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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Redstone Inn  
AND/OR COMMON  
Redstone Inn

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
0082 Redstone Boulevard  
CITY, TOWN  
Redstone  
STATE  
Colorado

VICINITY OF  
08

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
4

COUNTY  
Pitkin

CODE  
097

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Everett L. Irwin and Anne R. Irwin  
STREET & NUMBER  
0082 Redstone Boulevard  
CITY, TOWN  
Redstone/Carbondale  
STATE  
Colorado

VICINITY OF  
81623

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Pitkin County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
506 E. Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Aspen  
STATE  
Colorado

81611

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites (49/01/0003)  
DATE  
Ongoing  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway  
CITY, TOWN  
Denver  
STATE  
Colorado

80203

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at the southern end of the original Redstone Townsite, the Redstone Inn is a single, detached structure built in a style reminiscent of Swiss Alpine architecture. It is a wood-frame building, two and one-half stories in height, with a "U"-shaped plan. The structure presently includes a modern addition built to the west of the original section; this addition was intended to blend with the original structure in massing, scale, and detailing. The Jerkinhead roof is shingled and features two types of dormers: a small shed type and a steeply hipped type. The primary decorative feature of the building is the large square clock tower rising a full story above the apex of the roof; the tower has a steeply hipped roof, decorative cross timbering, and red sandstone arches at the base. A smaller tower, imitating the design of the original, is located at the inside corner of the additional. And there are several massive stone chimneys that rise above the roof.

The secondary features give the structure much of its characteristic appearance. Decorative half-timbering is also found in the gable ends. There is a two-tier verandah with a decorative cut balustrade on both the north and east facades. The building is sheathed with clapboard and shingles painted white. The windows are casement type with a diamond pane sash above. The gable ends feature a triple sash within a segmental arch. The interior of the earliest portion of the structure retains its original configuration and most of its decorative features.

Written by M.A.W. 11/79

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902 - Present BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Redstone Inn is significant for its association with John C. Osgood, an important industrialist in Colorado; for its role in commerce in the region; and for its architectural features.

Though born to humble circumstances at Brooklyn, New York, in 1851, John C. Osgood rose to wealth and power in the booming industrial world of the late nineteenth century. Going to work at the age of fourteen, he gradually rose through the ranks: office boy for a manufacturer in Rhode Island, bookkeeper for a produce merchant in New York, cashier of various banks and coal mining companies, and finally president of a coal mining firm. All these companies operated largely east of the Mississippi River, but in 1882 Osgood moved to Denver and two years later organized the Colorado Fuel Company, a producer of coal. After considerable success, in 1892 Osgood merged this firm with the Colorado Coal and Iron Company, to form the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the largest integrated steelmaker in the trans-Mississippi West. He remained as head of this enterprise until 1903 when he resigned after a battle for control that ended with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. becoming the dominant party in the firm.

Both Redstone and the Redstone Inn owed their development to Osgood. He founded the town as a coking center and in 1902 built the Inn for single miners and guests. The structure offered many amenities unheard of in the industry at that time. Later, Frank Kistler expanded the building by adding a wing which gives the structure its present "U" shape. Since Osgood's death in 1925, the Inn has had several owners who have tried to retain the atmosphere and charm of the original building. At present it is a working hotel and restaurant catering to guests who enjoy "a step back in time."

From an architectural perspective, the Inn represents a fine example of the early Swiss Alpine style in Colorado. Moreover, it is the only such structure within the Redstone area.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Foote, Alvin, The Fabulous Valley (New York, 1950)  
 Francis, Theresa V., Crystal River Saga, 1959  
 Campbell, Rosemae Wells, Crystal River Valley, Jewel or Jinx? (Denver, 1966)  
 Shoemaker, Len, Roaring Fork Valley (Denver, 1973)

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.2

QUADRANGLE NAME Redstone, Colorado

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 30,65,9,0 4,33,89,7,0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

E         

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 26 and 95, Redstone Subdivision

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ramona Markalunas/Past President

ORGANIZATION

Aspen Historical Society

DATE

June 6, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

620 W. Bleeker

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Aspen

STATE

Colorado 81611

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE ✓

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Arthur C. Lumsden*

DATE

*Jan. 28, 1980*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. Ray Luce*  
 for  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*3/27/80*

ATTEST: *William H. Abraham*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

*3.10.80*