

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. Resource number: **5ST130.37**
- 2. Temporary number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **Summit**
- 4. City: **Breckenridge**
- 5. Historic building name: **Dewers House**
- 6. Current building name: **Red White & Blue Volunteer Fire Museum**
- 7. Building address: **308 North Main Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Red White & Blue Fire District**  
 Owner address: **P.O. Box 710**  
**Breckenridge, CO 80424**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

- 9. P.M. **6th** Township **6S** Range **77W**  
**NE¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of SW¼ of section 31**
- 10. UTM reference  
 Zone **13**  
 Easting: **410120**  
 Northing: **4370980**
- 11. USGS quad name: **Breckenridge, Colorado**  
 Year: **1970 (Photorevised 1987) 7.5'**
- 12. Lot(s): **19, 20** Block: **n/a**  
 Addition: **Snider's Addition** Year of Addition **1892**
- 13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

- 22. Architectural style / building type:

**Other Style / Wood Frame  
 Front Gabled Dwelling**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
  - \_\_\_ Needs Data
  - \_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District
  - \_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

- 14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**L-Shaped Plan**
- 15. Dimensions in feet: **782 square feet**
- 16. Number of stories: **1½**
- 17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**
- 18. Roof configuration (enter one):  
**Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
- 19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Wood Roof / Shingle Roof**
- 20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**Stained Glass**  
**Fence**

**21. General Architectural Description**

The Red White & Blue Volunteer Fire Museum is located on the east side of Main Street, near the north end of downtown Breckenridge. Historically a residence, the museum building is set well back from the street on a large lot. The Red White and Blue Volunteer Fire Station is located to the north of the museum, with an asphalt driveway and parking lot between the two buildings. The museum's grounds are professionally landscaped, with native aspens, spruces, and shrubs, with the front yard partially enclosed by a painted white picket fence. The museum building itself includes the original 1½-story front gabled dwelling, as well as an early 1½-story gabled addition to the east (rear) elevation. The original portion of the building measures 17' N-S by 21' E-W, while the addition measures 25' N-S by 17' E-W. The structure is supported by a low painted yellow concrete foundation. The exterior walls are painted pale yellow horizontal wood siding, with 1" by 4" corner boards. Beneath the siding, the original building is of log construction. Both of the gabled roofs are covered with wood shingles and have boxed eaves with painted red trim. There are no chimneys. All of the building's windows feature painted red or white wood frames and painted red wood surrounds. Those on the facade (west elevation) include three 1/1 double-hung sash, with painted white wood frames, painted red wood surrounds, and painted red exterior wood storms. (One window on the facade is in the upper gable end.) On the original south elevation, there are two single-hung sash windows, with stained glass upper sashes. On the south elevation of the addition, there is a set of paired 4-light hopper windows. On the east elevation (addition), there are three 4-light hopper windows, including one in the upper gable end. There is just one 4/4 double-hung sash window on the north elevation. A painted red wood-paneled door, opens onto a 5' by 17' concrete porch on the museum's symmetrical facade. The porch is covered by a shed roof with 4' by 4' wood post supports. A west-facing, painted red wood-paneled door with four upper sash lights, enters the addition on the south elevation. A set of paired painted pale yellow wood-paneled doors enters the addition at the south end of the east elevation. This door opens onto an 8' by 4' wood stoop.

**29. Construction History** (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions:

This log residence with clapboard siding was constructed in 1888, and was originally the home of John B. and Anna Dewers.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This property is located on the east side of North Main Street, near the north end of downtown Breckenridge.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

**n/a**

**IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY****25. Date of Construction:**

Estimate

Actual **1888**

Source of information:

**Summit County Assessor. Residential Property Appraisal Record.**

**26. Architect:**

**unknown**

Source of information:

**n/a**

**27. Builder/ Contractor:**

**unknown**

Source of information:

**n/a**

**28. Original owner:**

**John B. and Anna Dewers**

Source of information:

**Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Warranty Deed Record, book 52, p. 134.**

**30. Original location: yes**

Moved **no**

Date of move(s) **n/a**

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**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- 31. Original use(s): **Single Dwelling**
- 32. Intermediate use(s): **Single Dwelling**
- 33. Current use(s): **Recreation and Culture / Museum**
- 34. Site type(s): **Fire Museum**

**35. Historical Background**

**36. Sources of Information**

**(Please see continuation sheet.)**

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **XX**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. Applicable National Register Criteria

**XX** A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

**XX** C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

**Architecture; Commerce; Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of Significance: **1888-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

The Dewers House / Red White & Blue Volunteer Fire Museum is individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, the property is historically significant for its strong association with Breckenridge's cultural and economic development from the 1880s through the mid-1900s. Relative to National Register Criterion C, the house is architecturally significant for its vernacular pioneer log construction and clapboard siding. The building displays the fine craftsmanship of a bygone era, and has been particularly well preserved. The property may also be regarded as a contributing property within the Breckenridge Historic District.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This property exhibits an overall high degree of historical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society. There have been no additions, and no notable exterior alterations, subsequent to the period of significance. The property is in excellent condition and is being very well maintained.

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**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **XX**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **XX**

No:

Discuss: **This property is located within the boundaries of the Breckenridge Historic District which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 9, 1980.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **XX**

Noncontributing:

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **BREC-4**

Frame(s): **9-15**

Negatives filed at: **Town of Breckenridge  
150 Ski Hill Road  
Breckenridge, Colorado 80424**

48. Report title: **Breckenridge Historic District Historical Building Survey**

49. Date: **October 7, 2000**

50. Recordors: **Carl McWilliams** **Rebecca Waugh**

51. Organizations: **Cultural Resource Historians** **Town of Breckenridge**

52. Addresses: **1607 Dogwood Court** **150 Ski Hill Road**  
**Fort Collins, Colorado 80525** **Breckenridge, Colorado 80424**

53. Phone numbers: **970/493-5270** **303/629-6966 ext. 142**

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**36. Sources of Information (continued)**

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated August 1883, August 1886, October 1890, January 1896, November 1902, and August 1914.

Summit County Assessor. Residential Property Appraisal Record.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Warranty Deed Record, book 52, p. 134.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Warranty Deed Record, book 55, p. 487.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Quit Claim Deed Record, book 67, p. 474.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Warranty Deed Record, book 87, p. 182.

Summit County Clerk and Recorder. Warranty Deed Record, book 101, p. 230.