

Cheese Ranch
161 Holman Way
Sedalia Vicinity
Douglas County
Colorado

HABS No. CO-48

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Colorado	COUNTY Douglas	TOWN OR VICINITY Golden (Sedalia vic.)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Cheese Ranch		HABS NO. CO-48
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Cheese Ranch		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 161 Holman Way Golden, Colorado 80401 --- Located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, section 8, T6, R67W.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) about 1879	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Typical large farmhouse of the period. Also one of the oldest surviving homes in Douglas County. See attached sheets.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboard, wood, and brick chimney		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Farmhouse has brick chimney with gingerbread on the eaves and clapboard siding. See attached pages for more details.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See attached pages.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Addition on the north side of farmhouse for a cheese manufacturing area. Date Unknown.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair to poor. Farmhouse is still used, but barn has deteriorated.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See attached pages.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Interview with Lawrence Phipps, III Douglas County Records State Historical Society of Colorado Interview with Warren Huber, Ranch Foreman Douglas County Assessors Office		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Suzanne Evans	DATE June 27, 1984	

ITEM LISTIDENTIFICATION:

1. Name of Structure: Farmhouse, Cheese Ranch
 2. Site # 2
 3. Name of District: Highlands Ranch
 4. Location: East of Daniels Park Rd. Douglas County
 5. Ownership: Highland Ventures Corp Public: Private: Y
 6. Use: Original Farmhouse Present: same
 7. Accessibility to Public: closed

Description:

8. Building Material: a. clapboard x b. stone c. brick d. board & batten e. cobblestone f. stucco g. other
9. Structural System: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 b. wood frame with light members x
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain)
 e. other
10. Condition: a. excellent b. good c. fair x d. other, (describe)
11. Integrity: a. original site. x b. moved. if so when and from where?
 c. list major alterations & dates:
 Addition on rear (north side) for a cheese manufacturing area, date unk.
12. Map location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, sec 8, T6 R67 W.

13. Photograph:



ITEM LISTIDENTIFICATION:

1. Name of Structure: Barn, Cheese Ranch
2. Site #2
3. Name of District: Highlands Ranch
4. Location: Douglas County
5. Ownership: Highlands Ventures corp. Public: Private: x
6. Use: Original Dairy Barn, hay storage Present: unused
7. Accessibility to Public: closed

Description:

8. Building Material: a. clapboard x b. stone c. brick d. board & batten e. cobblestone f. stucco g. other
9. Structural System: a. wood frame with interlocking joints x
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain)
e. other
10. Condition: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. other, (describe) deteriorated, repairable
11. Integrity: a. original site. x b. moved. if so when and from where?
c. list major alterations & dates:

12. Map location: see page 2,1

13. Photograph:



14. Threats to building: from developers

15. related Outbuildings & Property: see page 3.1

- a. barn___ b. carriage house___ c. garage___ d. privy___
e. shed___ f. greenhouse___ g. shop___ h. gardens___
i. landscape features___
j. other_____

16. Interrelationship of buildings and surroundings:

See page 3.1

17. Other Notable features of Building and Site:

This picturesque barn, now sadly deteriorated, was an exceptional period barn. Extremely solidly constructed, it has withstood the ravages of weather, wind and neglect. The interior structure is of particular interest, with rows of solid support beams.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Date of initial Construction: probably 1879

Architect: probably none

Builder: probably Lafayette Suits.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

This multi-purpose barn has several characteristics making it typical of the period. Obviously hand-built, the gable roof and cupola'd vents helped to make it not only serviceable but also a thing of beauty.

Because of its condition, I cannot recommend preservation. However, it is repairable at this time, and I can recommend that an estimate be taken, and a decision made when it can be determined whether or not it is practical to attempt to restore it.

Sources: see page 3.1

SUPPLEMENT TO SITE # 2

In addition to the buildings surveyed, there are a number of peripheral structures of interest. On the west side of the house there is a privy, in good condition. Other building of note on the west side include a chicken house, a grain or silage storage house, complete with cupola'd vent. Further on, one runs into a well, a cistern still fed by a working windmill with a steel derrick, and the remains of what may have once been a cottage, and reputedly an ice house, located beside the farm pond.

To the northwest, there are corrals. Heading east, one runs into sheds and corrals, around the barn, and a bunkhouse directly behind the main house. On the east side of the main house there is a garage, and workshop. Most of these outbuildings are in poor shape, and have little historical or architectural significance.

