

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.1791/THAS.123**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Calhoun House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Smith House**
- 7. Building Address: **225 N. Willow Street**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Smith Mark and Linda 2003 Trust Dated Fe  
P. O. Box 622  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92607**

Parcel number(s): **456536420002**




**THLD RATING: Primary - Noncontributing Without Qualifications  
Garage/Secondary Residence - Noncontributing Without Qualifications**

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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**  
**SW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036**
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)  
 Zone: **13** **253236 mE** **4202459 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**  
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 11, 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **3610 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **2**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood / Horizontal Siding; Wood / Weatherboard**
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof / Front Gabled Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof / Shingle Roof; Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Dormer**
21. General architectural description:  
**This residence consists of a small, original, single-story, front gabled dwelling, and a very large two-story addition erected in 2004. The original front gabled dwelling features a rectangular plan which measures just 12½' N-S (across) by 20½' E-W (deep). It is supported by a low sandstone foundation, and its exterior walls are clad with painted beige horizontal wood siding with painted brown 1" by 4" corner boards/. The original roof is covered with wood shingles, and the eaves are boxed with painted brown boxed eaves. The original windows are entirely 1/1 double-hung sash with painted brown wood frames and surrounds. A painted brown and beige wood-paneled door enters the south end of the original east elevation from an uncovered stone stoop. Another painted brown and beige wood-paneled door enters the original south elevation from a small concrete porch covered by a shed roof with a bead board eave with sawtooth detailing. The large two-story addition extends west and south of the original dwelling. It features an irregular-shaped plan, a poured concrete foundation, and painted grey horizontal weatherboard exterior walls with painted blue 1" by 4" corner boards. The addition's main roof is a steeply-pitched front gable with metal roofing material and with metal-clad boxed eaves. A shed-roofed wall dormer, with two 1/1 double-hung sash windows, is on the south elevation. The south-facing roof slope is penetrated by skylights. The addition's windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash and casements, with painted blue wood surrounds. A stained natural brown wood-paneled door, with a leaded glass upper sash light and a transom light, enters the north end of the addition's east elevation from an open front porch. This porch measures 11' by 7', and**

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features a floor made of recycled material, a painted blue open wood railing, 6" by 6" wood post supports, and a gabled roof.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements / Neo-Victorian**

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

**This property is located on the west side of Willow Street in the block between Columbia and Galena Avenues. The dwelling and a small planted grass front yard are sited slightly below street level.**

24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

**Garage / Secondary Residence (formerly Shed # THAS 123)**

A Garage / Secondary Residence (formerly Shed # THAS 123) is located adjacent to the alley at the rear of the property. This building consists of a single-story shed-roofed garage (which measures 14' by 19'), and a 1½-story gabled residence (which measures 14' by 16'). The building's poured concrete foundation is covered with rusticated corrugated metal skirting, while the exterior walls are made of stained brown vertical wood planks. The garage's shed roof and the residence's gabled roof are covered with corrugated metal roofing material, and the eaves are closed. A stained brown overhead garage door at the south end of the west elevation opens onto a short concrete driveway which extends to the alley. The entry door into the residence is on the east elevation. Windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung sash.

### IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **Original: circa 1899 Actual:**  
**Addition: 2004**
- Source of information: **Original: Sanborn Insurance maps**  
**Addition: Town of Telluride, Building Permit #s 2003175 and 2004059; San Miguel County Residential Property Appraisal Record**
26. Architect: **Original: Unknown**  
**Addition: Cal Wilbourne**
- Source of information: **Town of Telluride, Building Permit #2003175**
27. Builder: **Original: Unknown**  
**Addition: Mountain Builders / Mark Carlson**
- Source of information: **Town of Telluride, Building Permit #2003175**
28. Original owner: **Edward Calhoun (probably)**
- Source of information: **1900 census**

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29. Construction history:

Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that the small original front gabled portion of this residence was erected between February 1893 and December 1899. San Miguel County Assessor records list 1900 as the year of construction, likely indicating that it was a new dwelling at that time. The small cottage stood largely as originally built through at least the late 1980s. In October 2003, owner Mark Smith was issued a building permit to place the existing house on a new foundation and to construct a large addition. The permit lists Cal Wilbourne as the architect/designer and Mountain Builders / Mark Carlson as the contractor. As described in the permit, the project's scope of work was:

Move existing historic structure & historic shed. Construct foundation for house & detached shed/garage/storage. Replace house and shed (273 sf & 2 story storage 346 sf) on new foundations and construct additions/remodels.

A separate building permit was issued in May 2004 for "structural work permitted on the main residence" and for "interior finish of historic shed" to "enclose a garage and a 2 story 384 sf living area." Certificates of occupancy for the two permits were respectively issued in October 2004 and May 2005.

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 house was built in the mid-to-late 1890s, a time of tremendous growth in Telluride, stimulated by a strong mining economy. Edward and Jennie Calhoun are listed as this home's residents in the 1900 federal census. Edward (Edwin?) Calhoun was born in Missouri in September 1871, while Jennie (maiden name unknown) was born in Michigan in March of 1874. They were married in Michigan circa 1894, and came to Telluride in the late 1890s. By the time of the 1900 census, they had two children: A son, Elwin, born in December 1895, and a daughter, "Babe" born in May 1898. (Later census records indicate that the daughter born in May 1898 was named Vera.) Mr. Calhoun worked as a "clothing agent" and was also involved in mining activities. The Calhoun family lived in Telluride until sometime in the 1910s when they moved south to Delores County. Walter and Barbara Lance, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, owned this property in the 1980s.

36. Sources of information:

"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.

Town of Telluride Building Department building permit files.

U. S. Census Records.

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

39. Area(s) of significance:    **N/A**

40. Period of significance:    **N/A**

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

42. Statement of significance:

**This property is historically significant for its association with Telluride's residential development through the early 1900s. Due to a substantial loss of integrity, the primary residence and the garage/secondary residence (formerly Shed # THAS 123) rate as "noncontributing without qualifications" resources within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.**

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

**This property displays extremely poor 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. A very large addition to the small original front gabled dwelling is badly incompatible in terms of its size, scale, height, and placement. Although the original dwelling was preserved, and an attempt was made for the addition to appear as a separate dwelling, its relatively large size overshadows and negatively impacts the small original dwelling. The integrity of the historic shed (THAS #123) was also diminished when it was enlarged and converted into a garage / secondary residence. This property's sense of time and place has been lost.**

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### VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not Individually Eligible**  
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: **Noncontributing Without Qualifications**
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 304-307** 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 10, 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

