall is probably log construction--the present owners were unable to go through the wall with a 3' drill. It is all-over shingle finish, as are several homes in the same area. The second two-storey building was pushed against the main building as a wing, making it a T-shaped structure, with 80' length toward the back and a 20' width. A large veranda running across the front and the side of the building were added in 1900.

There is also an annex to the inn immediately left of it, probably built about 1900.

On the main floor there are a lobby, a parlor, a gift shop, serving room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs there are 15 small guest rooms and one bath. Where the two buildings were joined, steps lead down to a lower level. There is a double fireplace sharing a single chimney between the parlor and the lobby.



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3. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1880-present**

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Blue Jay Inn has served visitors to Buffalo Creek from 1880 to the present. It was originally two hotels built to serve the many lumbering men in the Buffalo Creek area. The buildings were pushed together to make one large hotel.

After the Denver, South Park and Pacific narrow gauge railroad came into the town on its way to the South Park mining districts in 1878, summer residents and tourists shared the honors as the significant activity in the area, along with the original lumbering, ranching, mining and quarrying. The Buffalo Park Association was formed to develop a summer resort area near Buffalo Creek. It was originally owned by Joseph Bailey but was purchased by John Jerome. The Association was incorporated about 1890, at which time Mr. Jerome also acquired the Blue Jay Inn. He did not increase the number of rooms, but did add substantial verandas, modernized the kitchen, and built a dance pavilion. Of course, alcoholic beverages were exempted from sale anywhere in Buffalo Park. The inn did a lively business in the 1890's. There were Saturday night dances, the facilities were used as a meeting place for clubs, church groups and modified types of chautauquas.

In 1907 it was purchased for the Girls' Friendly Society, an Episcopalian sponsored group. It served as a summer vacation retreat for business girls, students and church workers. There was one small room reserved for the visiting preacher--otherwise, no men were allowed to set foot in the house.

After forty years there was no longer a need for this type of hostel, and it was sold to Mrs. Dan Davis and her daughter, Mrs. Chas. F. Ramus. It is now operated as a summer vacation inn.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ryan, Edna Sirois. A Narrative History of Buffalo Creek and Buffalo Park Jefferson County Colorado. Claridge Printing Co, Denver, 1960.

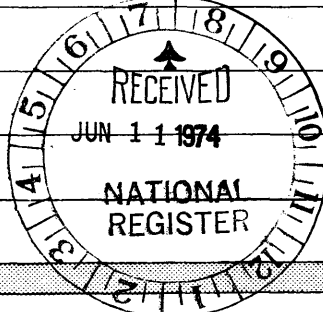
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3 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:
Connie Fahnestock, president

ORGANIZATION: **Jefferson County Historical Society** DATE: **5/30/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 703

CITY OR TOWN: **Evergreen,** STATE: **Colorado** CODE:

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 *William C. Park*

Title Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 4, 1974

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

A. R. Montrose
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/1/74

ATTEST:
William C. Park
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.25.74

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Guests of the Blue Jay Inn included such noteworthy people as:

- President Teddy Roosevelt
- Walter Cheeseman
- James Moffat
- Booker T. Washington

It is still listed in the FORD'S TRAVEL BOOK as one of the best eating places in Colorado.

