

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.1737**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Anderson House, Shane House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Walker House**
- 7. Building Address: **237 N. Townsend Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Lindsey Walker
P. O. Box 750
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s):	456536312001



THLD RATING:	Contributing to District
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **252659 mE** **4202681 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lots 39, 40, Block 10**
 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: **1284 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1½**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof / Gable-on-Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof / Shingle Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney, Segmental Arches, Decorative Shingles, Dormer, Fence**
21. General architectural description:
This 1½-story dwelling features an offset rectangular plan which measures 25' N-S (across) by 42' E-W. It is supported by an unpainted coursed sandstone foundation, while its walls are made of red bricks laid in running bond. A belt course of two projecting brick stretcher courses encircles the building at window sill level. Another belt course, consisting of a sawtooth brick course between two projecting stretcher courses encircles the building at a level near the top of the windows. Two more projecting brick stretcher courses encircle the building just below the roof eaves. The house is covered by a steeply-pitched truncated hipped roof, with an intersecting hipped roof to the west (rear), and an intersecting gable to the east (facade). Painted white variegated wood shingles, and an ornate pierced gable ornament, appear in the facade's upper gable end. The roof is finished with wood shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted white wood trim. A red brick chimney, with a corbelled cap, is located near the center of the truncated hipped roof. A non-historic gabled dormer, with a fixed-pane window, is located on the south-facing roof slope. Another dormer is on the west-facing roof slope. There are four non-historic skylights: three on the north-facing roof slope and one on the south-facing roof slope. The home's asymmetrical facade faces toward Townsend Street on the east elevation. A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, a projecting locking rail, and carved lower panels, enters the facade from an open front porch. The porch measures 9' by 4', and is slightly inset in the south half of the facade. It features a poured concrete floor, two painted white turned columns, and a shed roof. The porch ceiling is painted white bead board.

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A painted white wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, enters an enclosed, 5' by 12', shed-roofed rear porch at the north end of the west elevation. This porch features painted white vertical wood plank walls, and its north wall is penetrated by five 6-light windows. A set of paired 8-light glass-in-wood-frame doors enter the west end of the south elevation from a small deck. A large single-hung sash window penetrates the facade wall north of the front porch. Windows elsewhere are primarily single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted white wood frames and surrounds, and segmental brick arches.

22. Architectural style: **Classic Cottage**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This well-maintained property is located at the southwest corner of N. Townsend Street and W. Galena Avenue. A painted white picket fence encloses a planted grass lawn, landscaped with native flowers, fir and willow trees.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1898-1899**

Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, October 12, 1898, p. 4**

26. Architect: **Unknown**

Source of information: **N/A**

27. Builder: **William Anderson**

Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, October 12, 1898, p. 4**

28. Original owner: **William and Selma Anderson**

Source of information: **Telluride *Daily Journal*, October 12, 1898, p. 4**

29. Construction history:

This house was built in 1898-1899 as a residence for the family of William C. and Selma B. Anderson. On October 12, 1898, the Telluride *Daily Journal* noted that "Wilhelm [*sic*] Anderson is building a neat brick house near the school building on Townsend Street." Other sources, including the 1900 U. S. census and San Miguel County Assessor records document that William and Selma Anderson were the original owners of this house at the southwest corner of N. Townsend Street and W. Galena Avenue. The house is minimally altered from its original construction.

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:

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The 1906 sale of this property was reported by the *Telluride Journal* on July 19th of that year, and as reported, the transaction was between Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Shane:

Wednesday, Mrs. Selma B. Anderson sold the brick cottage and north fifty feet of four lots cornering on North Townsend and West Galena avenue to Mrs. Audrie Shane. Consideration \$2000. Mrs. Shane sold to Mrs. Anderson the north sixty feet of three lots cornering on North Aspen and Columbia avenue for \$800.

Audrie Shane (maiden name unknown) and her husband, James Shane, were both natives of Wisconsin, James having been born in the Badger State in September 1866, followed by Audrie in July 1867. They were married in 1893, and were Telluride residents by the mid-1890s. A daughter, Nina, was born in May 1896. The Shane family lived at 520 W. Colorado Avenue, prior to purchasing this house in 1906, according to the 1900 U. S. census. Mr. Shane worked as an "ore miner", also according to the census. After purchasing this house, Mr. and Mrs. Shane remained Telluride residents for only a few years, as by 1910, they had moved to Glenwood Springs in Garfield County, and by 1930, they had retired to Cortez in Montezuma County.

James and Susan Gowdy owned this property in the 1980s and early 1990s, followed by Marion H. Allen, of Atlanta, Georgia, who was the owner between circa 1996 and 1998. Lindsey Walker, the current owner, purchased the property from the Allen estate in 1998.

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36. Sources of information:

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

Telluride Daily Journal, October 12, 1898, p. 4.

Telluride Daily Journal, June 29, 1901, p. 3.

Telluride Journal, July 19, 1906, p. 3.

"San Miguel County Assessor Data Site." <http://sanmiguel.valuewest.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

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

Town of Telluride Planning Department files.

U. S. Census records.

Walker, Lindsey. Interview with Carl McWilliams

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.

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, Ethnic Heritage / European**

40. Period of significance: **1898-1899; 1898 - 1906**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development, dating from the time of its construction in 1898-1899. The property is also historically significant for its association with William and Selma Anderson who were Swedish immigrants. Persons of Scandinavian descent, particularly from Finland and Sweden, represented Telluride's largest ethnic population, and contributed significantly to the town's social and economic fabric. This house is also architecturally significant for the craftsmanship displayed in its brick construction and for its Classic Cottage style. In addition to the brick construction, notable architectural elements include a pierced gable ornament on the facade, a corbelled brick chimney, segmental brick window arches, and turned porch columns. Displaying an overall high standard of integrity, this property rates as a "contributing" resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District, and may be considered individually eligible for inclusion in the National and State Registers.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This residence 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. Alterations to the historic building include dormers on the side and rear facing roof slopes and four skylights. A sense of time and place relative to how the dwelling appeared in the late 1800s and early 1900s remains intact.

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:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	CD #7, Images 159-162	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 5, 2011		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

