

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination
(OAHF 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.1718**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Unknown**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Cowart House**
- 7. Building Address: **100 Block N. Townsend Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Trent E. and Janice R. Cowart
2805 Oak Trail Court #6458
Arlington, TX 76106**

Parcel number(s):	456536315025



THLD RATING:

Supporting to District

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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252643 mE** **4202543 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 1, 2, Block 9**
 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: **695 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Cross Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Decorative Shingles, Garage / Attached Garage**
21. General architectural description:
This residence comprises a single-story, cross-gabled dwelling with an attached garage in its north end. It is supported by a concrete foundation, while its exterior walls are clad with painted peach color horizontal weatherboard with painted white 1" by 4" corner boards. Painted peach color variegated wood shingles appear in the upper gable ends on the south and east elevations. The cross-gabled roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material and painted white boxed eaves. Windows are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds. A stained or painted brown a5-light glass-in-wood-frame door enters the south end of an enclosed hipped roof porch which forms the south end of the façade (east elevation). The enclosed porch is approached by a 4-step wooden stoop with a wooden railing. Two 25-light fixed-pane windows penetrate the enclosed porch's east elevation. A painted brown wood-paneled door, with four upper sash lights, enters the north end of the façade from an open shed-roofed porch. This porch features a poured concrete floor, and three painted white turned columns which support the porch roof. A white metal-paneled garage door provides vehicular access into the attached garage from the alley on the north elevation.
22. Architectural style: **No Defined Style**
- Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This dwelling is located on the west side of Townsend Street, just south of the alley between Colorado and Columbia Avenues. There is a small planted grass front yard, and a gravel parking lot behind the dwelling to the west.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1897** Actual:
 Source of information: **Historic Building Inventory Record, prepared by Laurie Simmons and Christine Whitacre, May 1986.**

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:
Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that this dwelling was located on this lot sometime after October of 1922. Earlier Sanborn maps do depict a dwelling on this property; however, its footprint does not match that of the extant dwelling, and it is oriented differently on the lot. The previous (1986) inventory for this property indicates the house was built elsewhere in 1897 and moved to this location at a later date. The north end of the dwelling was converted into a garage prior to 1986.

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:
This dwelling is located behind the residence at 501 W. Colorado Avenue, and was historically associated with that property. Sanborn maps and the previous (1986) survey indicate that the dwelling was moved to this location after 1922. Part of the house was converted into a garage prior to 1986. From the 1980s to the present, this property has been owned by Trent and Janice Cowart of Arlington, Texas, according to San Miguel County Assessor records.

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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.

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

Town of Telluride Planning Department files.

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

39. Area(s) of significance: **Architecture**

40. Period of significance: **ca. 1925**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

Although moved from its original location, this building rates as a contributing (supporting) resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. This evaluation is in accordance with National Register Bulletin 4 "Contribution of Moved Buildings to Historic Districts" which states: "A building moved within a district, or a building not previously listed which is moved into a district may be considered contributing if the building has retained basic historical and architectural integrity, and is appropriate to the architectural character and historical period of the district." And further: "The placement of the building on the new site must not diminish the significance of the district as a whole, nor alter the historic spatial organization of the district, nor the relationships of the buildings and their settings." Bulletin 4 also notes: "The size and character of the listed or certified district are major factors in determining whether a moved building can be satisfactorily incorporated into the district. Very small districts, or districts within which the lot sizes, configuration, or other spatial relationships of the buildings are of primary significance, may be unable to absorb moved buildings." The Telluride National Historic Landmark District is relatively large, and as a result is able to absorb moved buildings. The district's lot sizes, building configurations, and spatial relationships, while important, are not judged to be of "primary significance." Based, therefore, on a reasonable interpretation of Bulletin 4, this building appears to qualify as a contributing (supporting) resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District. This house is architecturally significant for its representative cross gabled form, and it is historically significant for its association with residential development in Telluride.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This house 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. Part of the dwelling was converted into a garage in the years preceding 1986. A sense of time and place relative to how this building appeared during the earlier part of the twentieth century remains reasonably intact.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible / Contributing to District**

Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Eligible / Supporting 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:

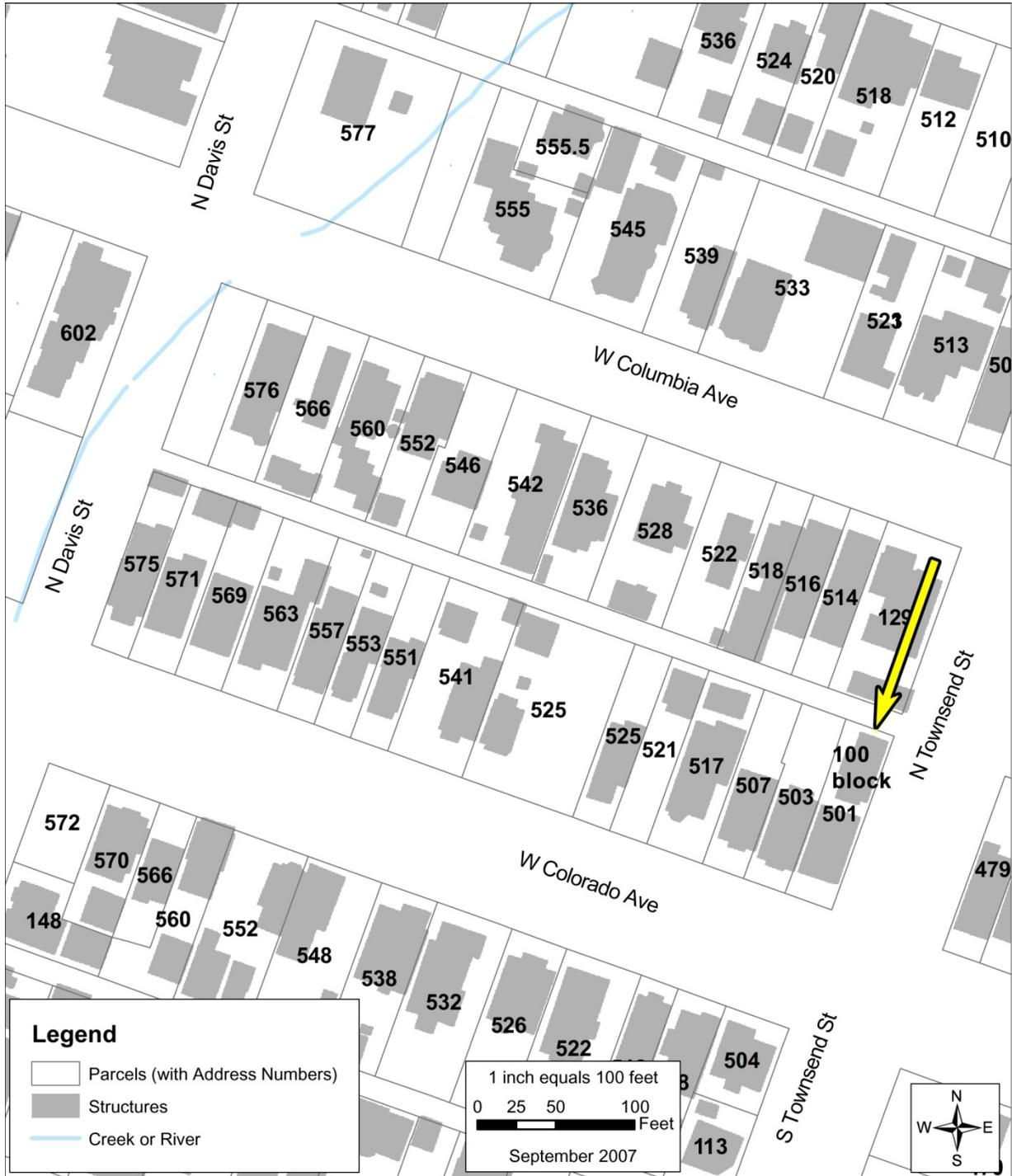
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	CD #7, Images 216-218	CDs filed at:	Town of Telluride
48. Report title:	Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures		Planning and Building Dept.
49. Date(s):	Revised April 10, 2013		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

