

Rooney Ranch, Garage No. 1  
Rooney Road and West Alameda Parkway  
Morrison Vicinity  
Jefferson County  
Colorado

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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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 and shop.

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  
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Garage No. 1 is a one-story, uncoursed sandstone structure constructed in 1936 by Alex Rooney. The building terminates in a gable roof clad in rolled asphalt roofing. The southwest roof plane is extended. A central garage bay is found on the northeast elevation. This bay is spanned by double, three panel, folding doors. The bay is enframed by a single wooden surround which rises to a gabled wall dormer. The garage bay is flanked by rectangular windows set in simple wooden surrounds. The corners of the elevation are abutted by a curvilinear masonry wall constructed of uncoursed sandstone.

The symmetrical southeast elevation includes a central arched entry flanked by large rectangular windows. These windows have been sheathed with plywood panels. The rear (southwest) elevation houses three symmetrically placed windows, while a single pointed arch window is centrally located on the northwest elevation. The garage is currently used for storage and as a shop.