

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wyoming	
COUNTY: Teton	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-04-49-0012	4/16/69

1. NAME			
COMMON: Menor's Ferry			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: None			
CITY OR TOWN: Moose Post Office			
STATE Wyoming		CODE 49	COUNTY: Teton
			CODE 039
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	
District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☒		Public ☒ Private ☐ Both ☐ Public Acquisition: In Process ☐ Being Considered ☐	
		STATUS	
		Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☒ Preservation work in progress ☐	
		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
		Yes: Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No: ☐	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment ☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum ☐ Park ☒ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific ☐ 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		STATE: Wyoming	CODE 49
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: County Clerk, Teton County			
STREET AND NUMBER: 181 South Cache			
CITY OR TOWN: Jackson		STATE: Wyoming	CODE 49
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		STATE: Wyoming	CODE 49

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☐	Good ☒	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☐	Unaltered ☒		Moved ☐	Original Site ☒	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The ferry itself, large enough to carry a fully loaded wagon of logs plus a four horse team, was formed of two sharp prowed boats across which the carrying platform was set at right angles. The ferry swung from a cable by means of a double line either one of which could be shortened while its opposite was lengthened by means of a windlass set on the platform and operated by the pilot. Thus the prows of the boat could be pointed at the angle desired and the current itself carried the ferry across the stream.

This ferry operated across the Snake River just a short strolling distance above the present location of Grand Teton National Park headquarters at Moose, Wyoming.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See addendum

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		43° 39' 30"	110° 42' 29"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Nedward M. Frost, Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Wyoming Recreation Commission	Feb. 26, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER:	
604 East 25th Street	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Cheyenne	Wyoming
	CODE
	49

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Charles R. Rodermel

Charles R. Rodermel

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

February 26, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Grunsky
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

William J. Huitt
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☒

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892 - 1927

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☒

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Agriculture ☒

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☒

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☒

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

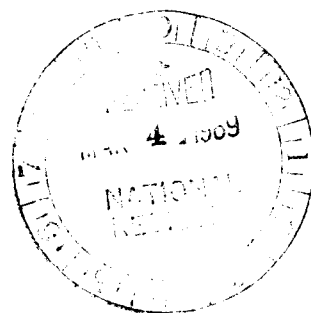
Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☒

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

See addendum



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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.

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 25 ; R. 116 W; T. 43 N. of 6th P.M.

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

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.

Bibliography and other Sources

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

Booklet -- No publisher's name. Copyright by author. First edition 1949, Eleventh edition 1966.

National Park Booklet. Campfire Tales of Jackson Hole with a special chapter by Frances Judge -- reprinted from Empire Magazine -- entitled Mountain River Men, The Story of Menor's Ferry. Published by Grand Teton Natural History Association, Moose, Wyoming, in cooperation with the National Park Service U. S. Department of the Interior. Copyright, Grand Teton Natural History Association, 1960, 3rd printing 1968.

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

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.

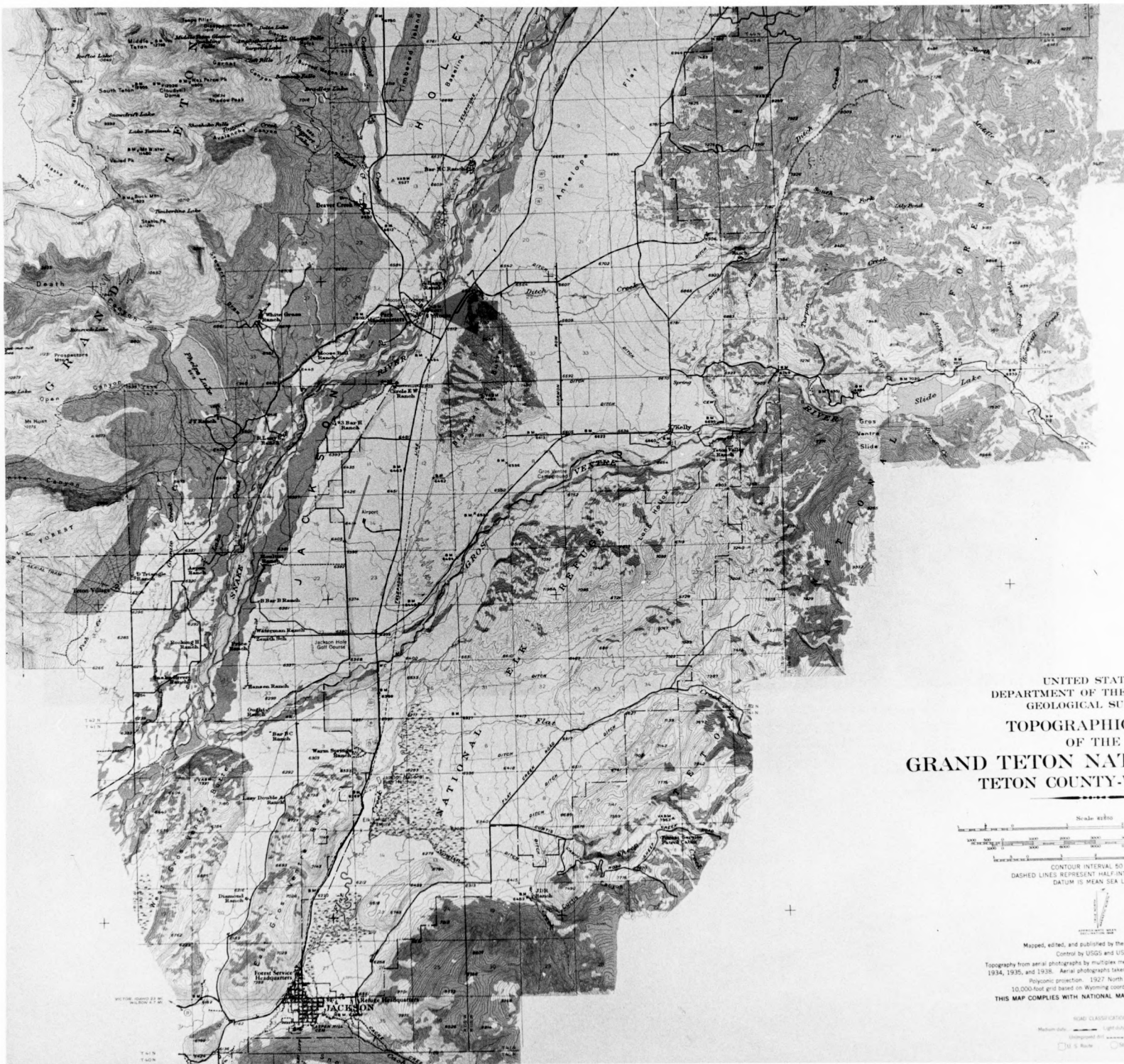


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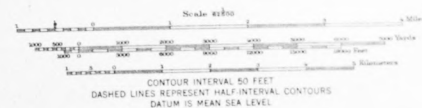
Loc. TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

Menor's Ferry - Grand Teton
National Park, Wyoming.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
OF THE
GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK
TETON COUNTY-WYOMING



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USGAS

Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods and by plane-table surveys
1934, 1935, and 1938. Aerial photographs taken July 1948. Field check 1948

Polygonic projection. 1927 North American Datum

10,000-foot grid based on Wyoming coordinate system, west zone
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

