

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF use only)

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- Date _____ Initials _____
- Determined Eligible – National Register
- Determined Not Eligible – National Register
- Determined Eligible – State Register
- Determine Not Eligible – State Register
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible National Register District
- Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number: **5SM.1613**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **"Female Boardinghouse"**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Clark House**
- 7. Building Address: **123 E. Pacific Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Tricia Clark
P. O. Box 1198
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):

477901123014



THLD RATING:

Contributing to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **253070 mE** **4202266 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 5, 7, Block 8**
 Addition: **Popcorn Alley Subdivision** Year of addition:
13. Boundary description and justification:
This legally defined parcel encompasses, but does not exceed, the land historically associated with this property.
 Metes and bounds?: Describe:

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): **Rectangular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **Unknown**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Chimney**
21. General architectural description:
This small wood frame dwelling features a rectangular plan, with a front-gabled roof. The façade is set back approximately four feet from the concrete sidewalk which parallels Pacific Avenue on the south elevation. The building is supported by a non-historic concrete foundation, with a painted pale grey wood water table. The building's exterior walls are clad with painted pale grey horizontal wood siding, with painted purple 1" by 4" corner boards. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with metal roofing material. The eaves are boxed with painted purple and pale grey wood trim. The façade's upper gable end is decorated with a distinctive gable ornament, with a cross bar finial, and with vergeboard. A brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located on the roof ridge. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with an upper sash light, enters the east end of the façade from a 2-step wood stoop. A set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted wood frames and surrounds, penetrate the façade wall to the west of the entry door. There are no doors or windows on the east and west elevations. Another stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with an upper sash light, enters the east end of the north (rear) elevation from a 3-step wood stoop. A 1/1 double-hung sash window is located in the north elevation's upper gable end.
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**

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Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This small building, and other similar related buildings, are located on the north side of Pacific Avenue, in the block between Spruce and Pine Streets. The Silver Bell building is located to the east at the northwest corner of Spruce Street and Pacific Avenue. A small yard, shared with 121, 121 1/2, and 125/127 E. Pacific Avenue is located behind this building to the north.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects: **N/A**

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1896** Actual:

Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, February 1893 and December 1899.**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

28. Original owner: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

29. Construction history:

This small wood frame building was probably built in the 1890s. It was one of several bordello cribs erected along the north side of Pacific Avenue in an area that became known as "the line." Sanborn Insurance maps show that at least twenty such cribs were erected on Pacific Avenue, in the two blocks between Pine and Willow Streets alone, during the period between 1893 and 1899. This crib was moved to its current site circa 1925. This location was previously occupied by the back of the Silver Bell building, until it burned in July of 1923.

30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s): **circa 1925**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Brothel**

32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Brothel**

33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**

34. Site type(s): **Historically a bordello crib in Telluride's Red Light District.**

35. Historical background:

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36. Sources of information:

San Miguel County Assessor records.

San Miguel County Property Appraisal Record.

Sanborn Insurance maps, August 1886, October 1890, February 1893, December 1899, July 1904, November 1908, October 1922.

Simmons, Laurie and Whitacre, Christine. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No Date of designation:

Designating authority:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

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

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

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguished 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.

Telluride Standards for Designation:

- 7-505.A.1. The structure is representative of a unique historical social activity of an era
- 7-505.A.2. The structure dominates the neighborhood by virtue of its mass, architecture or location
- 7-505.A.3. The structure was an historically or architecturally important public building
- 7-505.A.4. The structure has a unique historical significance beyond a local level
- 7-505.A.5. The parcel was the site of an important historic event or activity
- 7-505.A.6. The structure has a "contributing or qualified contributing" rating on the THAS

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture, Commerce, Social History**

40. Period of significance: **1878-1913**

41. Level of significance: National: State: Local:

42. Statement of significance:

This building is historically significant for its early use as a bordello crib located along "the line" on Pacific Avenue, in the heart of Telluride's red light district. This and the few other bordello cribs which have been preserved, played an integral role in a significant, if in many ways undesirable, aspect of Telluride's society.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building displays a reasonably high standard of physical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Although precise details of the building's historic appearance are unknown, its early use as a bordello crib is well-documented, and it still clearly conveys a sense of its history as a contributing resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Contributing to District**

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes No

Discuss: **This property is located within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

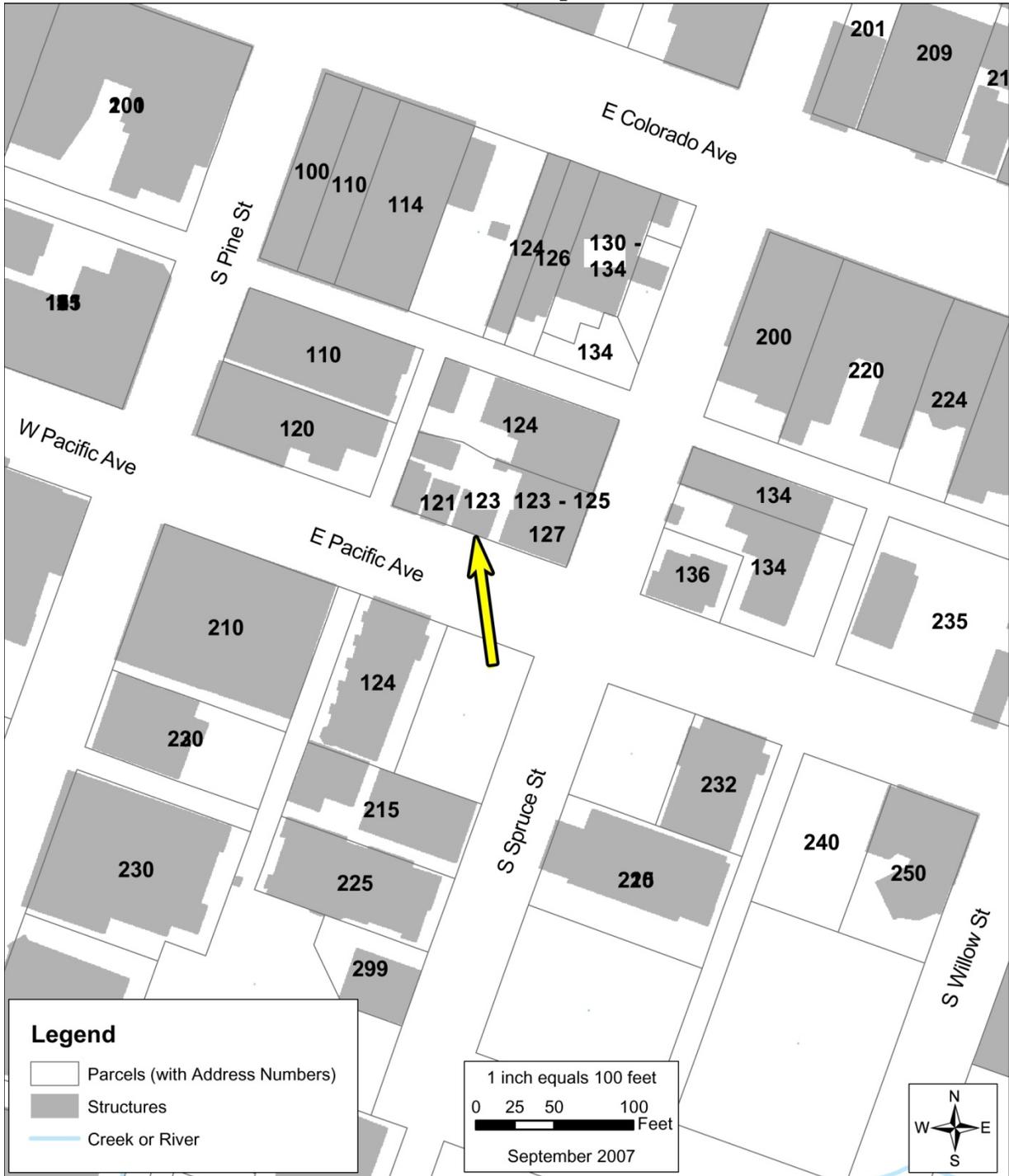
VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #5, Images 412-415 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building Dept. |
| 49. Date(s): | 08/31/2007; revised 4/10/2012 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams
Timothy Wilder | | Telluride, CO 81435 |
| 51. Organization: | Cultural Resource Historians | | |
| 52. Address: | Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, CO 80525 | | |
| 53. Phone number(s): | (970) 493-5270 | | |

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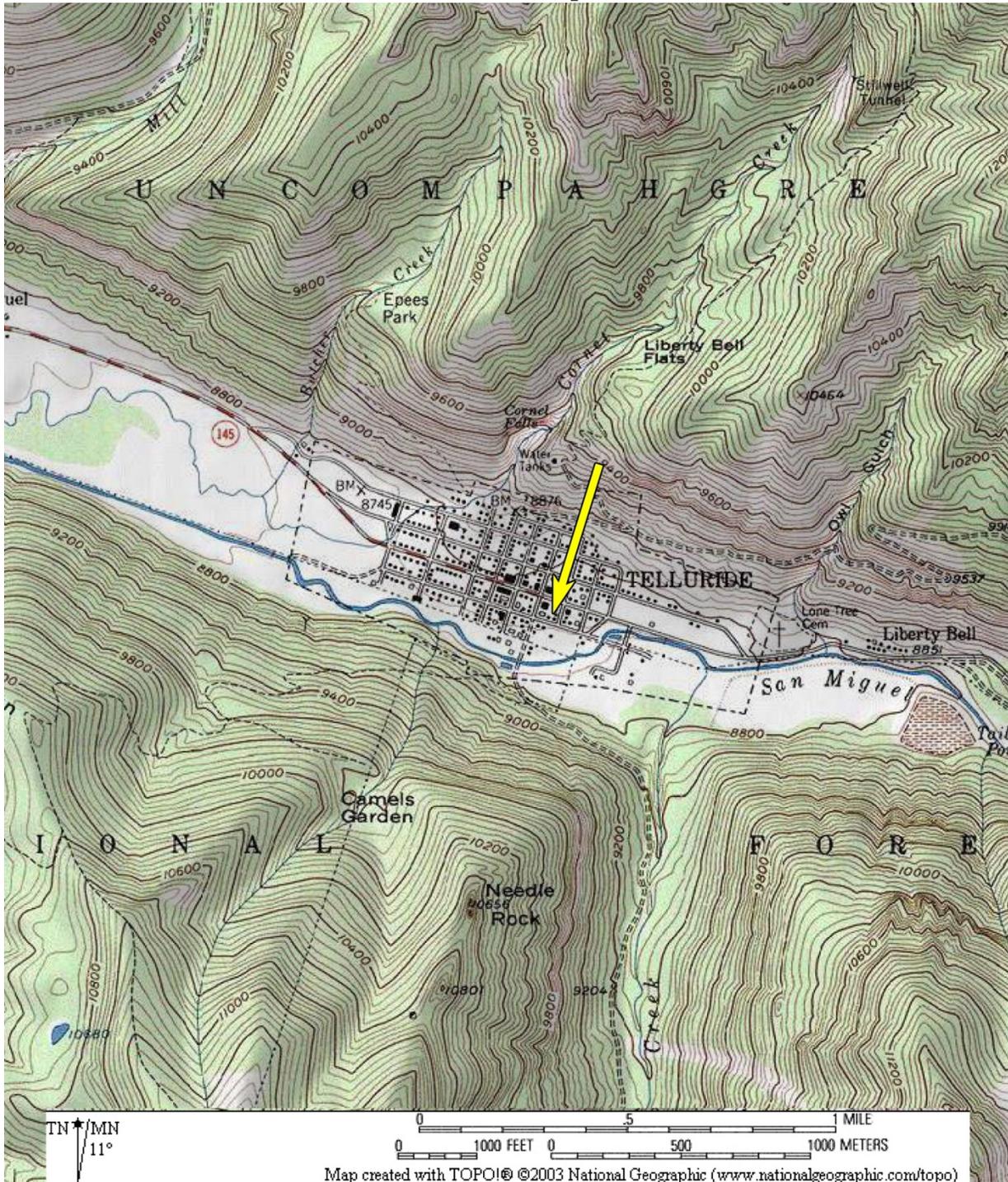
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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