**Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

*(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)*

### 1. NAME

**COMMON:**
Menor's Ferry

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

### 2. LOCATION

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
None

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Moose Post Office Wyoming

**STATE:**
Wyoming

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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**PRESENT USE:** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

**Comments**

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNERS NAME:**
United States Government, N.P.S.

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Headquarters, Grand Teton National Park

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Moose Wyoming

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
County Clerk, Teton County

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
181 South Cache

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Jackson Wyoming

**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:**

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
Wyoming Recreation Commission, Survey of Historic Sites, Markers and Mon.

**DATE OF SURVEY:**
Summer and Fall 1967 Federal State County Local

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
Wyoming Recreation Commission, Historical Division

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
604 East 25th Street

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Cheyenne Wyoming

**STATE:**
Wyoming

**CODE:**
49
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### 10. Geographical Data

#### Latitude and Longitude Coordinates Defining a Rectangle Locating the Property

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#### List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries

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### 11. Form Prepared By

**Name and Title:**
Nedward M. Frost, Historian

**Organization:**
Wyoming Recreation Commission

**Date:**
Feb. 26, 1969

**Street and Number:**
604 East 25th Street

**City or Town:**
Cheyenne

**State:**
Wyoming

### 12. State Liaison Officer Certification

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [X] 
- State [ ] 
- Local [ ]

**Name:** Charles R. Rodermel

**Title:** State Liaison Officer

Date: February 26, 1969

### 13. National Register Verification

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation:**

**Date:**

**Attest:**

**Keeper of The National Register:**

**Date:**
### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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### SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

- **1892 - 1927**

### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

See addendum
8. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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9. HISTORICAL SUMMARY (significance, physical history, events, personages, sources of information)

See Addendum
MENOR'S FERRY
Historic Landmark

County: Teton

Location: Moose, Grand Teton National Park. About 300 yards upstream from Teton National Park Headquarters Building.

Ownership: United States Government through the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Historic Phase and Importance: Commencement of settlement and formation of local governments. This came at a later date in the Jackson Hole Country than in other sections of Wyoming.

The importance of the Menor ferry would pertain to local, or perhaps state, history rather than to National History except for one circumstance. Because of the late date of civilization's appearance in Jackson Hole, this ferry across the treacherous and already -- despite closeness to source -- considerable Snake River was still in a completely observable state of preservation when it and its environs came into the possession of the Rockefeller family in 1929. The Rockefellers put the entire property, ferry owner's home and establishment as well as the ferry itself, back into first-class condition and, in 1953, turned the property to the National
Menor's Ferry

**Historic Phase and Importance:**

Park Service. Thus, here at Moose, Wyoming, within easy strolling distance of the famous Teton National Park Headquarters and so within the view of more than 2,000,000 touring guests each year, is a completely and authentically restored vestige of how pioneer ancestors surmounted a grave obstacle -- the day to day passage of a dangerous river.

Prepared by: Ned Frost
Bibliography and other Sources

Josephone C. Fabian. *Jackson Hole, How to Discover and Enjoy It.*


Interview. Mr. Dilley, Chief Park Naturalist, Grand Teton National Park.
Mr. Hayden, President, Teton County Chapter, The Wyoming State Historical Society.
Menor's Ferry

Supporting data -- Historic Summary:

In 1892 Bill Menor came into Jackson Hole, and settled on a homestead by squatter's right.

This homestead was immediately on the west bank of the river in one of the few places where the entire stream ran in one well established channel having high enough banks to keep all the water between them even during the highest floods. Menor's location was almost square in front of the main mass of the Teton range and he had between him and the base of the mountains an extensive stretch of reasonably flat and so easily accessible country that was well timbered. As most of the settlers lived on the east side of the river where the forests for the most part grow in steep mountain sides and are, therefore, difficult to log, Menor showed a certain shrewdness in choosing his location.

For, once he had built his ferry, operating on the power of the river current itself, he had founded a business of interest to more than just the occasional traveler. The settlers had long been looking at the potential easy timber operations on the west bank of the Snake but then they looked at that formidable river itself and hied themselves back up the mountainsides to log on their own side of the valley. Now Menor built a ferry that would carry a wagon load of logs and a four horse team across the Snake in one trip. His business did very well.

Some years later his brother Holiday moved into Jackson Hole also and took up land on the east bank of the river covering the eastern ferry landing. Both of these men were bachelors and so, it goes without saying to those familiar with the western pioneer bachelor, characters. They
were good cooks, good gardners, expert handy men and, even, in their own typical cantankerous fashion, good business men. They made good copy for neighborhood gossip and so, all in all, they established themselves as highly valued citizens of the Jackson's Hole pioneer society.

Bill Menor, no youth when he first came to Jackson Hole, was some eleven years older than Holiday. He sold out in 1918 and left the valley, going to California. There was a bridge built across the Snake, a little below the ferry site, in 1927. Before it was finished Holiday had also sold his land and followed his brother to California. There they died within a year of each other.

The Menor's Ferry site, judged on the grounds of its consequence to contemporary affairs during its working years, is surely of local and perhaps of state importance. As a relic of pioneer days and ways, and because of its location, accessible to large numbers of vacationing public, it is here presented for consideration of nomination to the National Register as a National Historic Landmark.
Menor's Ferry - Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming.

Title: Menor's Ferry

Loc. Teton County, Wyoming