

# Park County Historic Properties Nomination Form

**1. Name of Property**

Historic Name: The Clesson Cabin

Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Narrative (Continuation Sheet)

**2. Location**

Street Address 217 S. Main Street

City Alma County Park Zip 80420

**3. Present Owner of Property**

(In case of multiple ownership, list the names and addresses of each owner on one or more continuation sheets)

Name: The Town of Alma

Address PO Box 1050 Phone 719-836-2712

City Alma State Colorado Zip 80420

**4. Owner Consent for Nomination**

(Attach signed nomination consent from each property owner – see attached form)

**5. Preparer of Nomination**

Name Kathie Moore/Nancy Comer/Cara Doyle Date March 7, 2005

Address The Town of Alma, PO Box 1050 Phone 719-836-2712

City Alma State Colorado Zip 80420

**6. Classification of Property**

Property Ownership Public  Private  Other

Category of Property Structure  Site  District

Number of Resources Within Property Contributing 1 Non-Contributing 0

**7. Location Status**

Original location  Moved (date of move \_\_\_\_\_)

**8. Function or Use**

Historic Function: residence

Current Function: uninhabited

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**9. Description and Alterations**

(describe the current and original appearance of the property and any alterations)

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**10. Property Significance**

Park County Nomination Criteria

- A – Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history
- B – Property is connected with persons significant in history
- C – Property has distinctive characteristics of a type, person, method of construction or artisan
- D – Property is of geographic importance
- E – Property contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history

Significance Statement (explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Bibliography (cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

**11. Geographic Data**

**Location Information** P.M. 6th Township 9S Range 78W  
Section NW ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 12

Quad Map Name Alma 1994

Lot (s) F Block N/A Addition Rhodes 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition

UTM Reference: Zone 13 Easting 4 0 8 6 6 0 mE

Northing 4 3 4 8 2 0 0 mN

**Verbal Boundary Description of Nominated Property**

(Describe the boundaries of the nominated property on a continuation sheet)

**12. Photographic Log for Photographs**

(Prepare a photographic log on one or more continuation sheets)

**Directions for Attachments**

Continuation Sheets – For each continuation sheet used, clearly identify the section of this form to which the sheet applies.

Maps – This form will be considered incomplete unless a map(s) identifying the location of the structure or site, or the boundary of a district is included.

Photos – Photos or slides of the property should be included with this application. The photos should include captions identifying the photo as well as the date it was taken, if possible. These photos will become part of the file for the property and won't be returned unless requested by the applicant.

## Continuation Sheet

### 9. Description and Alterations

(describe the current and original appearance of the property and any alterations)

The original structure is a log building with numerous additions. It is believed that the west shed addition (1) is the oldest addition. The wood siding and sheathing is in a deteriorated condition. The north addition has a newer roof material. The shed addition to the west is the most significant alteration to the building, since it modified the original roof framing on the log cabin. This addition is historic and falls with the period significance (1871 – 1920).

There is a small double-seat outhouse to the south of the log cabin. The doors are located on the east elevation. The building is sheathed in vertical board and batten siding. The roof is corrugated metal. There is a flue that extends up between the two stalls. The building sets on grade.

The building has several additions. The original building is constructed of logs which were hand cut with an adze. The daubing appears to be original and the logs are square cut. The building sets on a stone foundation. There is an addition (2) to the north that is wood framed with vertical wood siding with battens. On the rear of the building is a shed addition (1) that has been partially removed. The shed addition is also wood framed with 1-inch by 4-inch horizontal board sheathing covered with painted asphalt and then a later rolled asphalt roofing. Neither additions have an exposed foundation.

East Elevation – original log building: There is a six-panel door flanked by two windows. The window to the right is a 4/6 double hung window and to the left is a 6/6 double hung window. Both windows have wood trim. The north addition (2) has a door flanked by a 4/4 double hung window.

North Elevation – north addition (2): This elevation is covered with rolled asphalt roofing. It has one 4/4 double hung window. Next to it is a brick chimney which has been mortared at the base and attached to the house with a stainless steel strap. Trim on all of the windows is a 1" x 4" trim with a 1" x 6" skirt board at the bottom. Also seen on this elevation is the west shed addition (1). The north elevation of the shed has two 4/4 double hung windows with 1x trim. The window to the left is an infill of an original door opening. Behind the rolled roofing is painted asphalt over the original sheathing.

West Elevation – shed addition (1): The left side of this elevation has a horizontal 1" x 4" board sheathing with rolled roofing installed vertically over the sheathing. The fascia board is 1" x 6" and the roof has a 6" overhang. A large portion of the west shed addition has been removed exposing the interior of the building. There is a 4/4 double hung window on this elevation.

South Elevation – shed addition (1): Hand-cut, full dimension 2x boards. The inside face has 1x horizontal board sheathing. There is a single door with a 6-lite panel on the top and a single solid panel on the bottom. There is an interior brick chimney at the junction between the original log house and the shed addition. There is also evidence of a brick chimney on the west side of the original log wall. The roof structure is 1s solid sheathing with 2 x 6 roof framing which bears on the log walls.

South Elevation – original log house: There is a 4/4 wood window on the left side of this elevation. There is a single panel entry door. Above in the gable end is rolled roofing over vertical board siding.

“The building, although in poor condition, retains a high degree of historic physical integrity.” (Scheuber + Darden, Architectural Inventory Form, 2002)

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**10. Significance Statement**

(explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Much of the information about the Clesson Cabin was obtained from an intensive survey conducted by Scheuber + Darden Architects, dated 2002. The team was unable to determine the original owner of the building, and based on the plat maps, it appears that it was originally part of the Alma Placer patent owned by James Moynahan. They were uncertain whether the building existed when the patent was placed on the land in 1874. According to the Park County Assessors records, the original log building was built in 1871. Unfortunately, the Sanborn Maps do not extend south to this property.

From the early 1900s, the building was home to the Clesson family, although the Clessons never owned the property. ....

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**11. Geographical Data - Verbal Boundary Description of Nominated Property**

East side is bounded by S. Main Street. The south Boundary is bounded by the adjacent property; west side is bounded by the adjacent property. No boundary lines are established on the south or west. The north property is bounded by the adjacent property which is delineated by a fence line that is combination wood post and metal post.