

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
COUNTY: Lake
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ENTRY DATE AUG 7 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Interlaken Resort District

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
E of Twin Lakes off CO 82

CITY OR TOWN:  
Twin Lakes *mic.*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
3

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE: 08

COUNTY:  
Lake

CODE: 065

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>

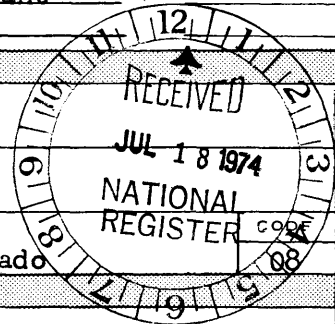
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Eugene Bond

STREET AND NUMBER:  
N/A

CITY OR TOWN:  
Twin Lakes

STATE:  
Colorado



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Leadville

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
State Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 14th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Denver,

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

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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

**Interlaken Hotel:** This is a two story log structure, built roughly in a cruciform. The front facade is faced with board and batten. There are two fine brick chimneys placed on the center of each wing. The structure sits foremost on the resort grounds, and a once elaborate fountain stands out among the trees in front. The windows and doors are placed fairly symmetrically, are plain and quite large. On the rear a two story outdoor privy was added to give winter guests the luxury and convenience of indoor facilities.

**Servant's Quarters/Boarding House:** This is a one story board and batten/lapsided structure added when James Dexter took over operation of the Hotel. It's gable roof and simple lines are accented only by the slightly Gothic style attic window over the entry door. The twelve rooms are arranged somewhat like a dormitory, opening onto one long hall running the length of the center of the building.

**Laundry:** This structure looks much like the servant's quarters in style and construction method. It housed the laundry facilities for the hotel and possibly for the guests.

**Barn:** This structure is constructed of hewn logs and has one door and hay loft window at each end. It is floored with logs and once had room for sixteen stabled horses. A tackle room and office were also included.

**Privy:** This spacious privy contains six seats and is shaped in a sextagonal manner to accomodate each comfortably. It is topped by a cupola which serves as a vent and the shingles are nicely carved. It sits between the servants' quarters and the hotel and was probably available for use by both.

**Livestock Barn:** This structure looks more like a rude log cabin than a barn. However, on the interior milking stanchions are still in evidence, though the whole structure is sadly deteriorated.

**Dexter-Bond cabin:** This cabin was the summer home of James Dexter. It is perfectly square, constructed of hewn logs and surrounded on all sides by an open veranda. The bellcast mansard roof, housing the second floor, is symmetrically punctuated by gabled dormers. The whole is topped by a glassed in cupola, flanked at each of two sides by chimneys. To the rear, stand two identical out buildings, each oversized and each topped by a ventilating cupola. The whole effect of the cabin is very nautical, reflecting the early seafaring background of Dexter. The interior was elaborately furnished and appointed. It is still maintained in its original state by it's present owner, Eugene Bond.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



**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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | <u>Recreation</u>                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Interlaken Resort was probably one of the most scenic and most popular resort areas in the mountains of Colorado. Its unique setting and year round recreational program drew many visitors from Denver, Colorado Springs, Leadville, and from out of state. Located across from the town of Twin Lakes, it began operations in 1879 as a small and unpretentious hotel called the Lakeside Resort on the smaller of the two lakes at the foot of Mt. Elbert. In 1881 James V. Dexter, the wealthy and well-known Leadville miner, bought the hotel and 80 acres for \$3,250.00. Between 1883 and 1890 he turned the hotel into a unique mountain hostelry adding on significantly to the structure and building a servant's quarters, ice and wash house, a 16 horse stable, and a dance pavillion shaped like a ship. Blue grass lawns and fountains, as well as a driveway around the entire perimeter of the lower lake, made the resort pleasant for summer vacationers. A steamship, yacht, rowboats and canoes were available for the guests as were billiards and pool tables. In the winter, ice skating, skiing, and sleighing were very popular.

James Dexter turned over the management of the resort to his brothers, building an elaborate two story cabin complete with cupola outlook for his personal use in 1895. The interior was done in walnut and maple with birdseye maple furniture. Dexter was a man of many interests and talents. Born in Massachusetts, he travelled to Illinois where he became involved in banking and married the daughter of the greatest Falstaff on stage, Ben de Bar. Four children resulted from the marriage. The family relocated to Colorado at the height of the silver mining boom. Most of Dexter's Colorado involvement was in Leadville, however, in 1881 he bought the Lakeside Resort, renamed it the Interlaken, and began the building of one of Colorado's most unusual mountain hosteleries. The Interlaken was located right on the staging road and was well-placed for tourist traffic. In 1884 Dexter expanded his Twin Lakes area holdings to include the townsite of Twin Lakes, which he resurveyed and replatted. The hotel operated with great success through the early 1900's. In 1896 the development of the area as a whole as a popular summer home resort came to an abrupt end when reservoir rights were claimed by the government. Finally, the enlargement of the Twin Lakes took place in 1950. The Interlaken was cut off from the town and access was possible only by boat. The hotel closed, and with it an era.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Griswold, Donald V. "Historical significance of Twin Lakes, Lake County" manuscript at the State Historical Society of Colorado.

Healy House-Dexter Cabin State Historical Society publication

Inventory Sites files

Place Names file of Colorado

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4325710  
NW 13/203400  
4325710

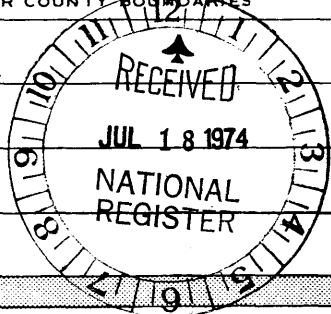
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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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SE	39 ° 04 ' 34.5 "	106 ° 20 ' 52 "				
SW	39 ° 04 ' 34.5 "	106 ° 20 ' 45 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **C. 11 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A		N/A	
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SW 13/203500  
4325710  
NW 13/203580  
4325710

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Cynthia Emrick**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society** DATE: **7/8/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **200 14th Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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. Cant*

Title: *Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer*

Date: *7/15/74*

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*A. R. Wooten*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *8/7/74*

ATTEST:  
*W. J. Mumby*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: *8.2.74*

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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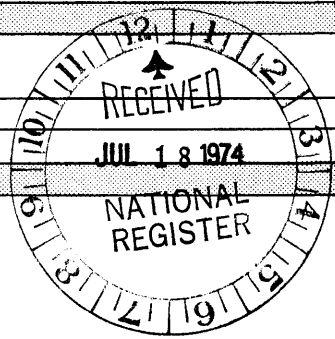
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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE: **U.S.G.S**  
SCALE: **7 1/2 minute**  
DATE: **1967**

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.



Approximately 800' across front  
400' in depth of lot

