

UNPLATTED REC. NO. 212075066

LEGEND:

FOUND 5/8" REBAR AND ORANGE CAP STAMPED "RAMPART PLS 26965"

FOUND 5/8" REBAR AND 1–1/2" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "RAMPART PLS 26965 WC" \bigcirc

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SET 1/2" REBAR (NO CAP)

SET 1-1/4" O.D. IRON PIPE

FOUND REBAR AND YELLOW CAP STAMPED "RMLS 19625"

FOUND 6" DIA. CONCRETE PEDESTAL AND 3-1/4" C.D.O.T BRASS CAP (HWY MARKER)

FOUND REBAR AND 2-1/2" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "PLS 26965" (1/4 CORNER)

WATER VALVE ×

2.5' CONCRETE SEPTIC LID

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4" PVC CLEAN-OUT Ø

WATER HOOK-UP

SEWER HOOK-UP S

ELECTRIC HOOK-UP Ð

UTILITY POLE ഹ

GUY WIRE

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BRACE POLE

LIGHT POLE

GAS METER

• 4" DIA. BOLLARD

NUMBERED POST

EDGE OF ASPHALT

EDGE OF GRAVEL

------ OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINE

-O----- CHAIN LINK FENCE

MODULAR BLOCK WALL

N44°29'23" W₇

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DETAIL "B" N.T.S.

S34°08'00" W

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9.97'

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SITE SURVEY - PORTION NW1/4 SEC. 9, T13S, R68W

RAMPART

OF THE 6th P.M., EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

SURVEYS, LLC

Woodland Park, CO. 80866

-D----- WOOD FENCE

CONCRETE

------ OVERHEAD TELEPHONE LINE

SIGN

TELEPHONE PEDESTAL

BM ELECTRIC METER

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E.O.A.

E.O.G.

- S51'41'42"E

1.62'

NOT ACCEPTED

DETAIL "A" N.T.S.

P.O. Box 5101

DRAWING: 18384 SITE.DWG

P.0.B.z_

Public Record Property Information

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Time: 11:10:13 AM

Personal Information

Schedule No: 8309200011 Owner Name: G&D ENTERPRISES CORP Location: 10090 W HIGHWAY 24 Mailing Address: PO BOX 215 GREEN MTN FLS CO 80819-0215

Previous Parcel

Replaced Parcel

Legal Description

TRACT IN NW4 SEC 9-13-68 AS FOLS, BEG AT PT ON ELY R/W LN OF US HWY 24 WHENCE THE SW COR OF NW4 OF SEC 9 BEARS S 36<08' W 635 FT, TH S 55<22' E ON ELY R/W LN SD HWY 605.3 FT, N 27<31' E 722 FT, N 55<08' W 513.8 FT, TH S 35<18' W 723 FT TO POB EX PT TO HWY, AS AMENDED BY BOUNDARY AGREEMENT REC 204028584

Market Information (2018 Values)

Table	Use Code	2018 Market Value	2018 Assessed Value	Exempt
Land	MULTI-UNITS (4-8)	\$1,462	\$110	
Land	RECREATION	\$120,339	\$34,900	
Imp	MOTEL	\$368,299	\$106,810	
Imp	COM. IMP. AT RES, RATE	\$86,392	\$6,220	-
Imp	STORAGE WAREHOUSE	\$116,819	\$33,880	
lmp	R.V./CAMPGROUND FACILITY	\$42,057	\$12,200	
	Total Value	\$735,368	\$194,120	

Levy Year: 2017 Mill Levy: 80.727 Exempt Status: Not Exempt

Estimated Taxes Payable in 2019: \$15,670.73

Tax Entity and Levy Information

(District: HBD)					
Taxing Entity	Contact Name	Contact Phone			
EL PASO COUNTY	FINANCIAL SERVICES	(719) 520-6498			
EPC ROAD & BRIDGE (UNSHARED)		(719) 520-6498			
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL NO 14	TIM MILLER	(719) 685-2015			
PIKES PEAK LIBRARY	MIKE VARNET	(719) 531-6333			

JEFF IDLEMAN

(719) 684-2293



GREEN MTN FALLS/CHIPITA PARK FIRE

Sale Information

Sale Date	Sale Price	Sale Type
12/16/1965	\$0	-
02/06/1978	\$0	Other
04/26/1984	\$0	Good sale; verified
05/17/1984	\$0	REO or sale after foreclosure
05/17/1985	\$0	-
05/17/1985	\$0	-
06/30/1986	\$0	-
08/14/1987	\$355,000	-
08/14/1987	\$0	-
05/23/1995	\$500,000	Good sale; verified Adjusted; may dif. w/doc fee
06/25/2001	\$625,000	Adjusted; may dif. w/doc fee Strade or exchange
07/30/2002	\$35,000	-
12/23/2002	\$600,000	Good sale; verified
12/30/2002	\$0	Foreclosure or deed in lieu of
03/09/2005	\$800,000	Good sale; verified
05/16/2006	\$0	-
05/17/2006	\$0	-
07/03/2006	\$690,000	Good sale; verified
12/05/2006	\$0	-
06/27/2017	\$1,508,000	Commercial/Residential Mix Changes not yet assessed

Land Information

Seq #	Use	Exempt	Area
1	MULTI-UNITS (4-8)		4815 sq ft
2	RECREATION		9.21 acres

Residential Information

Commercial Information

(Bldg #: 88)					
Elevator:	N	Neigh #:	212	Area:	9,118
Class:	C	Qual:	1.5	Perimeter:	885
Stories:	1	# Units:	88	Land Size:	406,002
Sprinkler:	N	Occp_1:	888	Occp_2:	
Wall Height:	9	Hvac:	0/0% 0/0	%	
Admin Code:	MOTEL			<u> </u>	

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Schedule Information, Assessor's Office, El Paso County, CO - Printer Friendly

Bldg #	Admin Code	Year Built	Neigh #	Area
1	MOTEL	1947	212	6,757
2	STORAGE WAREHOUSE	1947	212	1,736
3	R.V./CAMPGROUND FACILITY	1950	212	625

Assessor

Public Record Commercial Data

(Building # 1)

Elevator: N	Neigh #: 212	Area: 6757
Class: C	Qual: 1.5	Perimeter: 704
Stories: 1	# Units: 15	Land Size: 406002
Sprinkler: N	Occup 1: 343	Occup 2: 352
Wall Height: 9	Year Built: 1947	HVAC: 10/100% 0/0%
Use: MOTEL	·····	

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Public Record Commercial Data

(Building # 2)

Elevator: N	Neigh #: 212	Area: 1736
Class: D	Qual: 1	Perimeter: 181
Stories: 1	# Units: 0	Land Size: 406002
Sprinkler: N	Occup 1: 406	Occup 2: 403
Wall Height: 8	Year Built: 1947	HVAC: 0/100% 0/0%
Use: STORAGE V	VAREHOUSE	



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(Building # 3)

Neigh #: 212	Area: 625
Qual: 1	Perimeter: 175
# Units: 72	Land Size: 406002
Occup 1: 999	Occup 2:
Year Built: 1950	HVAC: 0/0% 0/0%
	Qual: 1 # Units: 72 Occup 1: 999



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STATE OF COLORADO)) ss. COUNTY OF EL PASO)

I, Myrna Wey, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1) I am a resident of El Paso County, Colorado. I have lived in Green Mountain Falls, Colorado since 1956.
- 2) I have personal knowledge that the motel and campground previously known as "Motel X," and now called Rocky Top Motel & Campground, has been in business at the same location since at least 1956.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

<u>Myrna Wey</u>, Affiant

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AFFIDAVIT OF KAYO ARMENTROUT

STATE OF COLORADO)) SS. COUNTY OF TELLER)

I, Kayo Armentrout, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- I am a resident of Teller County, Colorado. I have lived in Woodland Park, Colorado 1) since 1985.
- I have personal knowledge that the motel and campground previously known as "Motel 2) X," and now called Rocky Top Motel & Campground, has been in business at the same location since at least 1958.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kayo Armentrout, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this day of ober____, 2018, by Kayo Armentrout, Affiant. Cles

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AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID M. VIDMAR

STATE OF COLORADO)) ss. COUNTY OF TELLER)

I, David M. Vidmar, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1) I am a resident of Teller County, Colorado. I have lived in Woodland Park, Colorado since 1969.
- I have personal knowledge that the motel and campground previously known as "Motel X," and now called Rocky Top Motel & Campground, has been in business at the same location since at least 1965.

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David M. Vidmar, Affiant

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AFFIDAVIT OF BEVERLEY A. VIDMAR

STATE OF COLORADO)) ss. COUNTY OF TELLER)

I, Beverley A. Vidmar, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1) I am a resident of Teller County, Colorado. I have lived in Woodland Park, Colorado since 1966.
- 2) I have personal knowledge that the motel and campground previously known as "Motel X," and now called Rocky Top Motel & Campground, has been in business at the same location since at least 1966.

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AFFIDAVIT OF DUANE SCHORMANN

STATE OF COLORADO)) ss. COUNTY OF EL PASO)

I, Duane Schormann, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1) I am a resident of El Paso County, Colorado. I have lived in CASCAPE, Colorado since 976.
- 2) I have personal knowledge that the motel and campground previously known as "Motel X," and now called Rocky Top Motel & Campground, has been in business at the same location since at least 1964.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Duane Schormann, Affiant

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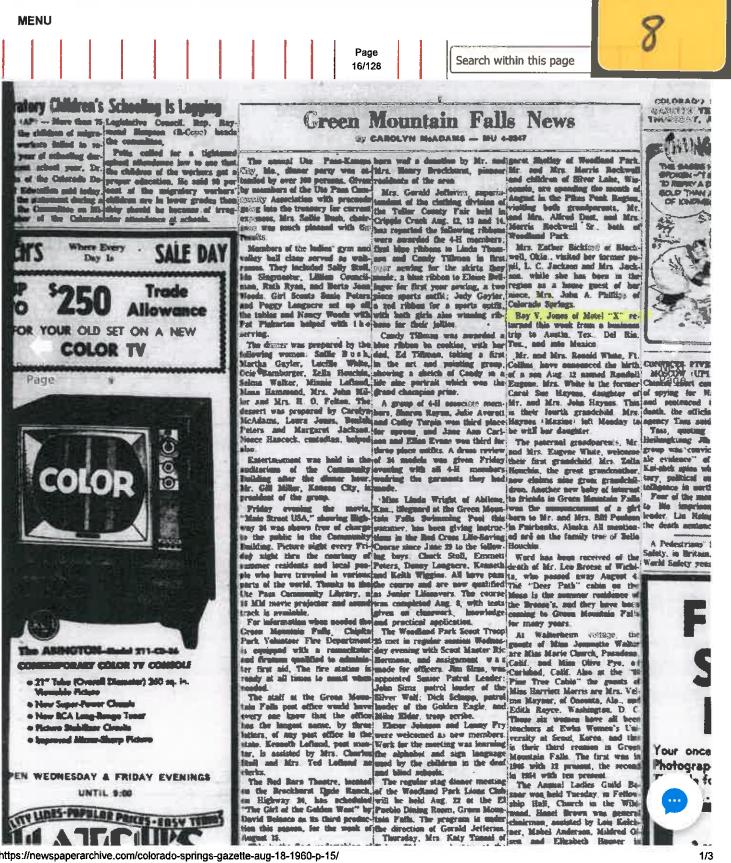
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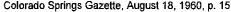


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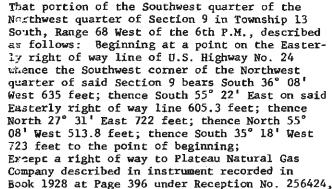
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, ROY V. JONES and LAURA B. JONES, of the County of El Pasa and State of Colorado, for the consideration of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, in hand paid, hereby sell and convey to DAVID A. HANSEN and VIVIAN F. HANSEN, in joint tenancy, of the County of El Paso and State of Colorado, the following real property situate

in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, to-wit:







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with all its appurtenances and warrant the title to the same.

SIGNED and DELIVERED this Stday of December, 1965.

Pay 1. Jones

Laura B. Jones

STATE OF COLORADO))))))) OUNTY OF EL PASO)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this they of December, 1965, by Roy V. Jones and Laura B. Jones.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

SS.

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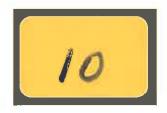
Vivian Frances Hansen



Vivian Frances Hansen, 89, of Colorado Springs passed away May 20, 2006. She was born August 28, 1916 in Jackson Township, IA., to Amos and Hattie Gertrude (McLaughlin) Myers who both precede her in death. July 3, 1935, Vivian married David A. Hansen. Together they were farmers in lowa until moving to Colorado where they owned and operated Motel X in Ute Pass. Mrs. Hansen was an avid bowler and was on two separate leagues until a year ago. Vivian is predeceased by her husband, David, on July 11, 2001 and two daughters: Carolee Shimon and Mary Peterson. She is survived by a daughter, Judy (Jim) Miner of Colorado Springs and a sister, Betty Hudner of Potomac Falls, VA., as well as seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. A graveside service will be Wednesday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. at Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou

Springs a reception will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to Pikes Peak Human Society in loving memory of Jake.

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EXHIBIT A - PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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That portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 13 South, Range 68 West of the 6th P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 24, whence the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9 bears 3 36 degrees 08' W, 635 feet; thence S 55 degrees 22' E on said Easterly right of way line, 605.3 feet; thence N 27 degrees 31' E, 722 feet; thence N 55 degrees 08' W, 513.8 feet; thence S 35 degrees 18' W, 723 feet to the Point of Beginning, EXCEPT any portion contained within U.S. Highway No. 24.

TOGETHER WITH the following water rights: Motel X Well No. 1 as decreed April 28, 1982, Water Division No. 2, Case 82CW5, and recorded in Book 3627 at Pages 691 - 693.

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2. The name other than the corporate name under which the business is carried on is:

ROCKY TOP MOTEL AND CAMPGROUND

3. Under the assumed name, the corporation operates a motel and campground in El Paso County, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, FREDRICK T. SMITH, President of the corporation, acknowledges that the statements made in this Certificate are true this <u>12</u> day of <u>1995</u>.

ROCKY TOP, INC.

FREDRICK T. SMITH, President

ATTEST:

CAROL A. SMITH, Secretary

STATE OF Clorado SS. COUNTY OF 2/

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by FREDRICK T. SMITH, as President of said Corporation, and CAROL A. SMITH as Secretary of said Corporation, who personally appeared before me and who being first duly sworn upon oath, declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document and that the statements therein contained are true, this <u>125</u> day of

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Commemorating 100 Years of the RV

For almost as long as there have been automobiles, recreational vehicles have been traversing America



The recreational vehicle turn 100 years old this year. According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, about 8.2 million households now own RVs. (Photograph from the collections of Al Hesselbart and the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum)

By Jim Morrison

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Every December 15, Kevin Ewert and Angie Kaphan celebrate a "nomadiversary," the anniversary of wedding their lives to their wanderlust. They sit down at home, wherever they are, and decide whether to spend another year motoring in their 40-foot recreational vehicle.

Their romance with the road began six years ago, when they bought an RV to go to Burning Man, the annual temporary community of alternative culture in the Nevada desert. They soon started taking weekend trips and, after trading up to a bigger RV, motored from San Jose to Denver and then up to Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Sturgis, Devil's Tower and through Yellowstone. They loved the adventure, and Ewert, who builds web applications, was able to maintain regular work hours, just as he'd done at home in San Jose.

So they sold everything, including their home in San Jose, where they'd met, bought an even bigger RV, and hit the road full time, modern-day nomads in a high-tech covered wagon. "What we're doing with the RV is blazing our own trail and getting out there and seeing all these places," Ewert says. "I think it's a very iconic American thing."

The recreational vehicle turns 100 years old this year. According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, about 8.2 million households now own RVs. They travel for 26 days and an average of 4,500 miles annually, according to a 2005 University of Michigan study. The institute estimates about 450,000 of them are full-time RVers like Ewert and Kaphan.

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Drivers began making camping alterations to cars almost as soon as they were introduced. The first RV was Pierce-Arrow's Touring Landau, which debuted at Madison Square Garden in 1910. The Landau had a back seat that folded into a bed, a chamber pot toilet and a sink that folded down from the back of the seat of the chauffeur, who was connected to his passengers via telephone. Camping trailers made by Los Angeles Trailer Works and Auto-Kamp Trailers also rolled off the assembly line beginning in 1910. Soon, dozens of manufacturers were producing what were then called auto campers, according to Al Hesselbart, the historian at the RV Museum and Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana, a city that produces 60 percent of the RVs manufactured in the United States today.

As automobiles became more reliable, people traveled more and more. The rise in popularity of the national parks attracted travelers who demanded more campsites. David Woodworth—a former Baptist preacher who once owned 50 RVs built between 1914 and 1937, but sold many of them to the RV Museum—says in 1922 you could visit a campground in Denver that had 800 campsites, a nine-hole golf course, a hair salon and a movie theater.

The Tin Can Tourists, named because they heated tin cans of food on gasoline stoves by the roadside, formed the first camping club in the United States, holding their inaugural rally in Florida in 1919 and growing to 150,000 members by the mid-1930s. They had an initiation; an official song, "The More We Get Together;" and a secret handshake.

Another group of famous men, the self-styled Vagabonds—Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and naturalist John Burroughs—caravaned in cars for annual camping trips from 1913 to 1924, drawing national attention. Their trips were widely covered by the media and evoked a desire in others to go car camping (regular folks certainly didn't have their means). They brought with them a custom Lincoln truck outfitted as a camp kitchen. While they slept in tents, their widely chronicled adventures helped promote car camping and the RV lifestyle. Later, CBS News correspondent Charles Kuralt captured the romance of life on the road with reports that started in 1967, wearing out motor homes by covering more than a million miles over the next 25 years in his "On the Road" series. "There's just something about taking your home with you, stopping wherever you want to and being in the comfort of your own home, being able to cook your own meals, that has really appealed to people," Woodworth says.

The crash of 1929 and the Depression dampened the popularity of RVs, although some people used travel trailers, which could be purchased for \$500 to \$1,000, as inexpensive homes. Rationing during World War II stopped production of RVs for consumer use, although some companies converted to wartime manufacturing, making units that served as mobile hospitals, prisoner transports and morgues.

After the war, the returning GIs and their young families craved inexpensive ways to vacation. The burgeoning interstate highway system offered a way to go far fast and that combination spurred a second RV boom that lasted through the 1960s.

Motorized RVs started to become popular in the late 1950s, but they were expensive luxury items that were far less popular than trailers. That changed in 1967 when Winnebago began mass-producing what it advertised as "America's first family of motor homes," five models from 16 to 27 feet long, which sold for as little as \$5,000. By then, refrigeration was a staple of RVs, according to Hesselbart, who wrote *The Dumb Things Sold Just Like That*, a history of the RV industry.

"The evolution of the RV has pretty much followed technology," Woodworth says. "RVs have always been as comfortable as they can be for the time period."

As RVs became more sophisticated, Hesselbart says, they attracted a new breed of enthusiasts interested less in camping and more in destinations, like Disney World and Branson, Missouri. Today, it seems that only your budget limits the comforts of an RV. Modern motor homes have convection ovens, microwaves, garbage disposals, washers and dryers, king-size beds, heated baths and showers and, of course, satellite dishes.

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"RVs have changed, but the reason people RV has been constant the whole time," Woodworth says. "You can stop right where you are and be at home."

Ewert chose an RV that features an office. It's a simple life, he says. Everything they own travels with them. They consume less and use fewer resources than they did living in a house, even though the gas guzzlers get only eight miles a gallon. They have a strict flip-flops and shorts dress code. They've fallen in love with places like Moab and discovered the joys of southern California after being northern California snobs for so long. And they don't miss having a house somewhere to anchor them. They may not be able to afford a house in Malibu down the street from Cher's place, but they can afford to camp there with a million-dollar view out their windows. They've developed a network of friends on the road and created NuRvers.com, a Web site for younger RV full-timers (Ewert is 47; Kaphan is 38).

Asked about their discussion on the next December 15, Ewert says he expects they'll make the same choice they have made the past three years—to stay on the road. "We're both just really happy with what we're doing," he says. "We're evangelical about this lifestyle because it offers so many new and exciting things."

About Jim Morrison



Jim Morrison is a freelance writer whose stories, reported from two dozen countries, have appeared in numerous publications including Smithsonian.com, *the New York Times*, and *National Wildlife*.

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WARBANTY DEED TO JOINT TENANTS-Out West Printing and Stationery Co., Colorado Springs, Colo. G89 No. 76 2572 This Deed, Made this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord WARRANTY DEED TO JOINT TENANTS Elea Smischny. etal of the County of _____CL Pass. and State of Colorado, of the first part, and TO Fred J. Russell Fred & Bussell and Myrtle B. Russell EliPass and State of Colorado, of the second part; etal of the County of..... Witnesseth, That the said part ical of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of STATE OF COLORADO, Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations DOLLARS, County of El Paso to the said part......of the first part in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and June 23 by these presents do.......grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto the said parties of the second part, not in tenancy in common but in joint tenancy, the survivor of them, their assigns and the heirs ..., 1947. Charles Ozias RECORDER. and assigns of such survivor forever, all the following described lot or parcel...... of land, situate, lying and being in the County of El Paso and State of Colorado, to-wit: a portion of the n. W. ~ of Section 9, Township 13 Louth Range 68 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, El Pass County, Colorado, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly right of way line of U.S. Nighway no. 24 at survey station 2031 + 96.7 of the said highway, whence the southwest corner of the northwest Quarter of the said Section 9 bears South 36° 08' West 635. feet; Thence South 55° 22' East on the Easterly right of way line of the said highway a distance of 605. 3 feet to survey station 2038+02 of the said highway; Thence north 27°31' East 722. feet; Thence north 55°08' West 513.8 feet; Thence South 35° 18' West 723 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 9.33 acres, more or less. I. R. STAMPS CANCELLED \$ 57.20 Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the said partily ... of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances. To Have and To Hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part; the survivor of them, their assigns and the heirs and assigns of such survivor forever. And the said partate of the first part, for the second part. the survivor of them, their assigns and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in law, in fee simple, and ha defined good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants, bargains, sales, liens, taxes, assessments and incumbrances of whatever kind or nature soever, subject to the 19+7 taxes due in 1948, and the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part, the survivor of them, their assigns and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part definition of the first part shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND. In Witness Whereof, The said part 12 of the first part ha we hereunto set their hand sealed the day and year first above written. Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Glea Smischnes Seal Ray L. Smischny Seali Seal. STATE OF COLORADO, COOPER }ss. County of ElPass The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this Witness my hand and official seal.

Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires. Nov. 6, 1948. Lucille Coopen

Notary Public.

