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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Montrose	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 10-205-000	DATE 2/26/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Ute Memorial Site

AND/OR HISTORIC: Chief Ouray's Ranch (in part)

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Montrose (approx. 2 miles south of city limits on US H 550)

STATE: Colorado CODE: 05 COUNTY: Montrose CODE: 085

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: State Historical Society of Colorado

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: State Museum

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Ouray Park by W. E. Hance

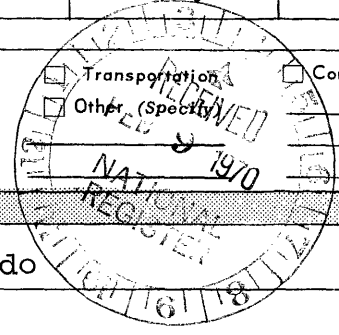
DATE OF SURVEY: Oct. 18, 1947  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Museum

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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 Ute Memorial Site occupies approximately 13 acres of Chief Ouray's original ranch lands. The area is grassy and planted with gardens, in part. A small state museum and picnic ground <sup>is</sup> located near a public road. Within the museum are exhibits and articles pertaining to the Ute Indians, and specifically to Chief Ouray.

Also located on the site, near the museum, is the grave of Ouray's second wife, Chipeta, and her brother. Near these is the spring which Ouray and Chipeta drew their domestic water. A concrete teepee, erected by the Colonial Dames, marks the springs.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Significant</u>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>Indian Leader</u>                                |
| <input 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        |   |  | _____   |

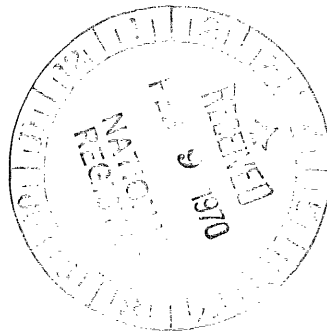
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chief Ouray was a significant participant in the peaceful relations between Washington, D. C. and the Colorado Utes. Ouray acted as Chief of the Confederated Bands of Utes when approached by government officials. His restraint in the N. C. Meeker Massacre of 1879 prevented open hostilities between Indian and white in Colorado. Ouray also arranged for the return of the captives taken during the uprising, held at the White River Agency.)

Chief Ouray negotiated with Washington leaders when the Utes were removed from their mountain territories in southwest Colorado. It is said that he held the complete confidence of both white and Indian.

Ouray died of Bright's disease in 1880. His remains are on the Southern Ute Reservation near Ignacio, Colorado.

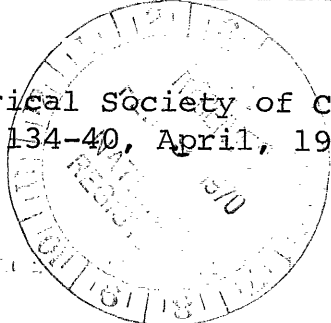
The land once owned by the best known of the Utes is now the site of a state museum commemorating all Utes. The museum is open to the public, free of charge.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

THE COLORADO MAGAZINE by State Historical Society of Colorado  
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D1E/649890/4257920  
12-2-78  
1970-1-14-80  
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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 38 ° 26' 10"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 107 ° 52' 08"	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		
NE	38 ° 26' 10"	107 ° 51' 57"				
SE	38 ° 25' 57"	107 ° 51' 57"				
SW	38 ° 25' 57"	107 ° 52' 08"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 13

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Robert Fink, Assistant to Director

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Colorado DATE: 1/14/70

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

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. Hart  
Stephen H. Hart,  
Title: State Liaison Officer  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.  
Ernest Allen Combs  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: FEB 26 1970  
ATTEST:  
William J. Mustang  
Keeper of The National Register  
Date: FEB 17 1970

