

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHHP 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.1607**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **"The Good Time Society" Building**
- 7. Building Address: **136 S. Spruce Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **John P. Reynolds and Bundi G. Reynolds
2017 Bridgelake Drive
Birmingham, AL 35244**

Parcel number(s):

477901124007



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** **253109 mE** **4202251 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 8, Block 10**
 Addition: **Telluride Original Townsite** Year of addition: **1883**
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: **2055 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1 1/2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Vertical Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features:
Porch
Fence
Garage/Attached Garage
Chimney
21. General architectural description:
This is a 1.5-story wood frame, front gabled building, with single-story shed-roof extensions to its north and east elevations. The shed-roofed extension to the north elevation appears to have been used as a garage, while the shed-roofed extension to the east (rear) elevation comprises an enclosed rear porch. The building's exterior walls are clad with painted light blue board-and-batten, with painted black 1" by 4" corner boards. The gable roof is steeply-pitched, and is covered with metal roofing material. The eaves are close, a red brick chimney is located on the ridge, and three non-historic skylights penetrate the south-facing roof slope. A painted blue wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the west elevation (façade) from a small wood porch. A set of paired board-and-batten garage doors, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, enter the shed-roofed garage extension at the north end of the façade. A painted blue wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters the enclosed shed-roofed porch on the east elevation from a small wood deck. Windows are a combination of original 1/1 double-hung sash, and non-original single-light fixed-panes and casements.

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A plaque with the following text is affixed to the façade wall:

THE
GOOD TIME
SOCIETY
EST. 1899
EARLY BORDELLO
"DIZZY'S CRIB"

22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located at the northeast corner of Pacific Avenue and Spruce Street, in the heart of what was Telluride's "Red Light District" in the 1890s and early 1900s.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1917**
Source of information: **San Miguel County Assessor records; Sanborn Insurance maps, November 1908 and October 1922.**
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 1917 as this building's year of construction. This date is probably correct because Sanborn Insurance maps provide corroborating evidence that the building was erected between 1908 and 1922. The building's use on the 1922 map is labeled "FB" (Female Boardinghouse). The Sanborn maps also indicate that the two shed-roofed extensions probably both postdate 1922. Earlier Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that a smaller log building had previously existed on this lot, however. Built between 1886 and 1890, the small log building is labeled "Dwg." (Dwelling) on the 1890 Sanborn map, while on the 1893 and 1899 Sanborn maps it is labeled "FB" (Female Boardinghouse). The small log building had been removed by 1904, as Sanborn maps published that year and in 1908 show this property as vacant.
30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s):

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V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Brothel**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Domestic/Single Dwelling**
34. Site type(s): **Single family dwelling (originally a prostitution crib in Telluride's Red Light district).**
35. Historical background:
- This property was first developed in the years between 1886 and 1890 with the construction of a small log structure which served as a prostitution crib in Telluride's Red Light District until it was razed or moved between 1900 and 1904. The property then sat vacant until the extant building was constructed in 1917. This building reportedly served as a prostitution crib for a number of years until it later became a residence. A plaque on the building's façade contains the following text: "THE GOOD TIME SOCIETY EST. 1899 EARLY BORDELLO DIZZY'S CRIB." A previous inventory form for this property (prepared by Front Range Research Associates in 1986), indicates that the building, and/or the earlier log building at this location were known variously as "Goofy's Crib," "Dizzy's Crib," and the "Good Time Society." The sources of these names are unknown. In the 1890s and early 1900s a row of several small prostitution cribs (or female boardinghouses as they were labeled on Sanborn maps) were located along Pacific Avenue, in the area east of Pine Street.**
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.

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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**
40. Period of significance: **Circa 1917**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local:

42. Statement of significance:

This building is historically significant for its original use as a bordello, and its related association with Telluride's socioeconomic development as a mining town during the early 1900s. It is also architecturally significant for its representative vernacular wood frame front gabled plan. Despite a modest loss of integrity, this building should be rated as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic 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. Two early additions are compatible with the building's original construction. There have been no recent additions or adverse alterations to the historic building.

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 296-300** 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** **Telluride, CO 81435**
Timothy Wilder
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

