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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 9	1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hiwan Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Camp Neosha , Hiwan Ranch

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Meadow Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Evergreen

STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Jefferson	CODE 059
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Residence until spring of 1973. In current use for art and antique exhibits</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Conifer-Hiwan Associates (Mr. George Hurst)

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 25

CITY OR TOWN:
Conifer

STATE: Colorado, 80433	CODE 08
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Golden

STATE Colorado	CODE 08
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

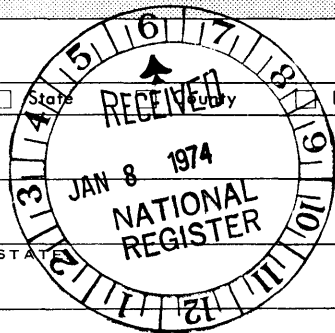
TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:



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7 DESCRIPTION

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

The one, two and three story log building appears now as it did when construction was completed in 1896. Beginning with a one story cabin that had been first intended for use as a barn, John Spence, versatile and accomplished Scots immigrant carpenter/mason/architect added to the building for ten years. Mrs. Mary Neosha Williams purchased the one story log barn/cabin while John Spence was building it in 1886, and employed him over the ensuing ten years to enlarge and add on to it - with one major stipulation, that none of the large evergreens in the area be cut down. By 1896, Spence had built Mrs. Williams a unique 17 room log house. Two two-story octagonal towers are prominently featured, one at each end of the house. As the building grew, it was built to accomodate large standing trees, making for unusual room arrangements and architectural features. Seven stone fireplaces and chimneys are included. A main stairway is of solid log puncheon construction, and the stone masonry and wood joinery are of the highest quality throughout. Logs were peeled and oiled, and roof lines are made to conform with the rambling nature of the structure. All foundations are of stone masonry, in fine condition. Most of the interior shows the log wall finish or is wood panelled. Scattered throughout the house are fine Indian motif designs painted by the noted anthropologist Eric Douglas, and the second story room in the west octagon tower exhibits the gothic arches used to create the chapel atmosphere desired by Cannon Douglas, noted Episcopalian liturgist who inherited the house from Mrs. Williams as her son-in-law.



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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

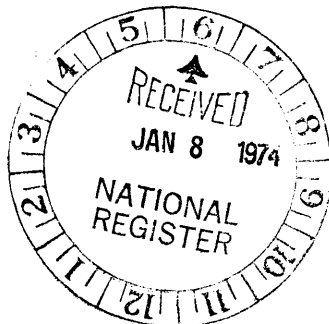
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1886 - 1896**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Early settlement and ranching</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 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

In the summer of 1886, John Spence was building a log barn on his 1200 acre ranch property a mile or so away from the Evergreen stage stop and store when Mrs. Williams, a prominent participant in the summer session Evergreen Conference of the Episcopal church, asked if he would sell his property to her and convert the partly built barn to a cabin. Mr. Spence accepted her proposal and added to the original structure for the next ten years. This is one of the finest and oldest log houses existing in this part of Colorado, and was a center for the early permanent settlement of Evergreen. In the 1880's and for many years thereafter it served as the focus for the Evergreen Conference of the Episcopal Church in Colorado under the name of Camp Neosha. It has been a major historical and cultural landmark in the Evergreen area. Cannon Douglas did much of his liturgical work here, and his son Eric spent his early years and much of his middle years here while pursuing his anthropological and museum studies. Preservation of the Hiwan Homestead is one of the major projects of the Jefferson County Historical Society, which is currently working toward public acquisition of the Homestead as headquarters for the Society and use as an historical and cultural museum.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Craine, Mary Helen, Evergreen, Colorado (Boulder, Colo.:Pruit Publishing Company, 1969)

Craine, Mary Helen, A Circle of Pioneers (Tri-Canyon Publishing Co.)

Ellinwood, Leonard and Douglas, Ann W., The Life and Work of Charles Winfred Douglas (New York: The Hymn Society of American, 1958)

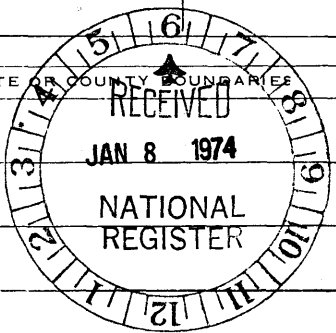
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	105°	19'	20"	39°	38'	25"			
NE	105°	19'	26"	39°	38'	25"			
SE	105°	19'	26"	39°	38'	18"			
SW	105°	19'	20"	39°	38'	18"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF DESIGNATED PROPERTY: 19

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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HB 13/472390 / 472240 / 4387470 / 4387670

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Don Rickey, Jr. , Curator / Chairman, Historic Sites Committee

ORGANIZATION: **Jefferson County Historical Society** DATE: **11/20/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 703

CITY OR TOWN: **Evergreen** STATE: **Colorado, 80439** CODE: **059**

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: *Stephen H. Hunt*

Title: *Col. Stephen H. Hunt*
Officer

Date: *Dec. 12, 1973*

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

D. R. ...
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *4/9/74*

ATTEST: *George T. Emery*
Acty. Keeper of the National Register

Date: *April 8, 1974*