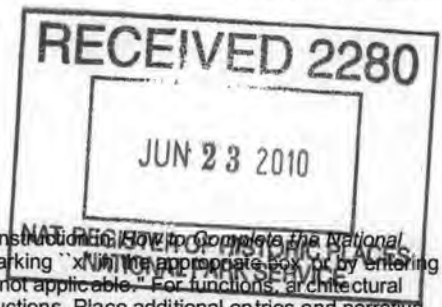


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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instructions on how to complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Wasson - McKay Place

other names/site number 5GF.4249

2. Location

street & number 259 Cardinal Way [N/A] not for publication

city or town Parachute [N/A] vicinity

state Colorado code CO county Garfield code 045 zip code 81635

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Edward C. Scholz
Signature of certifying official/Title

State Historic Preservation Officer

5/13/10
Date

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- other, explain
 - See continuation sheet.

E. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action
8-5-10

Wasson-McKay Place
Name of Property

Garfield County, Colorado
County/State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

	Contributing	Noncontributing	
	2	1	buildings
	1	0	sites
	0	0	structures
	0	0	objects
	3	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling / secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/ agricultural field/ storage

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ single dwelling / secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/ agricultural field/ storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

OTHER: Pioneer Log

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	CONCRETE
walls	SANDSTONE
	WOOD
	CONCRETE
roof	ASPHALT
	METAL
other	

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Section number 7 Page 1**DESCRIPTION**

The sandstone and ornamental concrete block Wasson-McKay house sits on what was originally the west side of Brennan Lane, in the Hurlburt Addition, number three, in the town of Parachute, Colorado. The town is located in the Colorado River Valley of Western Colorado in Garfield County, about halfway between Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Parachute sits near the mouth of Parachute Creek, where it flows into the Colorado River. High desert plateaus and mountains surround the town with Mt. Callahan, directly to the northwest, being the most dominant geographical landmark. The other main geographical feature is the Colorado River.

The property is a triangular piece of land containing approximately one acre, oriented lengthwise on a north-south axis. Parachute Creek borders it on the west while Interstate 70 (I-70) and active railroad tracks border it on the north side. A private property abuts the south side of the property. The house faces east toward Brennan Lane on the southeast quarter of the property. The section of Brennan Lane running in front of the house originally provided access across the railroad tracks north to the main part of the town. The early 1970s construction design of I-70 closed the access. Brennan Lane was rerouted from the interstate exchange with it now creating a cul-de-sac area at the base of a pedestrian walk-way over the railroad tracks and interstate. Entrance to the Wasson-McKay Place is now from the south at the base of Brennan Lane. In approximately 2004 the town changed the name of Brennan Lane to Cardinal Way.

Directly behind the home is the original log icehouse/cabin and root cellar. Toward the southwest corner of the property stands a large wood-frame two-car garage constructed in the 1980s. A long gravel and dirt driveway runs east from the garage to the street. A wooded area runs parallel to the creek in a north to south direction and an original fruit tree orchard exists in the northeast corner of the property. Overgrown shrubs, trees and flowerbeds, many dating from the early 1900s, comprise the landscaping throughout the front and backyard. The manicured lawn coupled with the shrub and tree landscaping creates the appearance of a small park. A chain link fence, added in the 1970s, extends on the south, east, and north sides of the property. The town of Parachute continues to provide the domestic water along with irrigation water, as it has since the construction date.

Contributing Resources – Buildings**House, 1902, 1909 addition** (Photos: 1-18)

Local builder William Wilkinson built the one and one-half story Wasson-McKay House from locally quarried sandstone in 1902. In 1909 the owner had a one-story ornamental concrete block addition built at the southwest corner creating an "L" shaped plan. Both the original section and addition sit on a concrete foundation. A jerkinhead hipped roof with gabled dormers tops the 1902 section of the house. A side gabled roof tops the addition. Shortly after construction of the addition, likely in 1909 or 1910, the owner added a small wooden enclosed porch to the back of the one-story section. Asphalt shingles sheathe the entire roof, which was originally covered with wood shingles.

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Section number 7 Page 2*East façade:*

The house façade faces a small front yard surrounded by a chain link fence directly west of the Cardinal Way cul-de-sac. A gate opens to a concrete sidewalk leading to a 5' wide concrete slab extending the length of the original sandstone house façade. The original wood and glass panel double doors are near the southeast corner. The exterior door has four panels on the lower portion and its original decorative glass pane in the upper portion. A segmental arched opening sits above the door and houses a rectangular recessed transom. Two one-over-one single-hung windows exist to the right of the entrance. Segmental arched window openings accommodate the windows. A large front-gabled dormer extends from the upper story roof. Directly below the gabled peak, a large decorative diamond exists, appearing to point at the center of a one-over-one single-hung window. Decorative shingles, including diamond cut patterning, adorn the gable face. The first story fenestration all centers below the dormer. On the south-facing wall of the original sandstone section is a pair of segmental arched window openings with the original one-over-one single-hung windows.

Set back approximately 12', to the left of the original sandstone section of the house, sits the 1909 ornamental concrete block addition. A horizontal fixed transom tops a large fixed window centered in the addition's façade. A concrete sill accents the window.

North elevation

The north side faces the large flower and shrub bed planted by Harry Wasson in the early 1920s. It has two one-over-one single-hung windows in the lower story. Centered on the upper story roof is a large gabled dormer with decorative shingles creating three diamonds, one centered below the gable peak, and two larger ones flanking a centered one-over-one single-hung window.

West elevation (rear)

The west elevation of the sandstone section of the house has a single segmental arched window opening with a one-over-one single-hung window on the first story. On the upper story, a small gabled dormer appears with a window matching that on the first story; however, the segmental arched opening does not exist on the upper story. The dormer opening is recessed at the bottom to allow a full-length window to fit. Above the window are decorative shingles in the gable peak.

An enclosed wooden porch conceals the ornamental concrete block addition. The rectangular plan shed roof porch runs the length of the addition and extends west beyond the house by 8'. Vertical wood siding covers the exterior and asphalt shingles top the roof. In approximately 1909, the owner added the enclosed wooden porch with a shed roof. In the late 1970s, the owner extended the porch's south wall, by approximately 2', to be flush with the south side of the house. During this expansion, the owner replaced the original wood windows with aluminum slider windows on the west-facing and south-facing walls. The owner also replaced the storm door. The original 1909 rear wooden door is intact and opens from the kitchen to the rear porch.

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The south side of the ornamental concrete block addition is absent any fenestration with the exception of a small awning window located just under the gable. It is the bathroom window and for privacy and ventilation purposes, it is located at this height.

Interior

The interior layout is the same as it was after the 1909 ornamental concrete block addition. The interior front door is original and the previous owner believes the etched door glass to be original. The original yellow pine and oak flooring is still in place, though has been refinished. Lath and plaster continue to cover most walls with some walls covered with the original wainscoting, including the sidewall of the staircase. Due to the 12" thick sandstone blocks used in the construction of the house, the builder created wide interior window ledges or sills. To create additional interest, the builder angled the sides of the recessed interior window openings (see photo 15). There is a slightly arched doorway between the 1902 original house and the 1909 kitchen/bathroom ornamental concrete addition.

The first story of the sandstone house contains a small dining room, living room, and bedroom all with the original 1909 layout. The upper story contains two bedrooms with angled ceilings formed by the roof. The ornamental concrete block addition of 1909 contains the kitchen, a bathroom and pantry off the south side of the kitchen. The pantry still contains its original shelving. A door from the kitchen leads into the enclosed back porch.

Alterations

The only alteration to the house, other than the 1909 addition, was the extension of the back porch along with the replacement of the wood siding, windows and storm door on the back porch. The renovation entailed replacing painted wood siding with stained wood vertical siding, new windows in slightly different window placements and an increase in the length of the footprint of the original porch of 20" to be flush with the south wall of the house. These changes occurred in the 1970s. The chimneys were removed when the heating system was upgraded in the 1960s. The built-in cabinets in the dining room, a built in surround with were completed circa 1977.

Icehouse/Cabin and Root Cellar ca. 1900 (photos 19-23)

The icehouse appears on the original deed to the Wasson family. When the Wasson family purchased the sandstone house in 1903, the cabin existed on the back of the lot. Although the family used the cabin as an icehouse with attached root cellar, they always referred to it as the "cabin." The rectangular building is a front gabled Pioneer Log building with a low-pitched roof with overhanging eaves. The building's whole log walls exhibit hog trough construction techniques. The ends of the sawn logs are flush and meet vertical 2" x 4" wood boards forming L-shaped corners. A centered wooden door, likely dating to circa 1910, provides access to the icehouse on the east side. Centered in the north wall is a window opening with a one-over-four single-hung window. A small window opening pierces the west (rear) side of the cabin. Metal roofing material currently fills the opening. A concrete sidewalk extends approximately 15' from the west porch of the house to the icehouse.

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A shed roofed section extends from the south of the icehouse and covers a root cellar, also noted on the 1902 deed to Cora Wayne. The entrance is accessed from the interior of the icehouse. Square cut timbers make up the walls of the root cellar, which may be an addition to the original cabin, likely after the Wasson family purchased the lot in 1903. The entry area extends to the west about 4' and has a window opening on the façade likely added after the family no longer used it as an icehouse, circa 1930. To the west of the entry area, the roof of the cellar is shorter, at a height of approximately 4'. This section of the cellar roof is beginning to deteriorate and sag.

Several historic peonies, likely planted circa 1900-20, line the east side of the root cellar. After the Wasson family no longer used the icehouse for its original purpose, the family stored wood and coal in the building to heat the house and for the wood cook stove. When Evelyn Wasson McKay owned the house from circa 1963 until 2008, she utilized the icehouse/cabin for storage and continued to use the root cellar until at least 2001 to store harvested fruit from the orchard along with jams and other canned foods. Squirrels now call the root cellar home.

Contributing Resources -Site**Orchard, ca. 1903 – 1920, 1950, 1980 (photo 25)**

The orchard occupies the entire northeast corner of the property. The Wasson family planted the majority of the trees between circa 1903-20 at the northern end of the orchard with the following original trees remaining: two Jonathon apple, two winter apple, one Bartlett pear, one winter pear, and two crabapple. The evenly spaced trees growing from the well-groomed lawn gives a park-like appearance. In the 1950s Eva Wasson planted a few delicious apple trees and Evelyn (Wasson) McKay planted the cherry tree toward the south end in the 1980s. An original plum tree and apricot tree died in the 1950s and an original black walnut tree died in 2000. Today, many volunteer plum and apricot trees along with two seedlings, believed to be black walnut trees, grow in the orchard and in the wooded area along the creek all of which are products of the original plantings.

Landscape, Shrubs, and Flower Gardens, ca. 1903-1920 (photo 26)

Large cottonwoods originally surrounded the house and have since died. Large elm trees now exist on the east and west sides of the house. The family planted several cedar trees and a Colorado blue spruce tree throughout the yard in the 1970s. A large willow tree next to the creek is one of the oldest non-fruit bearing trees remaining on the property, likely dating to the 1920s.

Original shrubs and flowering plants (planted circa 1903-20) found throughout the yard include several snowball, lilac, roses, nearly wild roses, peonies, iris, and one spirea. Harry Wasson, son of Eva and Sam Wasson, was nearly an adult when his youngest sister Evelyn (Wasson) McKay was born in 1917. When she was about five years old, Harry planted a flower garden just for her, north of the house. Although currently overgrown, most of the original plants in Evelyn's childhood garden continue to grow and include more lilacs, roses, day lilies, and a snowball shrub. Volunteer trees now block the sunlight to the plants and shrubs, which must compete to survive. Along the south side of the property, original oriental poppies and iris grow with shrub roses lining the driveway.

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Although the Wasson-McKay families have added a few trees in the last 40 years, the majority of the orchard, landscape, shrub and flower gardens consist of the original plantings in their original location, most between 85-100 years old.

Non-Contributing Resource - Building**Garage, ca. 1980; (photo 24)**

A one-story front gabled roof garage is located to the southwest of the icehouse/cabin and root cellar at the southwestern corner of the property. The building faces east and has horizontal wood siding on the exterior walls and angled siding in the gable ends. A two-car roll top garage door pierces the south section of the garage's east elevation. An interior wall separates the parking area, on the south side, with a workshop/storage area on the north section of the garage. Asphalt shingles cover the roof that has wide overhanging eaves. The dimensions of the garage are roughly 30' x 24'. Due to its relatively recent construction and lack of architectural distinction, it is considered a non-contributing building.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Periods of Significance

1900-1909

Significant Dates

1902, 1909

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Wilkinson, William

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Colorado Historical Society

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The Wasson-McKay Place is eligible under Criterion C for *architecture* with a good example of a Pioneer Log icehouse/cabin and a modest Late Victorian style house. The circa 1900 Pioneer Log icehouse/cabin with whole log walls and hog trough construction exemplifies typical construction techniques of outbuildings and early settlers' cabins in the area. The 1902 sandstone house displays the prominent features of a Late Victorian style house in its steeply pitched jerkinhead roof, gabled projections with decorative cut shingles, segmental arched windows, and gabled dormer. In 1909 the owner built an ornamental concrete block addition on the south side providing space for a bathroom, larger kitchen, and pantry. The period of significance begins in 1900 with the approximate date of construction of the icehouse/cabin and ends in 1909 with the completion of the ornamental concrete block addition to the sandstone house.

The Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF): *Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 to 1940*, registration requirements indicate the primary building material must be of ornamental concrete block for Criterion C of the National Register. Since the primary material of the Wasson-McKay House is sandstone, it does not meet the requirements for this MPDF.

Historical Background

The small western Colorado town of Parachute is located in the Colorado River Valley almost midway between Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs in what is known as the Grand Valley at an elevation of 5075'. Mt. Callahan dominates the northwest view and the Colorado River runs to the south and east of town. John B. Hurlburt arrived in the Grand Valley area in 1882 with his wife Martha and family joining him by 1883. Liking the area, he founded the town of Parachute in 1885. Pioneer families learned of the small scenic settlement surrounded by family farms along with cattle and sheep ranches and moved to Parachute and up on Battlement Mesa, located southeast of Parachute on the opposite side of the Colorado River and rising 500' higher in elevation than the town.

Born in Ireland in 1836, Jasper Hunter immigrated to Illinois. He married Elizabeth A. Hodges on December 21, 1856, in Centreville, Iowa. Elizabeth was born in Tylerville, Illinois on September 7, 1836. Jasper served toward the end of the Civil War with CO B 13th Infantry Iowa Volunteers from which he received a small pension. After the war, Jasper and Elizabeth moved west to Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, where their youngest child Eva Florence was born in 1874. When Eva was twelve years old, the family moved to Kansas where they ultimately proved a homestead.

Samuel (Sam) Brown Wasson II was born June 4, 1865, in Wellsburg Virginia. His family moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, when he was a year old. He left home at age 18 and served as a point man guiding cattle drives from Texas to their desired shipping points in northwestern Kansas and southeastern Nebraska, one of those points being Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, where he met the Hunter family. He and Eva were married in Denver in 1895.

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Among the pioneers attracted to the Grand Valley for its ranching potential were the Hunters and Wassons. According to Erlene Murray's book, *Lest We Forget*:

In April, 1900, the Hunter, Conner and Wasson families came to Parachute and Sam Wasson and Mr. Hunter bought the place on Battlement Mesa below the O'Toole place and a year later, Mr. Wasson filed a desert claim on 160 acres, west of the O'Toole ranch, extending south to the Morrisania road, a ranch which in late years has been known as the Lee Tomlin place (Murray, Erlene Durrant. *Lest We Forget*. Grand Junction, Colorado: Quahada, Inc., 1973, p. 23).

In December 1903 Jasper and Elizabeth Hunter retired from ranching and purchased the sandstone home and lot at 259 Brennan Lane (now Cardinal Way) from Cora Frank Wayne. Wayne purchased the house shortly after its 1902 construction by local builder William Wilkinson. Sam and Eva Wasson moved to the house with the Hunters to assist the elderly couple. Jasper died less than a year later.

While Sam Wasson may have continued ranching on Battlement Mesa for a short period after moving to town, he also established a hotel in Parachute. He and Eva became very active in the town's affairs. Sam's obituary stated, "He probably served on the town council as trustee and mayor more than any other man" (*Grand Valley News*. "Sam B. Wasson at Rest," 24 January 1931, p. 1). In 1908, during Sam's tenure as a councilperson, the council decided to change the name of the town to Grand Valley. Sam and Eva joined various lodges and organizations of Parachute and became well-respected pillars of the community. They had four children: Harry (born in Rotate Township, Rawlins, Kansas on January 9, 1896) Iris (born in 1912), Samuel (born 1914), and Evelyn (born in 1917), with the youngest three all born in the sandstone house of the nominated property.

Due to Elizabeth Hunter's age and health, she became an invalid. In 1907 Elizabeth Hunter sold the house to Sam Wasson and continued to live there so her daughter and son-in-law could care for her. Sam contracted an unnamed local builder to construct an ornamental concrete block addition on the south side of the sandstone house measuring 10' x 13' in 1909. The addition included the house's first interior bathroom making it easier for the Wassons to care for Elizabeth. It was purportedly one of the first indoor bathrooms in the town. The addition also included a larger kitchen, and a pantry.

The manufacturer of the ornamental concrete block is unknown. According to the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF): *Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 to 1940*, one ornamental concrete block manufacturer existed in Garfield County between 1907 and 1925. It was located in Glenwood Springs about 43 miles east of Parachute. However, another manufacturer operated in Grand Junction in Mesa County about 45 miles southwest of Parachute also between 1907 and 1925. Likely one of these two manufacturers supplied the ornamental concrete block for the addition. Along with the ornamental concrete block addition, Sam Wasson built a small frame enclosed porch accessed from the kitchen at the back of the addition circa 1909. Elizabeth Hunter died in 1924; she was one month shy of being 88 years old.

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After a fire destroyed Wasson's hotel, Sam accepted the appointment as the Parachute postmaster in 1920, a position he held until ill health caused him to resign in 1930, shortly before his death in 1931.

When the children were older, Eva worked at the post office as a postal clerk and continued working there after Sam's death for a total of 17 years of service before retiring. In her spare time, Eva tended to her orchard taking pride in its maturation and abundant harvests. Evalee McKay Gifford, Eva's granddaughter (by daughter Evelyn), recalled the many wonderful foods Eva prepared from the orchard harvests including crabapple jelly and black walnut divinity. When Evalee visited her grandmother each week, Eva prepared fresh apple pie, popcorn, and raised donuts to go with their ham dinner in exchange for Evalee's help around the house and yard. For collecting kindling for the kitchen's wood cook stove, Eva gave Evalee half dollars. Evalee recalled playing with her siblings in the orchard as well as hide and seek among the tall hollyhocks in her grandmother's large garden. Eva Wasson died in 1962 at the age of 87.

Sam and Eva's youngest daughter Evelyn Wasson McKay and her husband Stanley D. McKay gained possession of the property after Eva's death. Evelyn and Stanley had three children David, Evalee, and Michael. The McKays lived there sporadically from 1962 through the early 1970s, making it their permanent home after they retired in 1976. Stanley passed away in 1979; Evelyn remained living at the house continuing to tend to the orchard and house as her mother had previously. Even into her 80s, she climbed ladders around the house and yard maintaining or repairing items. Evelyn, like her parents, was active in the community's affairs. She served as a member of the school board and the cemetery association. Additionally, like her father, she served on the Parachute town council during the 1980s when the town and county experienced an oil shale boom. Evelyn also served as an alternate to the Garfield County planning board for several years. Evelyn continued to live at the property until five months prior to her death in 2008, at the age of 90.

Prior to her death, Evelyn McKay made her wishes known to her children regarding her house and property. While ideally she wanted her children to have the property, she realized they already had their own houses and the orchard, landscape, and buildings required significant time to maintain. In the event her children opted not to keep the house in the family, Evelyn McKay's wish was that they offer the property to the town of Parachute to purchase prior to selling it on the market. The town initially leased the property with an agreement to purchase the property in March 2010, with the caveat that the property be nominated for historical designation. The sale closed on March 3, 2010. The town plans to use the house as a potential event center maintaining all of its original historic fabric, the garage as a storage area, and the orchard and landscaped area as an outdoor event venue.

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Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 12 753 723 4370 546 (NAD27)
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

The UTM's were derived by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation from heads up digitization on Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) maps provided to OAHF by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Evalee McKay Gifford (for property owner)

organization _____ date August 14, 2009

street & number 2681 Bahamas Way telephone _____

city or town Grand Junction state CO zip code 81506

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Parachute (Robert Knight, Town Manager, contact)

street & number 222 Grand Valley Way telephone (970)285-7630

city or town Parachute state CO zip code 81635

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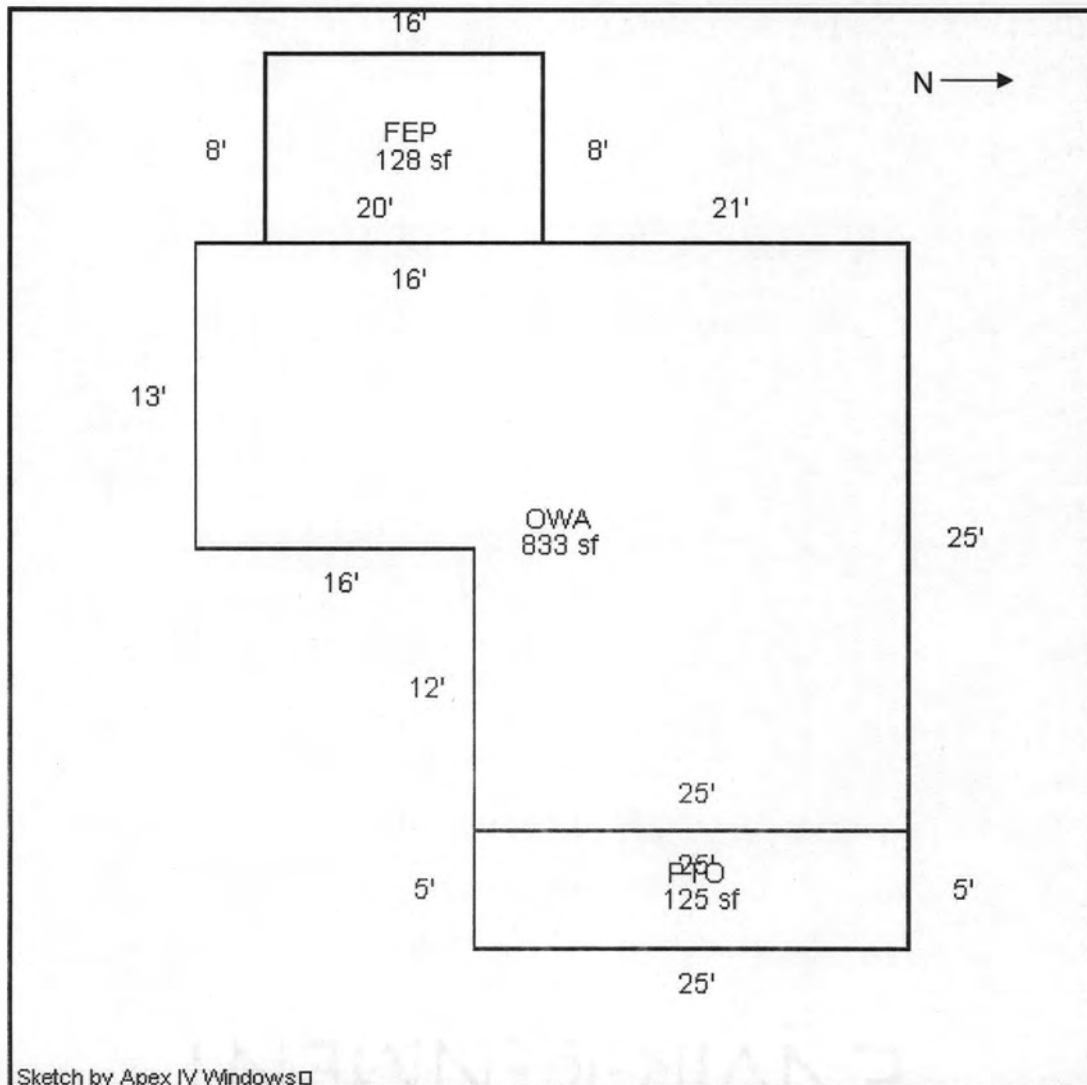
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Hurlburt Addition #3 to the city of Parachute, further described as 259 Cardinal Way, County of Garfield, State of Colorado. The parcel totals one acre.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

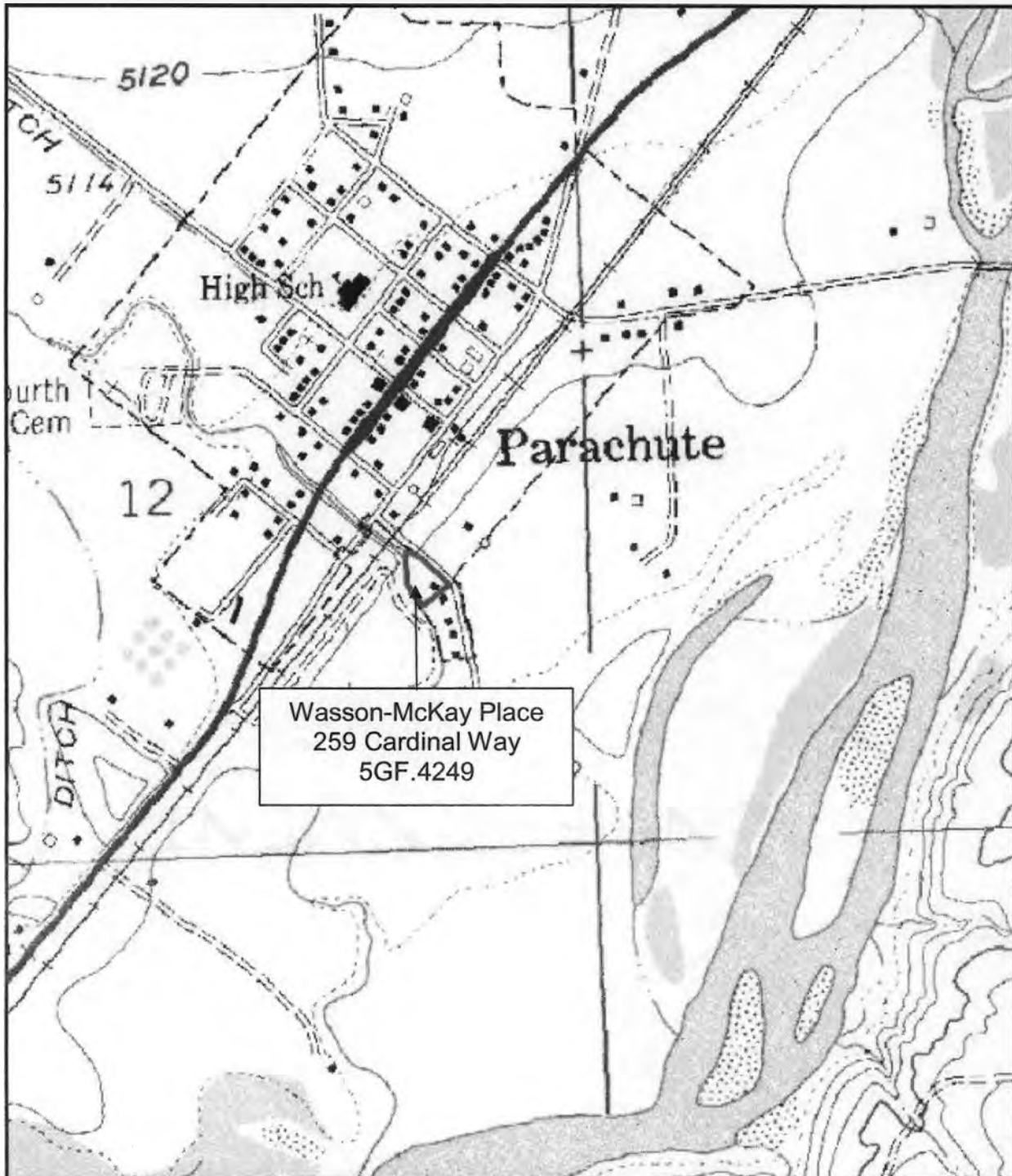
The nominated property includes the entire parcel of land historically associated with the Wasson-McKay Place.

SKETCH MAP OF HOUSE FROM GARFIELD COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, MARCH 2010



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Parachute Quadrangle, Colorado
7.5 Minute SeriesUTM: Zone 12; 753 723mE 4370 546mN (NAD27)
PLSS: 6th PM, T7S, R96W, Sec. 12 SW ¼ SW ¼ NE ¼ SE ¼
Elevation: 5075 feet

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photos 1, 3-11, 15-20, 22, 24

Name of Property: Wasson-McKay Place
 Location: 259 Cardinal Way, Parachute, Garfield County, Colorado
 Photographer: Michael McKay
 Date of Photographs: May 17, 2009
 Negatives: On file with photographer, Grand Junction, CO

The following information pertains to photos 2, 12-14, 21, 23, 25-26

Name of Property: Wasson-McKay Place
 Location: 259 Cardinal Way, Parachute, Garfield County, Colorado
 Photographer: Heather Peterson
 Date of Photographs: November 10, 2009
 Negatives: Digital TIFF images submitted to the National Register, Washington, D. C.

Photo

No. Photograph Information

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|-----|---|
| 001 | House façade - view to the west |
| 002 | Close up view of the front gable – view to northwest |
| 003 | Close up of original front door, stonework, window, and deep-set transom - view to the west |
| 004 | Southeast side of the sandstone house and ornamental concrete block addition – view to the northwest |
| 005 | Southeast side of ornamental concrete block addition – view to northwest |
| 006 | Southwest side of house, cellar in foreground – view to northeast |
| 007 | West side of the house with sandstone house and 1977 porch – view to the east |
| 008 | Northwest side of house – view to northeast |
| 009 | Northwest side of house – view to northeast |
| 010 | Northeast side of house – view to southwest |
| 011 | Detail of ornamental concrete block construction on addition – view to northwest |
| 012 | View of interior front door from interior, showing etched glass and transom – view to east |
| 013 | View of front door, showing details and original doorknob – view to south |
| 014 | Original house staircase, south side of living room – view to south |
| 015 | Interior house window, front room, showing deep windowsill created by the sandstone block construction – view to east |

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- 016 Kitchen in addition, view east to pantry and bathroom
- 017 Transom window in bathroom
- 018 An interior view of the thick archway from the kitchen to the dining room and the original 1909 back door – view to north
- 019 Front of icehouse/cabin and root cellar – view to west
- 020 North side of the icehouse/cabin – view to south
- 021 North and west view of the icehouse/cabin – view to southeast
- 022 Southwest side of icehouse/cabin- view to northeast – west side of house in background
- 023 South side of root cellar, house to right – view to north
- 024 Front of the garage – view to west
- 025 Orchard – view to north
- 026 View of yard looking toward tree lined Parachute Creek – view to west

PHOTOGRAPH LOG – HISTORIC

All historic images are from the Evalee McKay Gifford collection, Grand Junction, Colorado

Image No.	Image Information
Figure 1	Sam and Eva Wasson, ca. 1900
Figure 2	Elizabeth Hunter standing at southeast corner of house with new addition. ca. 1909.
Figure 3	Southeast corner of house. ca. 1920.
Figure 4	Sam Wasson and daughter Evelyn on south side of original house, ca. 1918
Figure 5	Iris Wasson on wooden front porch of house ca. 1914
Figure 6	Sam and Eva Wasson's son Sam in yard of property ca. 1910
Figure 7	Charlie and Bertie Warren, friends of family, north side of icehouse/cabin date unknown.
Figure 8	From left to right Eva Wasson, Iris Wasson, Bertie Warren, Louise Conner unknown child, Sam Wasson, Charlie Warren with unknown child and other unknown individuals on west side of icehouse/cabin. ca. 1918.

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Historic Images

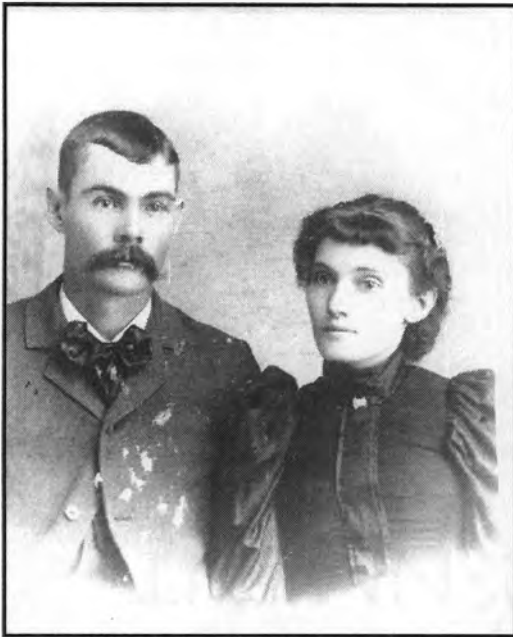


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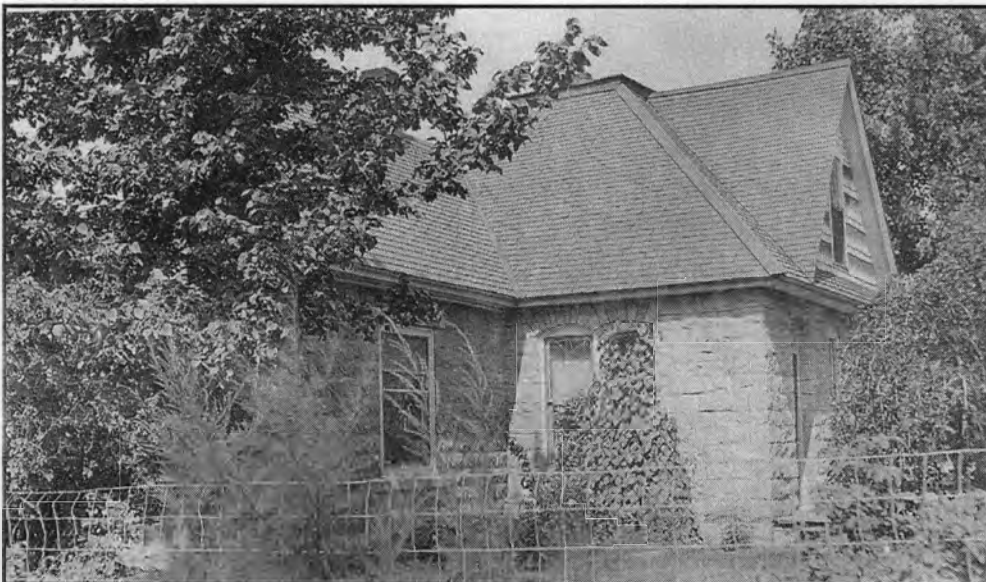


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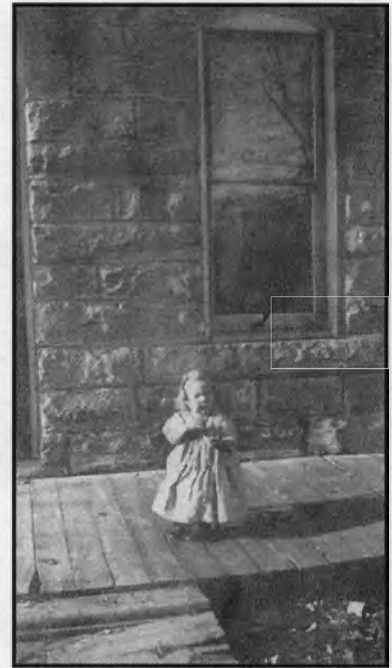


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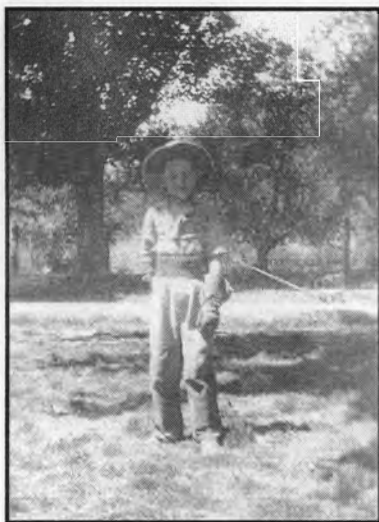


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Figure 7

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Figure 8

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Wasson--McKay Place
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: COLORADO, Garfield

DATE RECEIVED: 6/23/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/21/10
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/05/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/07/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000536

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8.5.10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Wasson - McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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#3

Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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#14

Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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#5

Wasson - McKay Place

Garfield County, Colorado

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#6

Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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#7

Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

Met. A1300 05/12/10

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#8

Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

Water - A1322, 05/12/10

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Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Wasson-McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County,
Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Wasson - McKay Place
Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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Garfield County, Colorado

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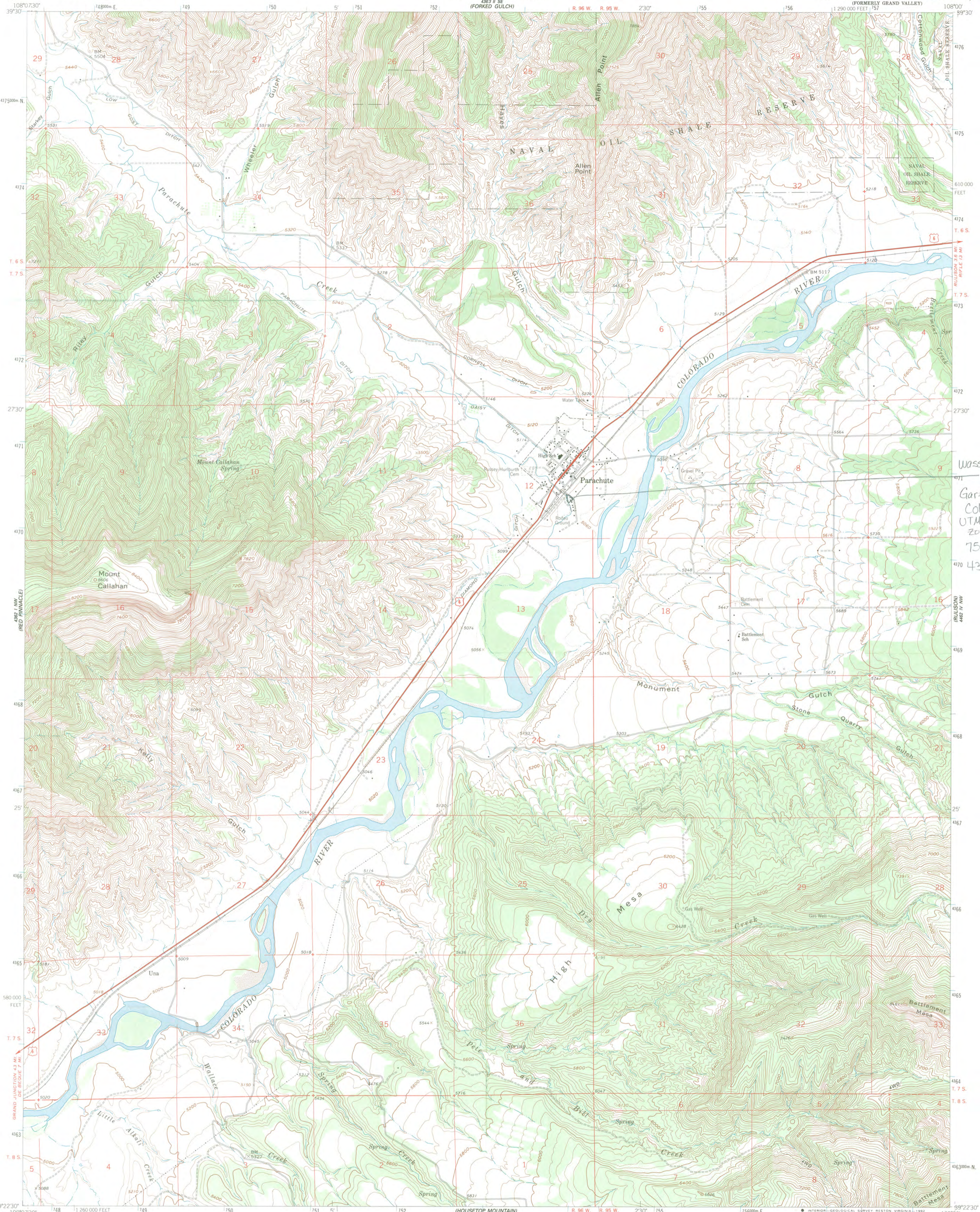


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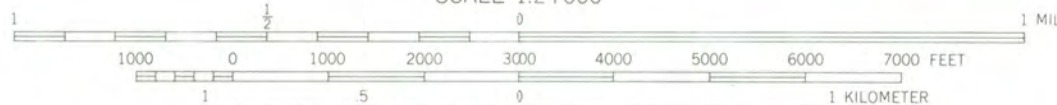
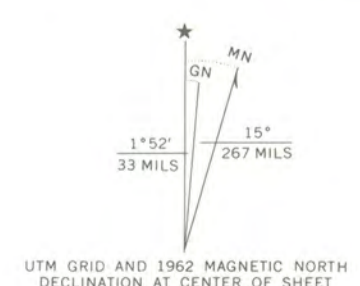
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Wasson-McKay
Place
Garfield County,
Colorado
UTMs:
Zone 12;
753 723 mE;
4370 546 mN

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North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27). Projection and
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Mercator grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue
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1983 (NAD 83) for 7.5 minute intersections is given in USGS
Bulletin 1875. The NAD 83 is shown by dashed corner ticks
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National or State reservations shown on this map



CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



PARACHUTE, COLO.
(FORMERLY GRAND VALLEY)
39108-D1-TF-024



HISTORY  Colorado



June 18, 2010

Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye "I" Street, N.W. 8th Floor (MS 2280)
Washington, D.C. 20005-5905

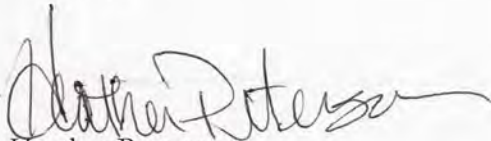
Dear Ms. Shull:

We are pleased to submit for your review the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Wasson-McKay Place, Garfield County, Colorado (5GF.4249).

The State Review Board reviewed the nomination at its meeting on May 7, 2010. The board voted unanimously to recommend to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the property met the criteria for listing in the National Register.

We look forward to the formal listing of this property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Colorado Historical Society
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