

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

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ROONEY RANCH, GRANDMA ROONEY HOUSE

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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:

1946.

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:

Residence.

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
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Grandma Rooney's House is a contemporary, one story, masonry dwelling constructed in 1946 by Alex Rooney for his mother. The building is faced in uncoursed sandstone and terminates in a gable roof. A straight stack, exterior-end chimney, faces in uncoursed sandstone, rises flush with the north elevation. A metal stove chimney with capped flue is found on the east roof plane. The principal facade (east) is spanned by an open post porch which is supported by a raised sandstone foundation and terminates with a shed roof. This elevation is further distinguished by a diamond-shaped window. Access to the dwelling is gained through the central bay, east elevation.