

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination  
(OAHF use only)

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Architectural Inventory Form

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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.1774**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Taylor House, Wood House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Bayleaf Holdings LLC House**
- 7. Building Address: **320 N. Spruce Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Bayleaf Holdings, LLC  
P. O. Box 1827  
Telluride, CO 814351827**

Parcel number(s):	<b>456536419007</b>



THLD RATING:

Contributing to District

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### II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**NE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253225 mE** **4202547 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 6, Block 33**  
 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: **1055 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney, Fence**
21. General architectural description:  
**This single-story wood frame dwelling features a main cross gabled section, which measures 19' N-S (across) by 40' E-W (deep), and a shed-roofed extension to the east (rear) elevation which measures 18½-feet N-S by 8' E-W. The house is supported by an unpainted sandstone foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted light green horizontal wood siding with painted dark green 1" by 4" corner boards. The cross gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and painted green boxed eaves. Ornate gable ornaments are in the upper gable ends on the west, south, and east elevations. There are two chimneys: one is a stone fireplace chimney near the west end of the north elevation; the other is a red brick chimney on the ridge. The asymmetrical facade faces Spruce Street on the east elevation. A wood-paneled front door is painted green with purple trim. This door has one upper sash light, it is covered by a green metal storm door, and it enters the facade from a 5-step open front porch. The porch features a tongue-in-groove wood floor, a painted green open wood railing, turned columns with pierced brackets, a pierced frieze, and a low-pitched hipped porch roof. The underside of the porch is finished with bead board skirting. A painted green wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and covered by a green metal storm door, enters the shed-roofed extension on the east elevation. A hipped-roof boxed bay, with a single-light fixed-pane window and flanking 1.1 double-hung sash windows, is at the east end of the south elevation. The north elevation is penetrated by an oculus window. Windows elsewhere are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash with painted purple wood frames and painted green wood surrounds.**

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22. Architectural style: **Late Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This well-maintained property is located on the east side of Spruce Street, the second house south of Gregory Avenue, in the area of Telluride known as Catholic Hill. A planted grass front lawn, with two spruce trees, is defined by a rounded stone retaining wall. A grove of deciduous trees is south of the house. A wood privacy fence extends along the north property line.**

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

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1896**  
 Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 25, 1896, p. 1; 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: **Harry Taylor**  
 Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, April 25, 1896, p. 1**

29. Construction history:

**This house was built in 1896 as a residence for the family of Harry Taylor. The Telluride *Daily Journal* reported on the home's pending construction on April 25, 1896:**

**Harry Taylor, proprietor of the American House barber shop, has purchased of Deacon Cronkleton lot 6 in block 33, on north Spruce street, and will commence the erection of a nice residence thereon.**

**As depicted on Sanborn Insurance maps through 1904, the original dwelling had two porches, one at either end of the south elevation. The 1908 and 1922 Sanborn maps depict the dwelling as it exists today, however, with a front porch facing Spruce Street on the west elevation, and with the earlier porches fully enclosed.**

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**

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35. Historical background:

This house was built in 1896, a period of tremendous growth, as Telluride boomed as a gold mining town following the national financial panic and repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act in 1893. Harry and Alice Taylor were the home's original residents having purchased the property from Seth B. Cronkleton in April 1896. Harry Taylor had been born in Michigan in August 1868, while Alice (maiden name unknown) was born in Indiana, in November 1869. They were married circa 1894; a daughter named Guertha [sp.?] was born in June 1895. Mr. Taylor was proprietor of the American House barbershop in the late 1890s and early 1900s. The Taylors did not live in this house for long, as by 1900 they had moved to 319 Pine Street. Albert and Cassie Wood were the home's next residents at the turn of the twentieth century, according to U. S. census records. Albert Wood was born in Canada in October of 1866, and immigrated to the United States when he was fifteen years old. His wife, Cassie (maiden name unknown), was born in Wisconsin in February 1873. They were married circa 1896, and may have been this home's original residents. The 1900 census lists Mr. Wood's occupation as prospector. Albert and Cassie Wood were not found as Telluride residents in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 federal census records. Biographical information about other families and individuals who lived in this house during the early 1900s has not been uncovered. Lloyd and T. K. Andrews, of North Brook, Illinois, owned this property in the 1980s. More recent owners include Miranda R. Smith, Kenneth Bailey, and Bayleaf Holdings, LLC.

36. Sources of information:

"San Miguel County Assessor Data Site." <http://sanmiguel.valuwest.net>

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 Christine Whitacre. Historic Building Inventory Record, May 1986.

Telluride Historical Museum. [www.telluridemuseum.org](http://www.telluridemuseum.org)

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

U. S. Census Records.

## VI. SIGNIFICANCE

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

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

**xx** 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;

**xx** 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
- xx** 7-505.A.6. The structure has a "contributing or qualified contributing" rating on the THAS

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture, Settlement**
40. Period of significance: **Circa 1896**
41. Level of significance: National: State: Local: **xx**

42. Statement of significance:

**This house is historically significant for its association with residential development in Telluride dating from the time of its construction circa 1896. The house is also architecturally significant for its Late Victorian era style and details. Notable architectural elements include the asymmetrical plan, gable ornaments in the upper gable ends, a bay window on the south elevation, and the highly decorative front porch. Significant porch elements include the turned columns with pierced brackets, a pierced frieze, and bead board skirting. Displaying a high degree of integrity, this property is individually eligible for inclusion in the National of Historic Places and in the State Register of Historic Properties. The property also rates as a "contributing" resource 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. There are no additions and no notable adverse alterations to the historic residence. A sense of time and place remains intact, relative to how this property appeared during the early decades of the twentieth century.**

### 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:

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## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	<b>CD #5, Images 36-39</b>	CDs filed at:	<b>Town of Telluride</b>
48. Report title:	<b>Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures</b>		<b>Planning and Building Department</b>
49. Date(s):	<b>August 8, 2011</b>		<b>113 West Columbia Avenue</b>
50. Recorder(s):	<b>Carl McWilliams Timothy Wilder</b>		<b>Telluride, CO 81435</b>
51. Organization:	<b>Cultural Resource Historians</b>		
52. Address:	<b>Dogwood Court Fort Collins, CO 80525</b>		
53. Phone number(s):	<b>(970) 493-5270</b>		

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## Sketch Map



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## Location Map

