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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Osgood Gamekeeper's Lodge
other names/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 18679 Highway 133 (n/a) not for publication
city, town: Redstone (n/a) vicinity
state: Colorado code: CO county: Pitkin code:097 zip code: 81623

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
(x) private	(x) building(s)		
() public-local	() district	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
() public-State	() site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
() public-Federal	() structure	<u> </u>	<u> 1 </u> structures
	() object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u> 1 </u>	<u> 2 </u> Total
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Redstone, Colorado and Vicinity		No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A	

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this (x) nomination () request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (x) meets () does not meet the National Register criteria.
() See continuation sheet.

Barbara Sudler
Signature of certifying official

6-12-89
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of Commenting or Other Official

Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

() entered in the National Register.
() See continuation sheet

Beth Boland

7/19/89

() determined eligible for the National Register. () See continuation sheet

() determined not eligible for the National Register.

() removed from the National Register.

() other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Swiss Chalet

foundations	Concrete
walls	Wood/Shingle
roof	Wood/Shingle
other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Osgood gamekeeper's lodge was constructed in 1901 as a residence for the caretaker of John C. Osgood's private game preserve. The lodge is situated south of the town of Redstone, across the Crystal River to the west and slightly north of Cleveholm mansion. The dwelling sits in a small clearing in the gently sloping terrain. Native aspen and spruce trees grow on the land, and a steep hillside with brush and open forest rises to the west. Originally, a small deer shelter and deer park were developed south of the lodge as part of the preserve and the lands were enclosed by a fence. These features are no longer extant. In 1903, a county road ran behind the lodge and the Crystal River Railroad ran to the east of the lodge, along the river. Both of these roads were subsequently abandoned. Today, Colorado Highway 133 runs east of the property and is the primary transportation route in the area.

The lodge is a one-and-a-half story dwelling in the Swiss Chalet style. The buildings is a whimsical adaptation of the style presented by Andrew Jackson Downing in his 1850 pattern book, *The Architecture of Country Houses*. Dominating the facade are the full-width galleries with decorative cut and sawn balustrades. (See photograph #1) The balcony served both the practical function of providing the gamekeeper with a vantage point for supervising the wildlife in the reserve, and the decorative function of conveying the sense of a picturesque Swiss cabin. Immense carved spindles support the balcony, which is under the widely projecting eaves of the clipped gable roof. The eaves have exposed shaped rafter beams and decorative braces.

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As Downing's book recommended, the house is covered with wood shingles which are at once durable and picturesque. Windows are large and mostly combined in bands of two and three. Windows on the upper story have four-over-two lights, while first floor windows have six-over-three lights. Entrances are centered on the facade. The rear elevation has a small balcony supported by large spindles and shaped brackets. (See photograph #2) A single, gabled, wood shingled dormer is on each side elevation.

The interior of the house retains much of the original woodwork and features a massive, rusticated stone fireplace. The fireplace adds a rustic quality to the interior, and the wooden mantel features Gothic arches. (See photograph #3) Downing, in discussing the construction of a Swiss Chalet cottage, urged this inclusion of an open grate or fireplace in the living room.

Alterations to the lodge include a small log addition to the northwestern corner, which was built in the 1950s. In the 1960s, a concrete foundation was added, as well as the lower front gallery and side roof joists. The lower gallery is in the style of the original upper one and does not diminish the integrity of the building. The original barn, which is located southwest of the lodge, was extensively remodeled in the 1940s, and became a resort lodge. Details of its Swiss Chalet style are still apparent in its wood shingled walls and widely overhanging eaves. The barn features decorative brackets under the eaves and a small balcony. New windows and doors and a new concrete foundation have been added. The alterations to the barn have compromised its historic integrity. A small kiln has recently been constructed northwest of the lodge and is a noncontributing element.¹

The lodge meets the registration requirements outlined in the multiple property documentation form "Historic Resources of Redstone, Colorado, and Vicinity," as specified for the property type "Buildings and Structures Related to John C. Osgood's Personal Estate." The dwelling played an important role in the operation of the estate, is of significant size, and embodies details of the Swiss Chalet style. The lodge maintains a very high degree of historic integrity in terms of location, design, materials, and workmanship. The original function of the lodge is readily apparent and modern adaptations have not compromised the integrity of the building.

¹Interview with Michael Gray, Redstone, Colo., 8 October 1988.

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was created along the Crystal River as a site for coking (carbonization) of coal from the CF&I mines at Coal Basin and as a railroad switching station. One mile south of the town, Osgood developed his personal landholdings into a splendid estate, based on the model of the English country house.

Included in the support buildings for Cleveholm were gamekeeper's lodges, a stable, a gazebo, a coachman's cottage, hose house, and a gamekeeper's lodge. The gamekeeper's lodge was designed to house the caretaker of Osgood's private game preserve. The preserve was situated to the west of Osgood's mansion, where the land gently slopes toward the Crystal River. A large iron fence enclosed the gamekeeper's lands and a deer shelter erected in the preserve, which was the home of elk, deer, and even rare Rocky Mountain sheep. During the winter, after deer had entered the shelter, the gates to the preserve were closed and the animals could winter in a protected environment. In the spring, the gates were opened so the deer could roam freely. Modeling themselves after members of the English upper classes, Osgood, his wife, Alma, and their guests hunted in the private preserve. Theodore Roosevelt is reputed to have shot a deer which was driven from the preserve toward Cleveholm's patio. Some of Alma Osgood's mounted trophies continue to decorate the walls of the mansion.¹

The gamekeeper's lodge is representative of the concept of creating a totally equipped mountain estate for a privileged entrepreneur. Hunting parties were one form of recreation for the guests to this mountain retreat. The style of Osgood's mansion and its distance from the blue collar village he created demonstrated a link to traditional English manor house. The rustic qualities of the gamekeeper's lodge reflected the concept of "roughing it" in the isolated mountains while having every convenience close at hand.

The idea of establishing a private game preserve for hunting was not a new one in Colorado. During the 1870s, the Earl of Dunraven had unsuccessfully attempted to create a similar development in the Estes Park area. Dunraven's scheme differed from Osgood's in that he acquired much of his land through fraudulent land claims rather than through outright purchase. As a symbol of upper class recreational pursuits, the gamekeeper's lodge is a significant representative of turn of the century lifestyles.²

¹Sylvia Ruland, *The Lion of Redstone* (Boulder, Colo.: Johnson Publishing Co., 1981), p. 35; and Alvin Foote, *The Fabulous Valley: Some Facts and Conjectures About the Crystal River Valley in Colorado* (New York: A & T Co., Inc., 1950), p. 6; and Ken Johnson, Redstone Castle, telephone interview, 10 March 1989.

²Clare Arthur, "The MacGregors and Black Canyon Ranch: Three Generations of Tradition," 1984, p. 8; and Carl Abbott, Stephen J. Leonard, and David McComb,

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After Osgood lost control of CF&I in 1903, he returned infrequently to Cleveholm. In 1913, the residence was closed and a caretaker was employed to watch the estate and the town, which had been abandoned by the mining company. Osgood returned to his residence in 1925 and died there the following year. Subsequently, his third wife, Lucille, unsuccessfully attempted to revive interest in Redstone and Cleveholm as an art colony resort area. She sold the lodge as part of this effort. During the 1940s, the lodge was utilized as a vacation home. By 1949, the gamekeeper's barn was converted to a resort lodge and cottages were constructed on the adjoining lands in a development called Swiss Village Resort. After this attempt failed, the cottages were moved and the gamekeeper's lodge remained vacant until 1965, when it became a private home.³

The gamekeeper's lodge has architectural significance because architect Theodore Boal designed the dwelling in a style which closely reflects the pattern for such constructions given by Andrew Jackson Downing in his book, *The Architecture of Country Houses*. The picturesque form, widely overhanging eaves, brackets, wood shingle siding, balcony, and numerous windows create a rustic, yet charming facade. As Downing predicted, the style is well suited to the mountainous terrain where it is located. The lodge, which retains a high degree of historic integrity in both design and setting, is an excellent and unusual example of the Swiss Chalet design as it was adapted to the Rocky Mountain region.

Colorado: A History of the Centennial State (Colorado Associated University Press, 1982), p. 217.

³Rosemae Campbell Wells, *Crystal River Valley: Jewel or Jinx?* (Denver: Sage Books, 1966), p.42.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | Primary location of additional data: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously listed in the National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Preservation Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously determined eligible by the National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Other State agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> designated a National Historic Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # | <input type="checkbox"/> University |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Approximately three acres

UTM References

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Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing									
C			D											
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing									

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Verbal Boundary Description

A tract of land situated in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 88 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Pitkin County, Colorado, described as

(x) See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated area were drawn to include the historic buildings described herein and those associated lands possessed by the current owner of the buildings.

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follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of a road as constructed and in place, whence a witness corner to the southwest corner of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 88 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, bears south 69 59' 30" west, 1649.17 feet; thence east 209.48 feet to a point on the westerly right of way line of State Highway No. 133; thence south 02 45' west 356.86 feet along the westerly right of way line of State Highway; thence west 321.34 feet to a point on the easterly line of said roadway; thence north 08 16' 20" east 11.40 feet; thence north 09 19' east 129.99 feet along the easterly line of said roadway; thence north 29 40' 30" east 164.17 feet along the easterly line of said roadway; thence north 20 41' 30" east 77.87 feet along the easterly line of said roadway to the point of beginning.

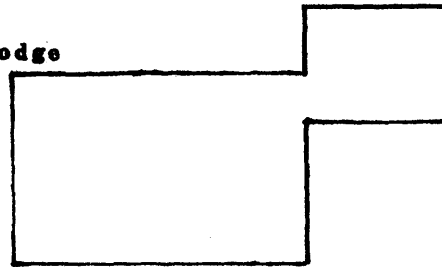
Sketch Map

Osgood Gamekeeper's Lodge and Outbuildings
Redstone, Colorado

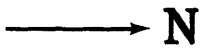


Barn

Lodge



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Not to Scale