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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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|------------------|-------------|
| STATE:           | Colorado    |
| COUNTY:          | Douglas     |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |             |
| ENTRY DATE       | OCT 11 1974 |

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Kinner, John, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
6694 Perry Park Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
N/A Sedalia vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
5

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Douglas CODE: 035

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                     |   |  |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial              | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational             | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                    |  |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   |  |                                   |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
John Whalen

STREET AND NUMBER:  
6694 Perry Park Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
N/A

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Douglas County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
220 Wilcox

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castle Rock

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Colorado Inventory of Historic Structures and Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: May 19, 1974  
 Federal  State  County  Local

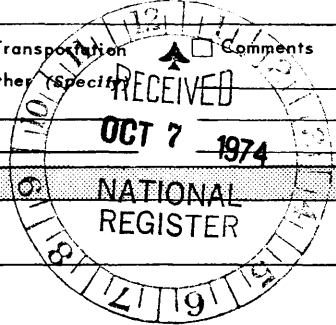
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Colorado State Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Denver,

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

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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

As early settlers became firmly established, the log cabins which commonly served as first residences were happily exchanged for larger, more comfortable homes. The Kinner House is an excellent example of these "second generation" homes.

The Kinner House, with its truncated hip gabled roof, and the rectangular, two-storey floor plan has a single-storey wing to the rear. The exterior material is handsome, squared rubble sandstone which was hand quarried by John Kinner. The stone is set in rubble squared fashion and has a natural finish.

Five bays are featured on the main facade, all are high and narrow, an influence of Kinner's Germany. The four windows are flat topped and sport shaped wooden lintels, recessed within a surrounding of twin, arched radiating voussoirs while the side surroundings are plain and wooden. Rock-faced stone lug-sills complete the window sets; the windows themselves are single sashed and double hung. A single stone stop rises to the centrally located doorway which is constructed in a manner (as do the brass hinges and knob) it is of single leaf construction with two decorative panels and a large transom with rounded top corners. Set directly above the door - between the two, second storey windows is a date stone which is clearly marked "1896".

The eaves of the Kinner House are cornice boxed with a plain frieze and a small entablature. A complementary boxed cornice with plain frieze and return make up the roof trim for the medium gabled wing. A common brick chimney offset on the right slope marks the location of the original fireplace which has been recently closed and plastered over. A side entry on the south facade of the wing has been enclosed to house a modern utility room.

The interior of the house is distinguished by carved wooden door frames which are done in a Gothic design; carved wooden corner pieces also accent the walls of the four upstairs bedrooms.

The well built, boldly attractive Kinner House sits among a large and healthy grove of cottonwoods, willows, and apple trees which were planted by Kinner even before his permanent home was completed. Lilac bushes, ivy growing on the north and west facades, and the uniquely beautiful location on the east bank of West Plum Creek combine to give the Kinner House a distinction which is rarely equaled.

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**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)

1896

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1859, John Kinner came to Denver from Rock Island, Illinois. His first years in the region were spent as a government mule team driver along the trails in Wyoming, New Mexico, and Colorado. During this time, he also contracted to herd cattle for a number of the Denver area ranchers.

In approximately 1863, Kinner filed a pre-emption claim on one of the most fertile pieces of land in Douglas County - along West Plum Creek. After marrying Elizabeth Field, who was living at the Old Clay Pit Hotel, Kinner constructed a log cabin and began his ranching in earnest. This makes the Kinner ranch one of the earliest ranches founded in the West Plum Creek Valley.

The ranch proved to be a highly successful venture, with Kinner raising wheat as well as running a very respectable herd of cattle. Because he owned the first mule team in the area, John Kinner also occasionally worked hauling his neighbors' wheat to the Littleton mill.

As the Kinner family grew to eventually include eleven children, the need for a larger home was felt as the two room log cabin was no longer sufficient. In 1889, Kinner and his sons began to quarry stone from a nearby field; seven years later the comfortable, attractive house was totally completed. The Kinner House is unique in the valley by virtue of its design and its stone construction, other homes being frame houses and rambling in floor design.

Kinner continued to be a successful and respected member of the West Plum Creek area until 1902 when he sold the 920 acre ranch and relocated in Castle Rock.

The Kinner House is now occupied and in good condition with only minor interior alterations.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Personal papers of John C. Kinner Jr. - Patricia Shannon Collection

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

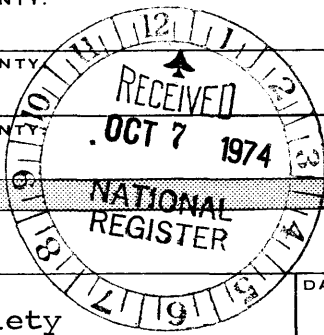
| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 39° 16' 17.7"   | 104° 57' 25.4"          |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4 acres**

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

| STATE:   | CODE | COUNTY  | CODE |
|----------|------|---------|------|
| Colorado | 08   | Douglas | 035  |
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Michelle Martinson**

ORGANIZATION: **Douglas County Historical Society** DATE: **6-2-74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **9838 West Arizona Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lakewood** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

**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: *John C. Kinner*

Title: *Acting State Liaison Officer*

Date: *Oct 3' 1974*

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

*R. P. Woodhouse*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *10/11/74*

ATTEST:

*Wm. Humphreys*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: *10-11-74*