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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

~~The Rock House and/or The Stone House~~

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*S of Lakewood off S. Woodsworth Blvd.*

LAT: 39° 39' 55.4"

LONG: 105° 5' 35.7"

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

Westgate Subdivision and

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bear Creek VICINITY OF

# 2

STATE

Colorado

CODE

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: No use

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Lakewood

STREET & NUMBER

1580 Yarrow

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

City of Lakewood, City Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

1580 Yarrow

CITY, TOWN

Lakewood

STATE

Colorado 80215

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior Walls: There is a cut stone foundation up to grade. The walls are coursed, hand-selected river stone backed by partially coursed rubble river stone. They are 18" thick, solid. (The surface of the interior is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plaster.)

Coursing: The stones are typical round river stone, vari-colored, mostly of quartz,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " high. They are laid up to project only  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the horizontal mortar joints. The coursing is eyeball level with a strong horizontal element.

Quoins: All corners and door and window openings have 11" to 12" high quoins alternating 8" and 18" in length, made of rough-dressed cut stone (buff sandstone quarried from the nearby Hogback, probably Dakota Stone).

Lintels: All windows and doors have exaggerated flat stone lintels of the same material and finish as the quoins.

Chimney: It is located on the main roof, straddle ridge, constructed of brick (now plastered).

Roof: It is a straight gable roof of wood shingles with a shed element on the south which is probably original. The main roof is a medium gable with a rise of 10" in a run of 12"; the shed roof is a low gable with a rise of 4" in a run of 12". The roof trim is plain bargeboard (1 x 6) facing on a plain, boxed cornice.

Windows: The original were double hung. There are none extant. The original pattern is not known. The opening's verticals are battered  $45^{\circ}$  on the interior. The exterior sills are of wood.

Porches: None. There is a concrete terrace that has been added onto the north side, probably in the 1920's.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building has uniquely appealing scale and character, partly because of the beautiful, warm, brown color of the stones; partly because of the wonderful finished look of the coursing; and partly because of the elegantly overscaled windows--all identical in size. It is a masterpiece of vernacular architecture, perhaps the ultimate in straightforward simplicity.

The construction is unique, at least in this part of the world (undoubtedly built by non-professionals). Each stone was obviously carefully selected for both color and size, and the coursing generally holds true along a side for any given course height (3½" to 5½"). There is no doubt as to the artistic talent (whether a trained professional or not) of the designer (who was also probably the owner).

Langdon Morris

On June 15, 1872, Joseph H. Hodgson was granted from the U.S. Government Land Patent Office for military service in Captain Arago New Mexican Volunteer Navajo Indian War, property containing the present site. However, it would seem that the property was in the Hodgson hands much sooner, and that possibly the house was built about 10 years prior to this date. We get this from Smiley's History of Denver pages 651, 480. In 1874, Joseph Hodgson and his brother William are recorded as having lain out the plats for South Denver. In 1859 and 1860 they are recorded as landowners and having property improvements. We feel that William held the titled property until 1872, and having perhaps, a bad or insecure title, got his brother Joseph to file for the government grant. The Hodgson's, at any rate, are the earliest settlers in the Bear Creek area and are the first recorded landholders for the area. Bear Creek is now within the Denver metro area and there are plans by the city to finish the requisite research and to restore the building for use as an open space recreation center.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 Acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 492000 4390420  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NE<sup>4</sup> NE<sup>4</sup> of No. 165' of SE<sup>4</sup> NE<sup>4</sup>

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/TITLE

Barbara A. Martin, Cultural Representative

March 18, 1975

ORGANIZATION

American Association of University Women

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

10161 West Exposition Drive

TELEPHONE

988-5861

CITY OR TOWN

Lakewood

STATE

Colorado 80226

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*SHPO Cynthia Emrick*

TITLE

*Historic SHPO*

DATE

*4-23-75*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*5/1/75*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:

DATE

*APR 30 1975*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER