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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Dutchtown

AND/OR COMMON  
Dutchtown Site *Wm*

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Ditch Road

*N of Grand Lake off US 34 in Rocky Mountain NP*

CITY, TOWN  
Grand Lake

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Fourth

STATE  
Colorado

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
C8

COUNTY  
Grand  
CODE  
049

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)  
National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Region

STREET & NUMBER  
655 Parfet

CITY, TOWN  
Denver

STATE  
VICINITY OF  
Colorado

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Subject site within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park, created from the public lands by Act of Congress of January 26, 1915; region including Dutchtown Site added to Rocky Mountain National Park by Act of Congress of June 21, 1930.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
None

DATE  
--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN  
STATE

# 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

The Dutchtown Site lies just below timberline in a spectacular valley of the Never Summer Range, flanked by Lead Mountain on the northwest and Mount Cirrus on the southwest.

No trace is found in the Tract Books of the Bureau of Land Management of the village of Dutchtown. Accordingly, it seems clear that the village was never formally entered and platted.

An examination of the site reveals 4 decaying cabin ruins. The ruins of cabin #1 (see sketch map) stand about 4' high. This cabin, approximately 12' x 16', is constructed of square notched logs which protrude from the corners. A rubblestone chimney, long since fallen, stood in the northwest corner. Cabin #2, approximately 9' x 10', is constructed of saddle notched logs. This cabin stands about 2' high. Cabin #3, about 2' high, is approximately 15' x 18'. This cabin, of saddle notched logs, contains the ruins of a rubblestone chimney which stood in the northwest wall. Cabin #4, approximately 12' x 15', stands about 2' high. This cabin of saddle notched logs had a rubblestone chimney in the west wall.

# GNIFICANCE

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|------|---|---|---|--|
| ORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING           | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| 99   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                 | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| 99   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                    | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| 99   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                    | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| 99   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                  | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| 99   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
|      | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY (mining) | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                    |   |  |

DATES 1879 - 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

### CONTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dutchtown Site, located at timberline on the east slope of the Never Summer Range, is now marked only by crumbling cabin ruins. Settled by outcasts from Lulu City, the site was inhabited for no more than 5 years, was deserted when the prospectors gave up their search for valuable ores. Dutchtown is representative of numerous tiny settlements of the gold rush period, wrapped in isolation and seldom remarked by journalists in their lifetime or historians in their demise.

Since the hamlet was settled by miners who simply squatted briefly on the public domain, one searches the official record in vain for reference to Dutchtown. The story of the settlement is effectively summarized by a letter written in 1940 by an oldtimer, Cloyd Redburn, who was acquainted with a man who had been in Dutchtown in its heyday:

"There seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to the actual dates of the life of this little settlement, but 1879 to 1884 will take in the beginning and the end of this town.

"Of course Lulu City was really established before Dutch Town, and Dutch Town was eventually to become a suburb of Lulu City.

"It seems that even in those early days, the different nationalities were prejudiced against the others. The Dutch, Irish, and the Swedes.

"When Lulu City started each of these picked out their section of the City.

"There were eight Dutchmen lived in one corner of the City. One day they went to Grand Lake and returned in the night sometime pretty well under the influence of liquor and proceeded to eliminate some of the other races of Lulu City.

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"Thereafter if the population of Dutchtown had any business anywhere outside their little village they either had to go to Grand Lake or the little town of Gaskill, located at the mouth of Bowen Gulch, that was going strong at the same time.

"While nobody ever hit any ore that made them any money the settlement at Dutchtown stuck some six months to a year longer than at Lulu City, and Mr. Hitchins stayed with his claim about twenty years longer."

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"With the result that they were completely and soundly beaten, their houses wrecked and some of them had to have medical aid.

"Some of the more peaceful citizens of Lulu City were pretty badly damaged including one woman who came out of the fracas with a broken arm, one man with several broken ribs, and one fellow lost an eye.

"Lulu's father, who by popular consent had always been the mayor of Lulu City demanded that they all be run out of town, and that no more Dutchmen be allowed to build or live within the limits of Lulu City.

"As soon as the Dutchmen were able to be around again they were called together and told what the score was, and they believed it.

"Consequently with many misgivings they left Lulu City and started up the Gulch where Mr. Hitchins had a claim, and a Cabin.

"About two miles above Mr. Hitchins claim they decided on a site and camped and immediately started to build.

"During the next two months they had plenty of trouble.

"Some of the men at Lulu City were holding a grudge, and several times the Dutchmen were fired on from the hills surrounding their little village. One man being hit in the leg by a bullet.

"They even went so far as to start a rock slide above the village hoping that it would wipe out the village and the men in it.

"But the Dutchmen stuck and a natural barrier sprang up between them.

"There is a small ridge between the Colorado Valley and Hitchens Gulch and this was declared as the deadling, and it wasn't considered safe for either side to venture across this ridge.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cloyd Redburn Letter, Library, Rocky Mountain National Park

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	13	425195	4476495	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A circle with center A and radius 456.05246 ft.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. Ferrel Atkins, Ranger-Naturalist

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

August 5, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Rocky Mountain National Park

TELEPHONE

303 - 586 - 2371

CITY OR TOWN

Estes Park

STATE

Colorado

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

*[Signature]*

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Director

DATE

JAN 30 1976

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT  
(Attach 4" x 5" Black and White Photograph)

REGION RMR PARK/AREA NAME Romo PARK NUMBER 1520

STRUCTURE NAME Dutchtown (site) STRUCTURE NUMBER HS-994

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Rocky Mountain National Park PARK LOCATION CODE PG

NATIONAL REGISTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:  / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST Fee MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization() Cyclic Maintenance() Routine Maintenance() Approved Ultimate Treatment()

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APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation (PP)	Restoration (RR)	Reconstruction (CC)
Adaptive Preservation (AP)	Adaptive Restoration (AR)	Adaptive Reconstruction (AC)
Neglect (NG)	Remove (RM)	No Approved Treatment (NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date:  / /

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization: \$ _____	Date: <u> / /</u>	Level of Estimate: (A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment: \$ _____	Date: <u> / /</u>	Estimator: (Region) (DSC) (A&E)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of Construction:  / / Date of Alterations:  / /  
Architect/Designer: \_\_\_\_\_ Historical Theme(s): mining  
History of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE BACK

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Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing x Non-Contributing \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Criteria: A X B C D (Include integrity statement)  
Together with the Lulu City site, the site of Dutchtown contains the only  
remains of an early mining camp in Rocky Mountain National Park.

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Bibliography: Ferrel Atkins- National Register Nomination-Dutchtown and Lulu City. Susan B. Baldwin - Historic Resource Study - Dutchtown and Lulu City.  
Representation in Other Surveys: \_\_\_\_\_

If structure has been removed, how? LCS, Lance Olivier, 6/30/1976  
N/A Date:  / /

Report prepared by: Carl and Karen McWilliams Date: 8 /20/1985

LOCATION: Section 50 State CO  
Township 6N County Grand  
Range 76W

USE: Town Site  
Original Use Town Site  
Intermediate Uses None  
PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: U.S. Govt.  
Original Owner: Unincorporated town site  
Intermediate Owner(s): Hugh J. Harrison

**\*\*\*PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION\*\*\***

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

The physical remains at Dutchtown consist of four recognizable cabin ruins. After a promising silver strike in the region in 1879, prospectors and entrepreneurs quickly entered the region with hopes to either strike it rich themselves or to profit by providing many of the supplies and services that the miners would require. In 1880, the Middle Park and Grand River Land Improvement Company was formed to create the town of Lulu City. The exact dates of Dutchtown's existence are not known, and the only known source regarding its history is a letter written by lifetime Grand Lake resident Clyde Redburn to Raymond Gregg of the National Park Service on June 8, 1940. Redburn had been told of the area's history by an old timer who had been in Dutchtown at the time of the strike. According to the letter, Dutchtown grew out of racial differences in Lulu City. These differences climaxed one evening when several of the Dutchmen returned from an evening of drinking and badly beat some of the town's residents causing a major ruckus. Angry residents demanded that the perpetrators be run out of town and no more Dutchmen be allowed in Lulu City. Consequently, the offending Dutchmen established their own camp a few miles west of Lulu City. The area where Dutchtown is located became part of Rocky Mountain National Park in 1949, when it was purchased from the estate of Hugh S. Harrison.

**SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:**