

Rooney Ranch, Granary  
Rooney Road and West Alameda Parkway  
Morrison Vicinity  
Jefferson County  
Colorado

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ROONEY RANCH, GRANARY

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Location:

Junction of Rooney Road and West Alameda Parkway,  
Morrison vicinity, Jefferson County, Colorado

UTM Coordinates, Morrison, Colorado Quad:

- A. 13/483860 4393200
- B. 13/483840 4392250
- C. 13/483040 4392250
- D. 13/483040 4393200

Date of Construction:

1936.

Present Owner:

Alexander Rooney  
Otis Alex Rooney  
Eileen Louis Rooney  
George R. and Kathryn Rooney  
Lynda P. Simmons  
James P. Simmons  
James Addison and Virginia Dawn Vesey  
Security Realty  
Jefferson County Open Space Department

Present Use:

Storage.

Significance:

Rooney Ranch, one of the oldest ranches in Jefferson County, Colorado, is significant for its local historical associations and for the high quality of masonry construction exhibited in its principal structures.

The significance of the ranch to the historical and architectural development of Jefferson County was recognized in 1975 when the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rooney Ranch was designated a Jefferson County Landmark the following year.

Historian:

Kenneth M. Gambrill  
Kathryn M Kuranda  
Colorado Department of Highways  
August, 1983

The granary is a two story, uncoursed sandstone structure built in 1936 by Alex Rooney. The vernacular style building terminates in a gable roof incorporating a central, southwest elevation wall former. The roof ridge is punctuated by two, symmetrically placed, square ventilators. Building eaves are accented by simple board cornices.

Access to the building is gained through a recessed, one-light-over-one panel, wood door enframed by a simple rectangular surround and set in a segmented arch opening. This entrance is located on the southeast elevation.

A single-story ell extends to the rear northeast of the principal block resulting in a "L" plan configuration. The building ell all terminates in a gable roof with an extended northwest plane. The roof includes a single, square ventilator. Ell construction is similar to that of the principal block. The building is currently used for storage.