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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado

COUNTY: Grand

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ENTRY DATE: NOV 21 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Kauffman House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Kauffman House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: N.W. corner of Pitkin and Lake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Grand Lake

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Colorado

CODE: 08

COUNTY: Grand

CODE: 049

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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: In question

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hot Sulpher Springs

STATE: Colorado

CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

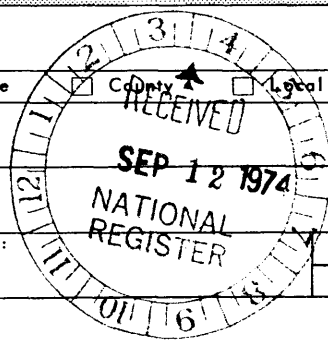
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is constructed entirely of logs cut & hauled by Ezra Kauffman. They were whip-sawed on three sides with the outside left rounded as they were laid up. Small poles and a sand/cement chinking mixture was used as caulking. The house was built in this fashion during the spring of 1892 and was used continuously as a resort hotel from that date until 1946. It was a square two-story affair to begin with. A large kitchen, a front addition for parlor and upstairs rooms, and a porch were added over the next couple of years.

The house boasted an indoor water system consisting of a large galvanized tank in the attic filled by a hand pump on the lakeshore. An overflow pipe projected from the eaves to tell the sumper when the tank was full. In winter water had to be carried by buckets from the ice holes. The lake provided ice harvests in the winter to be stored in sawdust for summer use.

The interior was decorated quite handsomely for its day and location. The inside walls were lined with metal and muslin was pasted to them and wallpaper then onto that. The muslin was often gaily colored and on some rooms left to furnish the rooms without benefit of wallpaper. The kitchen walls and ceiling were covered with white oil-cloth.

The house has a hipped and gabled roof, with plain eaves and cornices. There is quite a bit of lovely fishscale design work on the gabled ends of the facades however. The windows are double sashed. Both windows and doors have plain flat lintels, surrounds & lugsills. The log ends at the corners of the building are braced by vertical logs. The whole rests on a natural stone foundation. A veranda completes the picture and graces the front facades.



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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)

1892 spring

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 | owner came as a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | hunter & trapper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | & miner, settled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | down to tourist |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | accomodation and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | guiding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kauffman House is a large log hotel which is typical of the early tourist accomodations which sprang up in Colorado's Middle Park area. The Rocky Mountains divide the state into two watersheds and this mountain park is the easternmost point of the Pacific watershed. It is less unified and flat than the other two mountain park areas and far more isolated. It was traditionally by Indians and white men used as a summer resort area and few have ever seen the numbers of year-round residents.

The Ute Indians used Middle Park as a summer range. Trapper's and other Indian tribes have substantiated the legend of a terrible storm which took the lives of women and children encamped in the area while the men were off to do battle. From that point forward, no Utes resided there permanently. The trappers and miners were the second wave of human visitors to the area. Mining though profitable, never got off to a real start because of the extreme isolation of the area, the total lack of any system of transportation, and the legendary winters. The only railroad to penetrate the divide was the "Moffat Road" and it did not log up any success in freely opening the area for general accessibility.

Ezra Kauffman, owner and contractor for the Kauffman House, was connected with all of the various phases of Middle Park pioneer history at one point or another. During the 1860-1870's he spent a great deal of time trapping and hunting the area, with some dismal failures at prospecting. During the late 1870's he began to serve as guide to European hunting parties and other tourist groups. It was from this involvement that came his committment to running a resort hotel.

Ezra Kauffman was born November 1, 1849, in Logan County, Ohio. He died December 5, 1920 at the age of 71--in Denver--after an amputation of the leg which had never healed after a blow from a mining hammer in his youth.

Ezra's mother died when he was 4 months old. He then lived with his father's parents in McLain County, Ill. His brother Rufus, however, went to the maternal grandparents in Mifflin County, Penn., near Milroy, Penn. The Kauffman grandparents were Mennonites, strict and severe--he had no playthings. Rufus, the brother in Pennsylvania, was with Mennonites too, but they were less strict, (that grandfather broke the rule by having his picture taken so Rufus could take it when he left). When Ezra was 6, he went back to his father who had by then, 1867, made a second marriage. They were in Shelby Co., Ill. She died and after his father married a third time, Ezra went off on his own.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dictated by Rosemary E. Wilkin (Cousin Harriett Kauffman and step-brother Carl helped her with the information.) May, 1974
 Vail--The Arapahoe Indian Trip
 Cairns, Mary L., Grand Lake the Pioneers
 Grand Lake Prospector 1832-83
 North Park Miner 1882-3
 Manuscripts of Ruth Kauffman McLaren, Rosemary Kaufman Wilkin (with Carl Kauffman and cousin Harriett Kaufman)

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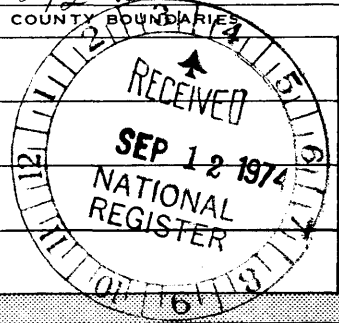
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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							
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SW	0	.	"	0	.	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 100' x 100' *2 1/2 acres*

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dorothy McLaren Howard and Patience Cairns Kemp

ORGANIZATION: Grand Lake Area Historical Society DATE: May 22, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 528 Cairns Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Grand Lake 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: *Color Hist Pres Officer*

Date: *9/9/74*

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *11/21/74*

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *11/13-74*

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Later Ezra's father and brother Rufus came to Greeley, Colorado with the colony, but Ezra was not with them. He had become a cowboy in Nebraska. He happened to run into them once when he was in Greeley, but he went back to being a cowboy. He at one time owned a sheep ranch near Fort Collins, leaving the venture after the sheep died. He hunted and fished in the mountains and guided others from time to time. He was in the Grand Lake region in 1877. He "packed" miners "in" to Lulu in 1879. Then he settled at Hot Sulpher Springs where he had a saloon. From time to time he prospected in various places; but a place up the Willow Creek Valley must have seen him oftener; for a tributary of Willow Creek is called Kauffman Creek.

He married Clara Johnson on Oct. 13, 1888. Mary and Carl were born in Hot Sulpher Springs: Henry Carlton Kauffman on July 18, 1890, and Mary on July 3, 1889. He sold the saloon and lived at the Grand Lake House while building the KAUFFMAN HOUSE. Jim Elliot worked on the building. They moved in the spring of 1892. Carl was 8 when his mother went to Golden to divorce Ezra in 1899. Ezra Kauffman married Belle Stowell, Oct. 22, 1907. Ruth, Rosemary, and Margaret were born.

Ezra ran the hotel between marriages with the help of Mrs. Adams one year and one or two years with the help of Annie Harbison.

Ezra always had trap lines in the winter up the North Inlet and the East Inlet and on Cornstalk Mountain. He would often be gone two or three days at a time. He had small cabins about a day apart to stay in. He was always sure to go out for huckleberries late in the summer, too. He and Ruth and Rosemary went huckleberrying the fall before he died on Cornstalk mountain.

Daughter Ruth said "The first lighting system I remember (and it was used only in the summer) was gas lights fueled from two cylinder tanks and pressure pumped. A metal tubing the size of a pencil carried the gas to the mantle type lights. I believe that only the downstairs used the gas lights. Kerosene lights were used upstairs in the bedrooms."

"A wood stove heater in the dining room and a large wood burning hotel range in the kitchen furnished the heat. In the wintertime the dining room became the living room for the family and few guests. The only heat upstairs was that provided by the stove pipes from the two stoves...thus the upstairs bedrooms in winter were frigid."

