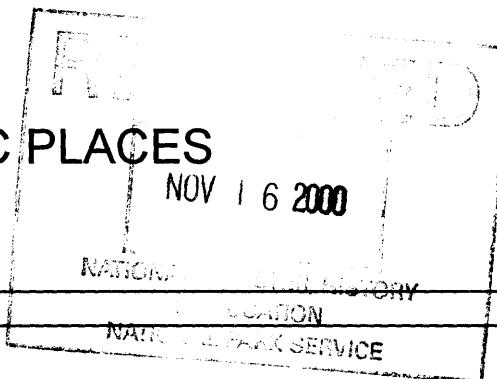


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Glover Cabin

other name/site number: None

2. Location

street & number: Washoe Park

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Anaconda

vicinity: n/a

state: Montana code: MT county: Deer Lodge code: 023 zip code: 59711

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _ nationally _ statewide X locally. (_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official>Title

11/11/2000
Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property _ meets _ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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
_ see continuation sheet
 removed from the National Register
_ see continuation sheet
 other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

12/18/00

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public	Number of Resources within Property
Category of Property: Building	Contributing Noncontributing
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u>1</u>
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties of Anaconda, Montana	<u>1</u>
	building(s) sites structures objects TOTAL

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling	RECREATION AND CULTURE/Storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
OTHER/Pre-Railroad Notched-Log Construction	foundation: WOOD walls: WOOD/Hewn Log roof: WOOD/Shingle other: NONE

Narrative Description

The original Alexander Glover Cabin in Washoe Park is the oldest building in the City of Anaconda. Alexander Glover, the first rancher in the Warm Springs Creek drainage, built the notched-log cabin after his family arrived in 1865. The home does not have a foundation. This 1-story single-pen cabin features a linear plan. The walls are composed of hewn logs joined together by saddle notches. Clay and mud chinking has been replaced with concrete. Modern ventilation pipes pierce the roof, and the original chimney has been removed. The original door and window units appear in a symmetrical fenestration.

The north facade of the cabin features an original tongue-and-groove wood door with a gabled entry. The east elevation features an original 6/6 double hung window, while the west elevation features a replaced, six-light fixed window. The south elevation features two 6/6 double hung windows flanking a central, original tongue-and-groove wood door.

This building was moved into Washoe Park from the original site of the Glover ranch (near Elm Street) prior to 1921, according to an obituary of Alexander Glover's son, Alexander, Jr. The article states that the younger Mr. Glover was born in the family's cabin that was located "on what is now called the Harrington Ranch across which the smelter flume runs."¹ According to Anaconda City Directories, the C.T. Harrington ranch was located adjacent to Washoe Park. Because the cabin was moved, it no longer retains sufficient integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association to convey its association with the broad patterns of history of the pre-railroad era of the Warm Springs Drainage. Its workmanship, design, and materials, are sufficient, however, to convey its significance as the only surviving example of pre-railroad architecture in Anaconda, and as an excellent example of a vernacular, one-room, saddle-notched log cabin.

¹ *Anaconda Standard*. 2/15/21.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): B	Period(s) of Significance: 1865-1883
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1865, ca. 1915 (moved)
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Glover, Alexander

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Alexander Glover Cabin is located in Washoe Park, approximately one-mile from its original location on agricultural lands west of the Original Townsite and east of the Second Western Addition in Anaconda, Montana. It is the oldest surviving building in the Anaconda area and is representative of the architecture of the agricultural era/early settlement period (circa 1865-1883) in the Warm Springs Creek drainage, prior to the establishment of the town. Its notched-log construction and single-pen/linear form is unique to the area, and the building represents the only pre-railroad structure in Anaconda. The building qualifies under Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural integrity. The cabin also meets Criteria Consideration B for moved properties since it is important primarily for its architectural value and its historical significance as the only building surviving from the early settlement period in the Warms Springs Creek drainage--prior to the founding of Anaconda.

Background History

The Alexander Glover family came to the Deer Lodge Valley to ranch in 1865. They made their home half-mile south of the Warm Springs Creek, on what is now the western edge of the Original Townsite.² They farmed there for almost twenty years, joined in the Warm Springs Drainage by fellow ranchers Jacob Hartwell, Gordon Vineyard and Robert Finley.

In early 1883, a man named Morgan Evans arrived at the Glover property, explaining that he was interested in buying their ranch for the townsite of a new town and copper smelting complex, planned by mining entrepreneur Marcus Daly. The Glover family sold their land to Mr. Evans for approximately \$5,000 and allowed Evans to take over the cabin during April of 1883 as the headquarters for the surveying crew that was planning the Anaconda Original Townsite.

By late summer, 1883, 3,000 acres of the Warm Springs Creek Drainage had been purchased from area ranchers for \$20,000. By August, nearly 1,200 laborers had composed a tented community, complete with saloons, restaurants and boardinghouses. Construction for the new reduction works in Anaconda began on July 29, 1883. By late summer, 1884, the original \$4,000,000 "Upper Works" smelter and reduction plant had been completed and the town of Anaconda was permanently established.

The Upper Works was located northeast of Anaconda's Original Townsite, and it became one of the most profitable mining-related sites in the world. Together with the mines in Butte, the Anaconda smelter was one of the top copper producers in the world for over thirty years.

The 1890s were especially a time of growth and expansion for Anaconda and the Anaconda Company. Not only was a new complex constructed west of the Upper Works, but the town also experienced its largest all-time period of growth, with the population expanding from nearly 4,000 in 1890 to almost 8,000 in 1895. Coinciding with this population increase was a construction boom. Several large mansions were constructed west of Main Street by Anaconda's elite, including physicians, attorneys, journalists, and the Anaconda Company's most important corporate managers and officials.

² A 7/1/1923 *Anaconda Standard* article described the Glover property as in the vicinity of the Standard Fire Brick Company's original complex near Willow and West Fifth Streets.

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Name of Property

Deer Lodge, Montana
County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

See continuation sheet

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 -- Specify Repository: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Preservation/Planning Office

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than 1

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	12	348169	5110830

Legal Location (Township, Range & Section(s)): NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Sec. 4, T4N, R11W, MPM

Verbal Boundary Description

The Glover Cabin is located in Washoe Park on a tract of land in the NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Sec. 4, T4N, R11W, at the following UTM Coordinates: 12/348169E/5110830N. The boundary is limited to the footprint of the cabin.

Boundary Justification

Because the cabin was moved after its period of significance, its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association have been compromised. The building is eligible under Criterion C, and the boundary is limited to the physical building itself.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization: MT SHPO date: March, 1996
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city or town: Helena state: MT zip code: 59620-1202

Property Owner

name/title: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
street & number: 800 South Main telephone: (406)563-8421
city or town: Anaconda state: MT zip code: 59711

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Demographic growth in Anaconda continued after the turn of the century. A larger complex was constructed in 1902 on the southeastern edge of the Warm Springs Drainage, and the original complexes on the north side of Anaconda were abandoned. A large influx of European immigrants to the United States during the late 1900s and early 1910s combined with a large expansion of the new Washoe Works facility that began in 1908 to bring even more new residents into town. To accommodate the need for new housing, the Anaconda City Council annexed the First Western Addition in October 1916.³

The First Western Addition encompassed a majority of the original ranch owned by Alexander Glover. During the early 1910s, the Glover Cabin remained in its original setting, but residential construction in the area forced its removal to Washoe Park, probably in the 1910s. When originally moved to the park, it was employed as the Washoe Park Headquarters. Since the 1980s, however, it has been used for storage.

Washoe Park (a.k.a. the City Park and Anaconda Park), originally known as the "Pleasure Park" was constructed on eleven acres northwest of Anaconda in June of 1890 by James Richie. Area residents had long used the site as picnic grounds, but it was not until Marcus Daly incorporated the Anaconda Street Railway in 1890 that the area was developed for recreational use. Original plans called for a man-made lake and boating course, a dance hall, athletic fields, and croquet grounds and a storage facility for the new railway's streetcars. The June 12 edition of the *Standard* stated that City Engineer Blackford was damming up Warm Springs Creek to form the boating course. By November of 1890, most of the park facilities had been completed, and the city street railway served the area. The name of the park changed to Washoe Park in 1893.

The park acreage was expanded during the 1910s, and a zoo, the state fish hatchery, and a number of other attractions were constructed. It was during this period of expansion that the Glover Cabin was moved to the park.

The Alexander Glover Cabin is the only distinctly eligible property in Washoe Park. The park has lost most of its historical integrity through the replacement of historic landscaping, including a man-made lake, and most historic structures and buildings. Of the few remaining historic structures and buildings, most have been substantially altered and no longer clearly reflect their historic design and purpose. The only exception to this assessment is the Montana State Fish Hatchery Superintendent's House, a Queen Anne cottage built in 1908, that is slated for removal or demolition in 1996.

³ *Anaconda Standard*. 10/3/16, 5.

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