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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

Kauffman, William, House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Silver Street off Mantz Avenue

n/a NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rico

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

n/a VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Dolores

CODE

033

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- n/a IN PROCESS
- n/a BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

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

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Alan F. Houston and K. Jourdan Houston

STREET & NUMBER
Whiteface Road

CITY, TOWN
North Sandwich

n/a VICINITY OF

STATE
New Hampshire

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of Clerk and Recorder, Dolores County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Dove Creek

STATE
Colorado 81324

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Sites Inventory of Colorado

DATE
1982

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Colorado Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Kauffman House is a two-story brick residence built in 1891-92. Rectangular in shape, the structure measures 25' by 35' with the long axis nearly east-west. It sits in the heart of the small community of Rico, in southwest Colorado.

The roof is flat and pitched approximately 2"/12" from front to back or from east to west. A wood cornice topped the walls on the east and south, but now only survives on the east (front) facade. Originally a porch surrounded the west and south sides and an outbuilding stood near the southwest corner.¹ Both are now gone. The immediate surroundings have also undergone change over the years; frame residences which formerly stood to the north were destroyed some years ago by the flooding of Silver Creek.

The brick surface on the east and south sides is relieved by rectangular recessed sections containing the bays. The front (east) facade contains an arched entrance with transom and a large window on the first level. Two segmentally arched bays are placed on the second level. The south side contains a central entrance with a large window on the east end, a narrow (32" by 80") window to the other side. The upper story has three arched bays. The north wall contains only two bays, one on each floor.

The rear or west wall of the building was severely deteriorated due to water and ice damage. Therefore the rear wall was removed and rebuilt on a new foundation with matching old brick. The entire foundation was repointed, as were the remaining three walls where necessary.

Interior renovation has been complete and in the building's original cast. Wiring and plumbing are new and heat is by wood stove and electric baseboard. The original window openings have been retained and custom built red oak sash with insulating glass have been fitted. An exception is the reconstructed west wall where the window frames were destroyed. Here, stock windows as close in size as possible to the original were fitted.

¹According to information provided by Mrs. Dazarene Kauffman Ames, a resident of Rico since 1915.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1891-92

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank L. Hill²

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1891,¹ the William Kauffman House, the only brick or masonry residence in Rico, reflects the economic development of the community and the history of the town's principal activity, silver mining.

Rico, incorporated in October 1879, began as a log cabin mining camp in the 1870s and boomed in the 1880s until the Silver Panic of 1893. During this period, some of the hastily built frame houses, often built without foundations, were replaced with more enduring and refined buildings of stone and brick. The William Kauffman House was built on the site of a frame house which was moved nearby to allow construction on the site.

At its time of construction and still today, the William Kauffman House is unique in both its size and quality of construction when compared to the small frame residences that still typify Rico. Built at the height of prosperity, with 10' ceilings, 80" high arched windows, plaster on wood lathe interior, and wainscoting in much of the downstairs, it reflects the success of Rico mining. Its vernacular Victorian elements are shared by the diagonally adjacent Old Dolores County Courthouse (built 1892; restored 1976; listed National Register). Almost all of the other remaining masonry buildings in the town, none of which were originally residences, date from the late 1880s to 1893.

Lived in by the Kauffman family until 1915 (Dazarene Kauffman Ames lives in California, age 82); the subsequent use of the house is not certain but was probably residential. It was acquired by the Rico Argentine Mining Company in the late forties and housed miners for that company until the Rico Argentine (mine) closed in 1971. Vacant and further deteriorating since 1971, it was restored in 1980-81.

The surrounding town, 320 acres amid the San Juan National Forest, depressed and boarded up, is now reawakening. Other buildings are being rehabilitated and there is increasing interest in tourism and recreation as well as mineral extraction. A number of mining artifacts and structures are now being stabilized and protected by the new owners of the Rico Argentine.

¹According to Darzarene Kauffman Ames, descendent of the original owner, in a letter, August 8, 1982, the house dates to around 1872, which is as yet unsubstantiated.

²According to Darzarene Kauffman Ames, Hill was originally from Chillecothe, Missouri. With partners V. J. Kraft and Robert Pellet, he was responsible for other buildings in Rico, such as the Congregational Church. He died c. 1893 and is buried in Rico.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Engel, Charles. Letters, interviews, clippings. Rico, Colorado.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately .10 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Rico, Colorado QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES			UTM REFERENCES		
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The NE corner of the nominated area is located 40' from the intersection of Silver Street and Silver Creek with the boundary running S 87' on Silver Street; then westerly 100' to the SW corner; then northerly 87'; then 100' E to the corner of origin. (See Map 3)

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

STATE	n/a	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alan F. Houston /Gloria Mills

ORGANIZATION /Colorado Preservation Office DATE 1982

STREET & NUMBER Whiteface Road /1300 Broadway TELEPHONE (603) 284-6947
(Houston) (303) 967-2713

CITY OR TOWN North Sandwich /Denver STATE New Hampshire/Colorado

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.

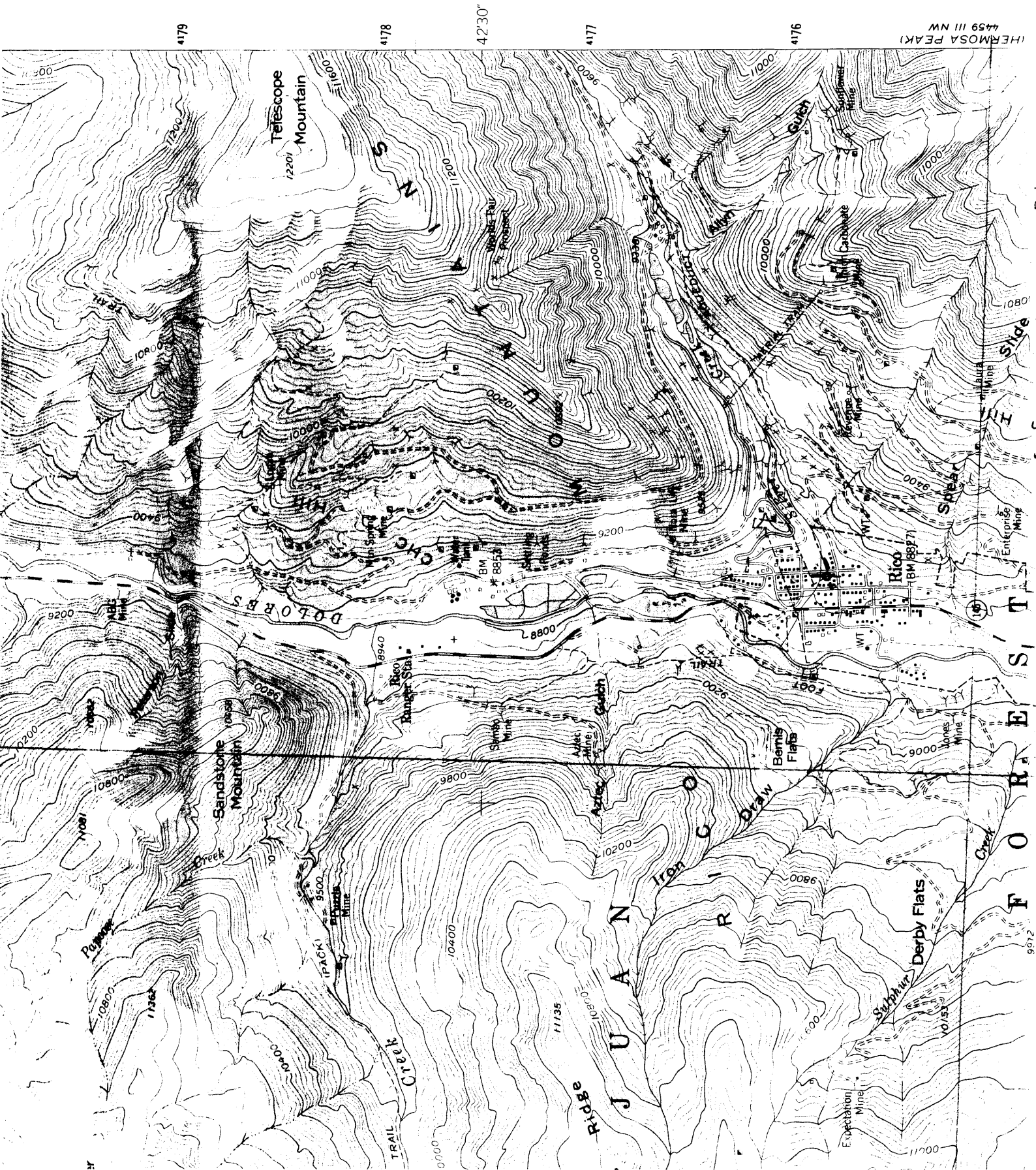
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Arthur C. Townsend*

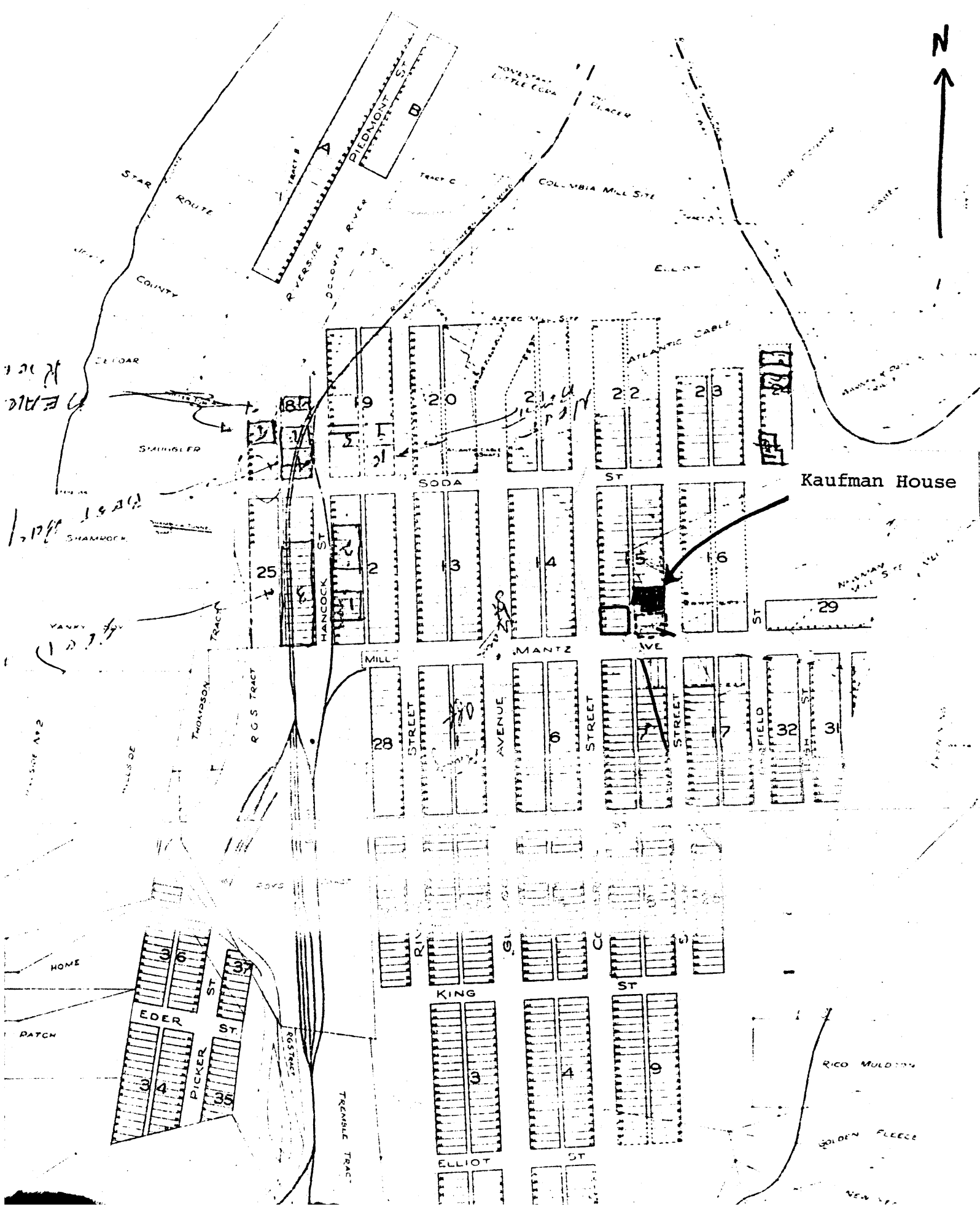
TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 9/22/82

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>J. Allison Byers</i>	Entered in the National Register
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>10/29/82</u>
TEST:	DATE
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

William Kaufman House
Dolores County, Co.
UTM REFERENCES:
A: 12 761950 4175720

Map 1





Kaufman House

STAR ROUTE
RIVERSIDE RIVER
DELAWARE RIVER
SMILINGER
SHAMROCK
YANNEY

THOMPSON TRACT
R.G.S TRACT
HILLS DE

HOME
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William Kaufman House
Dolores County, Colorado

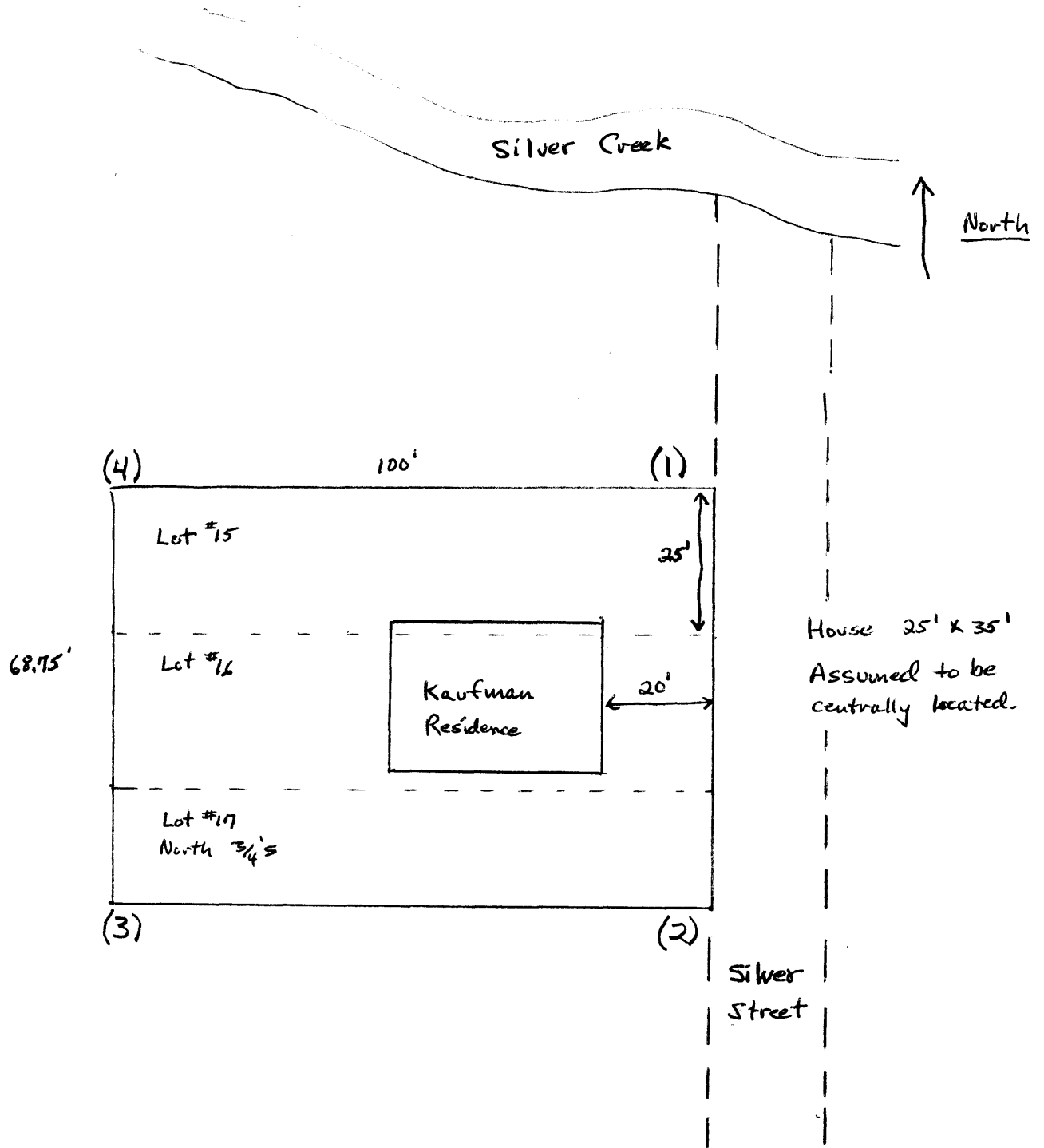
Map 2

Scale; 1 inch = 400 feet.

Date: Unknown.

City map of Rico.

Nominated site shown in red.



Block #15

Lots #15, #16, North 3/4 #17

William Kaufman House
Dolores County, Colorado

Map 3

Alan Houston
July 1982

1 inch = 25 feet

1" = 25'