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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 DATE MAR 14 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
The Pioneer Sod House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4610 Robb Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Wheat Ridge

STATE:
Colorado

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Rep. Donald Brotzman

COUNTY:
Jefferson

CODE:
059

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Frank Callahan, Realtor

STREET AND NUMBER:
7020 West 38th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Wheat Ridge

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jefferson County Court House; Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jefferson County Court House

CITY OR TOWN:
Golden

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
N.A.

STREET AND NUMBER:
N.A.

CITY OR TOWN:
N.A.

STATE:
N.A.

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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

A house built of native prairie sod in 1886, is located at 4610 Robb Street in Wheat Ridge. The walls are 30 inches thick. The hipped roof consists of deeply weathered hand-hewn wood slab shingles. The dimension of the house are approximately 31 ft wide x 31 ft long. The sidewalls are 8 ft high with a roof height of 12 feet. The windows are plate glass with sills and door being made of wood. Hog wire holds the sod in place with clumps of Woodbine growing in the walls. The interior is divided in three rooms with the plastered walls covered with wallpaper. A concrete floor was poured over the original wood floor in 1938. The house is in very good condition considering the construction material and age.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" 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) **1886**

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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To the best of our knowledge, this is the only sod house that originally exists in this area. A transcript which exists shows the sod house was built on the site which was originally bounty land given to a veteran of New Mexican Volunteers--Navajo Indian War by President Andrew Jackson on October 1, 1867. Sod houses were never common to the Denver area, as logs were used for building materials. To find one in such good condition and built so long ago is rare and unique. It is very important that the City of Wheat Ridge acquire and preserve this rarity, for its educational and historical values are priceless. To gain the importance of the National Register of Historic sites will help the city to achieve this goal.

*Johnson
JR 2/23*

The city of Wheat Ridge would like to acquire the land around it for a public park, and put the sod house to some sort of public use, such as a library or museum.

The House has been used as a residence almost continuously from the 1880s until the summer of 1972.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Local Interviews

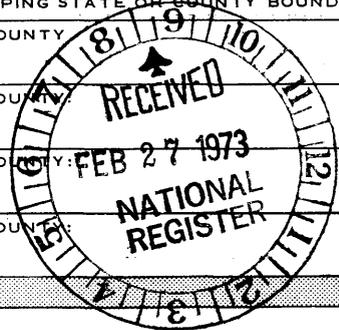
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1/8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Boyd A. Kraemer, Director of Parks and Recreation

ORGANIZATION: **City of Wheat Ridge** DATE: **Jan. 24, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 610

CITY OR TOWN: **Wheat Ridge** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **80033** STATE 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. Hart

Stephen H. Hart

Title Colorado State Liaison Officer

Date 2-22-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/4/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-7-73

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1/10/73