

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.1667/THAS.196**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Backman House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Shuteran House**
- 7. Building Address: **529 W. Pacific Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Sharon E. Shuteran Trust
P.O. Box 748
Telluride, CO 814350748**

Parcel number(s):



THLD RATING:

Primary - Contributing to District
Barn/Granary - Contributing to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252527 mE** **4202471 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 8, Block 8**
 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: **Length: 38 feet x Width: 21 feet**
16. Number of stories: **2 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Shingle**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch**
Chimney
Fence
21. General architectural description:
This is a 1.5-story, wood frame, rectangular-shaped, wood frame dwelling. It is supported by a low concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are primarily clad with stained brown horizontal weatherboard siding; although, stained brown octagon wood shingles cover the façade's first story and upper gable end. The house's front gable roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with metal roofing material. The eaves are boxed with stained brown boxed eaves, and a red brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located on the ridge. Non-historic skylights penetrate the east and west roof slopes. The house features an asymmetrical façade which faces toward West Pacific Avenue on the south elevation. A painted brown wood-paneled front door, with an upper sash light and an opaque transom light, enters the east end of the façade from a 4-step wood porch. The numerals "529" are etched in the transom glass above the door. The front porch features a stained brown open wood railing, painted green and yellow turned columns with painted green wood brackets, a sawtooth frieze, and a hipped porch roof. A prominent hip-roofed canted bay, with three single-light windows and a painted yellow sawtooth frieze is located to the west of the front entry porch. A painted brown wood-paneled door enters the west (side) elevation from a 2-step porch. This side porch features a wood plank floor, chamfered wood post supports, and a shed roof. Another painted brown wood-paneled door, with nine upper sash lights and a transom light, enters the

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house at the west end of the north (rear) elevation. Windows on the dwelling's east, west, and north elevations are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted red wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.

22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on the north side of West Pacific Avenue in the block between Townsend and Davis Streets. A small planted grass front yard is enclosed by an unpainted picket fence.

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

<p>Barn/Granary (THAS #196)</p> <p>A tall, angular, two-story secondary building is located adjacent to the alley at the rear northwest corner of the property. This wood frame structure measures 18.5' N-S by 12.5' E-W. It is supported by a wood timbers on grade foundation, and has a wood plank floor. The exterior walls are clad with old, narrow, horizontal weatherboard siding, while the interior walls are made of horizontal wood planks, nailed to 2x wood studs. The building's walls and floor are tightly-constructed, indicating that it perhaps was used as a granary. The front gable roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with deteriorated red asphalt roofing material laid over 1x wood decking. A vertical wood plank door enters the north elevation. A painted red wood-paneled door enters the south elevation from a wood stoop. A single-light fixed-pane window penetrates the south elevation, and another window opening is located in the south elevation's upper gable end. This building is suffering from neglect, and is in deteriorated condition. It is leaning to the west.</p>
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IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1901** Actual:
- Source of information: **San Miguel County Assessor records; Sanborn Insurance maps, December 1899 and July 1904.**
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:
- San Miguel County Assessor records list 1901 as this house's year of construction. This date is probably accurate because Sanborn Insurance maps provide corroborating evidence that the house was built sometime between December of 1899 and July of 1904. Later Sanborn maps indicate that the barn/granary structure at the rear northwest corner of the property was erected in the years between 1908 and 1922. This was perhaps one of two residences under construction on West Pacific Avenue in the fall of 1901, as reported by the *Telluride Daily Journal* on October 21st of that year.**

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"A walk down West Pacific avenue will convince a person of the coming importance of that end of town as a residence part. Two large, roomy, two story residences are under way, and numerous new additions and outhouses are in evidence."

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

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
 32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
 33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
 34. Site type(s): **Single family dwelling**

35. Historical background:

San Miguel County Assessor records, Sanborn Insurance maps, and *Telluride Journal* newspaper articles, indicate that this house was probably built in 1901. A previous inventory form for this property (prepared by Front Range Research Associates in May 1986), presents the following historical information regarding this property:

"This was the residence of John and Selma [sic] Backman (sometimes seen as Bachman). Their son, William Backman, owned the building as recently as 1978. The Backmans kept cows and sold the milk. Mrs. Backman also took in Laundry."

John Backman, and his wife Salma J. Backman, are listed as residents of the West Telluride precinct in the 1920 United States census. According to this source, Mr. and Mrs. Backman were both natives of Finland, John having been born there in 1874, and Salma in 1881. The 1920 census also reveals that Mr. and Mrs. Backman had three sons: Rudolph, age 19, Albert, age 10, and Art, age 8. John Backman's occupation is listed as "Janitor-Stamp Mill," while son Rudolph's occupation is listed as "Machinist-Foundry." Rudolph, thus, was most likely employed at the nearby Telluride Iron Works. The Backman family is not listed in the 1900 or 1910 census records; however Telluride Journal newspaper articles contain references to a Mr. and Mrs. John Backman as early as February of 1899.

More recent San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this property was owned by Ken S. Stack between circa 1979 and 1982. Mr. Stack apparently sold the property to Sharon Shuteran in April of 1982, and she has owned it from that time to the present. A 7th Judicial District San Miguel County Judge, the Honorable Sharon E. Shuteran graduated from the University of Denver Law School in 1978, and was appointed to the San Miguel County Court in 1984. Judge Shuteran died in 2012.

36. Sources of information:

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

***Telluride Journal*, February 4, 1899, p. 2.**

***Telluride Journal*, October 21, 1901.**

***Telluride Journal*, June 19, 1902, p. 3.**

***Telluride Journal*, November 6, 1913, p. 3.**

"Colorado Judicial Branch - Honorable Sharon E. Shuteran." www.court.states.co.us/district/

Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, San Miguel, County, Colorado, West Telluride precinct.

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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, Ethnic Heritage/European, Settlement**

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

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

42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development beginning just after the turn of the twentieth century. Both of the property's extant dwellings are architecturally significant as well. The house is architecturally notable for its representative rectangular-shaped front gabled plan, and for its Late Victorian era details such as the prominent bay window on the façade, decorative wood shingles, a corbelled brick chimney, and bracketed porch columns with a spindle frieze. The barn/granary is architecturally significant for its tightly-built construction, and because it is among Telluride's least altered secondary buildings. This property displays an overall high standard of physical integrity, and as such, both the primary residence and the barn/granary may be considered "contributing" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays a 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. There have been no additions, and no adverse alterations, to either the house or barn. The barn/granary is suffering badly from neglect, however.

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

47. Photograph number(s):	CD #5, Images 564-571	CDs filed at:	Town of Telluride
48. Report title:	Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures		Planning and Building Department
49. Date(s):	09/30/2007; 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		

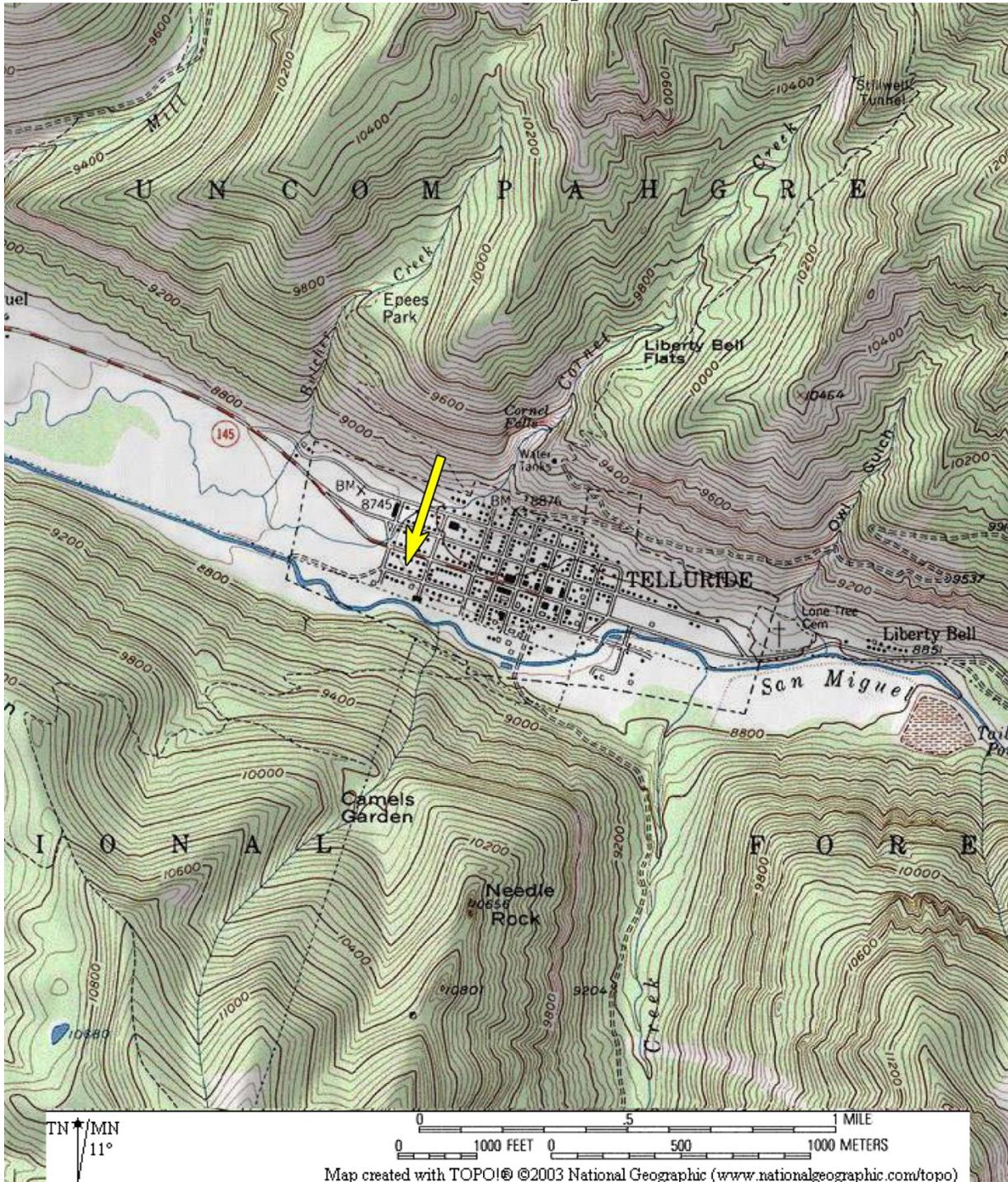
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Sketch Map



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Location Map



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