

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

Official Eligibility Determination OAHF1403

- 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

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|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Resource number:           | <b>5SM,1778/THAS.124</b>  | Parcel number(s): | <b>456536420009</b> |
| 2. Temporary resource number: | <b>N/A</b>  |                   |                     |
| 3. County:                    | <b>San Miguel</b>   |                   |                     |
| 4. City:                      | <b>Telluride</b>  |                   |                     |
| 5. Historic Building Name:    | <b>Pheasey House, Visintin House, Wunderlich House</b>                          |                   |                     |
| 6. Current Building Name:     | <b>Wunderlich House</b>   |                   |                     |
| 7. Building Address:          | <b>226 N. Spruce Street</b>   |                   |                     |
| 8. Owner Name and Address:    | <b>Eugene A. Wunderlich<br/>22875 Lindrick Court<br/>Murrieta, CA 925625076</b> |                   |                     |



<b>THLD RATING:</b>	<b>Primary - Contributing to District Barn - Contributing to District</b>
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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253198 mE** **4202472 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 16, Block 32**  
 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: **1314 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Asbestos**
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 residence of a main 1½-story front gabled section and two pre-1922, single-story, shed-roofed extensions to the east (rear) elevation. The main gabled section measures 18' N-S (across) by 26½' E-W (deep). The two shed-roofed extensions respectively measure 12' by 18' and 8' by 18'. The house is supported by a low, unpainted, poured concrete foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with cream white color undulated asbestos shingle siding. The front gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and painted white boxed eaves. The two shed-roofed extensions also have metal roofing material and painted white boxed eaves. A red brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located near the east end of the roof ridge. The home's windows are entirely single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. The asymmetrical facade faces Spruce Street on the west elevation. A stained natural brown solid wood door, with three diagonal upper sash lights and with a transom light, enters the north end of the facade from an open front porch. This porch covers the entire facade, measuring 18' N-S by 6' E-W. The porch features a poured concrete floor, painted white turned columns with brackets, a delicate scalloped frieze and a low-pitched hipped roof with a small intersecting gable. A rear entry door, covered by a white storm door, leads into the east end of the north elevation**
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**

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Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

**Located on the east side of N. Spruce Street, this is the second property south of Galena Avenue. The house is flanked by a large planted grass yard, with modest landscaping features, and with a black wrought iron fence paralleling the front sidewalk. A narrow grass strip is located between the front sidewalk and the curb along Spruce Street. The terrain is flat.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Barn (THAS #124)**

**A historic barn (THAS #124) is located near the rear northeast corner of the property. This structure consists of a gabled section, to the north, which measures 10' N-S by 16' E-W, and a shed-roofed section, to the south, which measures approximately 10' N-S by 25' E-W. The barn's exterior walls and roof are clad with corrugated metal. A set of paired vertical wood plank doors, side-hinged with metal strap hinges, face the alley on the east elevation. A horizontal wood plank door is at the south end of the west elevation. Two 6-light windows penetrate the west elevation. Another window opening on the south elevation is covered by a vertical wood plank shutter, side-hinged with metal strap hinges.**

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction:      Estimate:                      Actual:      **1895**  
 Source of information:      **Sanborn Insurance maps, February 1893 and December 1899; San Miguel County Assessor files; Simmons, Laurie and Christine Whitacre. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.**
26. Architect:                      **Unknown**  
 Source of information:      **N/A**
27. Builder:  
 Source of information:
28. Original owner:  
 Source of information:
29. Construction history:  
**Sanborn Insurance maps and other sources reveal that the main 1½-story front gabled section of this house was built in 1895. The Sanborn maps also indicate that the house's two shed-roofed extensions predate 1922. The southern, shed-roofed section, of the barn appears to have been constructed prior to 1899, probably at about the same time the house was built. The north, gabled section, was erected between 1908 and 1922.**
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 Residence**
35. Historical background:

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Sanborn Insurance maps and San Miguel County Assessor records indicate that this house was built in 1895. Three members of the Pheasey (Pheasy?) family are listed as the home's residents in the 1900 federal census: Jane Pheasey, a widow, age 68, her son Fred Pheasey, age 32, and her daughter Alice Pheasey, age 18. According to the census, Jane Pheasey had been born in England in August of 1832 and immigrated to the United States in 1891. In addition to Fred and Alice, Mrs. Pheasey had given birth to ten other children. The 1900 census also indicates that Fred Pheasey had immigrated in 1886, while Alice had immigrated with her mother in 1891. Mrs. Pheasey apparently passed away during the period between 1900 and 1910. Fred and Alice, however, remained area residents for some period. Fred Pheasey operated a livery business in Telluride. Alice Pheasey was wed to Kenneth A. McLean, here in the family's North Spruce Street home, in April of 1901.

For much of the twentieth century, and extending into the twenty-first century, this house was owned and occupied by members of the Visintin and Wunderlich families who were related by marriage. Brothers Oscar and Herman Wunderlich were German immigrants who arrived in Telluride in the years surrounding the turn of the twentieth century. Colorado business directories list Oscar Wunderlich as a saloonkeeper in Telluride, beginning in 1904, and by 1910, he was the proprietor of the Telluride Beer Hall on East Colorado Avenue, in partnership with Emanuele Visintin. Later, in the 1920s, Oscar was co-owner with Irene Wichman, of the Golden Rule Store in Telluride. Oscar and his wife Hedwig (Hettie) lived at 504 W. Colorado Avenue (5SM.1570) until moving to a house on North Oak Street which was destroyed by the Cornet Creek Flood of July 27, 1914. Herman Wunderlich and his wife Cristine resided on Spruce Street during the early 1900s, apparently not at this location, however, as census records indicate their home on Spruce Street was south of Colorado Avenue.

Oscar and Hettie Wunderlich had two children, a son, Albert "Dutch" born in 1913, and a daughter, Helen born in 1920. Dutch Wunderlich was married to Elvira Visintin, the daughter of his father's business partner. Dutch and Elvira then resided at 218 North Spruce Street for many years prior to Dutch's death in 1963. Born in Telluride on July 4, 1914, Elvira was the daughter of Emanuele and Ermida (Canestrini) Visintin, and the sister of Irene Visintin who had been born in Telluride on January 4, 1913. Emanuele (born December 18, 1876) and Ermida (born November 11, 1886) were both Austrian immigrants who met in Telluride where they were married in St. Patrick's Church in 1912. Ermida had been married previously for a year-and-a-half; however, her first husband (name unknown) died while working at the Liberty Bell Mine. Ermida then went to work for a Mrs. Cologne who ran a boardinghouse on East Colorado Avenue, and it was there that she met Emanuele. Their daughters, Irene and Elvira Visintin, were both graduates of Telluride High School, with Irene serving as the Valedictorian for the class of 1931.

Dutch Wunderlich was a prominent community leader, serving on the Telluride Town Board in the years prior to his death in 1963. Elvira took over as a Town Board member after her husband's passing, and later served as the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk. Descendant Eugene Wunderlich is the present (2011) owner of this North Spruce Street home.

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36. Sources of information:

- Buys, Christian J.** *Historic Telluride in Rare Photographs*. Ouray: Western Reflections, Inc., 1998.  
**Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.**  
**Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection.** <http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.  
 "A Pretty Wedding." Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 19, 1901, p. 1.  
**Denver Public Library, Western History and Genealogy, DPL Western History Photos database.**  
<http://www.photoswest.org>  
**Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, San Miguel, County, Colorado, (reference Visintin and Wunderlich).**  
**Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, San Miguel, County, Colorado, (reference Visintin and Wunderlich).**  
**Pera, Davine (comp.).** *Conversations at 9,000 Feet A Collection of Oral Histories From Telluride, Colorado*. Ouray: Western Reflections Publishing Company, 2000.  
**San Miguel County Assessor records.**  
**San Miguel County Commercial 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.  
**Telluride Museum Digital Photo Collection:** <http://www.telluridemuseum.org>  
**Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910, San Miguel, County, Colorado, (reference Wunderlich).**  
**Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900, San Miguel, County, Colorado, (reference Pheasey).**

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### 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).
- xx** 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
- xx** 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**
40. Period of significance: **1895**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local: **xx**

42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction in 1895. The house is also historically significant for its long associations with members of the Pheseay family, who were immigrants from England, and for its later association with the Visintin and Wunderlich families. The dwelling is architecturally significant, as well, for its representative front gabled plan and modest scale, and for its Late Victorian era porch details. Displaying an overall high standard of integrity, the primary structure and barn both rate as "contributing" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

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. The application of asbestos shingle siding (which probably dates to the 1950s) is the only notable alteration to the historic residence, since the end of the Landmark District's period of significance. The historic secondary building (THAS #124) also displays a high standard of integrity. A sense of time and place remains very much intact, relative to how this property appeared during the very late 1800s and the early decades of the twentieth century.**

### 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 48-54** CDs filed at: **Town of Telluride**
48. Report title: **Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures** **Planning and Building Department**
49. Date(s): **August 8, 2011** **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

