

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination
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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.1657/THAS.184** Parcel number(s): **477901204014**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Swedish-Finn Temperance Hall**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Elks Lodge/ B.P.O.E. No. 692 Building**
- 7. Building Address: **472 W. Pacific Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Telluride Lodge No 692 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA
P. O. Box 986
Telluride, CO 814350986**



THLD RATING:	Primary - Contributing to District Privy - Contributing to District
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
 ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of ¼ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252590 mE** **4202392 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 21A, Block 6**
 Addition: **West Telluride Addition** Year of addition: **1891**
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: **1775 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Roof Treatment/Finial**
Facade Treatment/False Front
21. General architectural description:
Swede-Finn Hall is a tall, rectangular-shaped, wood frame building located at the southeast corner of West Pacific Avenue and Townsend Street. It is supported by a low concrete foundation, which is considerably higher at the building's south (rear) end than at the north (front) end, as the ground slopes upward from south to north. The building's exterior walls are clad with painted red horizontal weatherboard siding, with painted green 1" by 4" corner boards topped by wood capitals. The front gable roof is steeply-pitched, covered with corrugated metal roofing material, and with painted green boxed eaves. A false front wall on the façade (north elevation), covers most of the upper gable end, except for the topmost portion of the roof peak. Here, the dated "1899" appears in gold numerals, on a painted green belt course, in the upper gable end. A simple wooden gable ornament appears in the uppermost part of the upper gable end, while a tall wooden finial extends above the roof peak. The symmetrical façade fronts almost directly onto the concrete sidewalk which parallels Pacific Avenue on the north elevation. A set of paired, painted green with red and pale blue wood trim, wood-paneled doors enter the center of the façade. These doors are topped by a two-light transom, beneath a slightly projecting wood cornice with a dentil course. A set of elk antlers and a light fixture are affixed to the façade wall over the entry doors. Single 1/1 double-hung sash windows, with painted blue wood frames, painted green wood surrounds, and wood cornices with dentil courses, penetrate the façade wall on either side of the entry doors. The building's east elevation is penetrated by five 1/1 double-hung sash windows, and the west elevation is penetrated by three 1/1 double-hung sash windows. These windows feature painted blue wood frames, painted green wood surrounds, and wood

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cornices. A non-historic wood deck, with a wood railing extends across the south (rear) elevation, and wraps around to cover the south end of the west elevation. A painted green wood-paneled door, with red and pale blue wood trim, enters the east end of the south elevation.

22. Architectural style: Late Victorian/False Front Commercial

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

The Swede-Finn Hall/ B.P.O.E. No. 692 Building in Telluride is located at the southeast corner of West Pacific Avenue and Townsend Street. A tall flag pole is located at the front northwest corner of the property. The building is set back only a couple of feet from the front sidewalk; however, the small area in front of the building is nicely-landscaped with low native plants and flowers. Flower boxes are also located beneath the window sills on the façade.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Privy (THAS #184)
This privy was previously surveyed in July 1987 at 464 W. Pacific Avenue (5SM.1656), two buildings to the east. Thus, it was apparently moved a short distance to this property sometime after 1987. The privy now rests on a newer concrete slab foundation, and its exterior walls are made of horizontal wood planks with 1" by 4" corner boards. The walls were once painted green, however, the paint is now badly faded. The privy is covered by a side-gable roof, covered with deteriorated rolled green asphalt, laid over 1x wood decking. Two open doorways (the doors have been removed) are located on the west elevation. Historically a two-hole privy, the small building is now used for miscellaneous storage.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1899**
 Source of information: **Telluride Daily Journal, November 5, 1898, p. 6; Sanborn Insurance maps, February 1893, December 1899.**
26. Architect: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
27. Builder: **Unknown**
 Source of information: **N/A**
28. Original owner: **Swedish-Finn Temperance Association**
 Source of information: **Telluride Daily Journal, December 13, 1898, p. 4.**
29. Construction history:
The Swedish-Finn Temperance Hall was built in 1898-1899. The building's pending construction was reported on by the Telluride Daily Journal on November 5, 1898:
- "The Swedish-Finn Temperance Association, which was organized in this city two or three months ago, recently purchased a lot near the corner of Pacific avenue and Townsend street and are now having built thereon a temperance hall. This hall will be of good size and when completed will be twenty-five feet wide and 100 feet long and substantially built."**

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It is possible that the Swedish-Finn Temperance Association contracted for the building's construction, but it was more likely built by members of the organization.

30. Original location: Moved: _____ Date of move(s): _____

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Social/Meeting Hall**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Social/Meeting Hall**
33. Current use(s): **Social/Meeting Hall**
34. Site type(s): **Originally the Swedish-Finn Temperance Hall; presently the Elks Lodge (B.P.O.E. #692)**

35. Historical background:

Construction on the Swedish-Finn Temperance Hall was begun in late 1898, and the building was completed early the following year. It was built under the auspices of the Swedish-Finn Temperance Association which had been formed, and acquired this property, during the summer of 1898.

Immigrants from Scandinavia represented Telluride's largest ethnic population, and were divided culturally into three groups: "pure" Swedes, who generally settled in the vicinity of Tomboy Road, Finns (from Finland), and Swede-Finns, or Swedish-Finns, who generally settled in this area along West Pacific Avenue. Immigrants of Swede-Finn descent had been born in southern Finland, near the Swedish border, and spoke Swedish, not Finnish. Although they were born in Finland, Swede-Finns identified culturally more with Sweden than Finland.

After it was completed, this building became the focal point for Swede-Finn culture in Telluride, with dances, weddings, masquerade balls, parties, dinners, and any and all other social affairs held here on a regular basis. The following advertisement offering to lease the building for such events appeared in the Telluride *Daily Journal* as early as December 1898:

"New Temperance Hall

With stage, kitchens and all appurtenances can now be rented for balls, parties and entertainments at reasonable rates. Enquire of

John Sundquist, Proprietor

Located near Depot."

Organizations that used the building early on included the "Ninety-Nine Social Club" (described in the Journal as a "Telluride dancing club"), and the Swedish Literary Club. The first wedding to take place in the building may have been that of Miss Minnie Johnson and Mr. Ernest Freeman, officiated by Rev. H.E. Coleman on May 20, 1899.

In more recent years, the building has served as the meeting place for the Telluride Elks Club (B.P.O.E. No. 692).

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36. Sources of information:

Buys, Christian J. *Historic Telluride in Rare Photographs*. Ouray: Western Reflections, Inc., 1998, pp. 238-239.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection. <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, November 5, 1898, p. 6.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, December 13, 1898, p. 4.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, January 14, 1899, p. 3.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, February 24, 1899, p. 4.

"Swedish Literary Club." Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 4, 1899, p. 1.

Telluride *Daily Journal*, May 22, 1899, p. 2.

Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, San Miguel, County, Colorado, Central Telluride precinct (reference

John Sundquist).

Pera, Davine (comp.). *Conversations at 9,000 Feet A Collection of Oral Histories From Telluride, Colorado*. Ouray:

Western Reflections Publishing Company, 2000, pp. 174-177.

Plaque on building's façade

San Miguel County Assessor records.

San Miguel County Commercial Property Appraisal Record.

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

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

"Trommer, Rosemerry Wahtola. *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour*. Telluride: Telluride Historical Museum, 2001.

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

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39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture, Ethnic Heritage/European, Social History**

40. Period of significance: **1899; 1899-1913**

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

42. Statement of significance:

The Swedish-Finn Temperance Hall is historically significant, under National Register Criterion A, because it served as the social focal point for Telluride's citizens of Swedish-Finn descent. The building is also architecturally significant, under National Register Criterion C, as a representative example of a wood frame building constructed as a meeting hall, and for such features as its false-front façade. Meeting halls such as this represent an important property type in Telluride, and mining towns generally, and were of singular importance to the community's ethnic and social history. As such, this building may be considered individually eligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers, and it rates as a contributing resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. The privy at the rear of the lot (THAS #184) also rates as a contributing resource within the landmark district.

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. A non-historic wood deck on the rear elevation diminishes its integrity to a small degree.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **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

47. Photograph number(s): **CD #5, Images 586-592** CDs filed at: **Town of Telluride**

48. Report title: **Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures** **Planning and Building Dept.**

49. Date(s): **09/30/2007; revised 4/10/2012** **113 West Columbia Avenue**

50. Recorder(s): **Carl McWilliams** **Telluride, CO 81435**
Timothy Wilder

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **Dogwood Court**
Fort Collins, CO 80525

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Sketch Map



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Location Map

