

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Official Eligibility Determination
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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.1819/THAS120**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Margowski House, Nardin House**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Smith House**
- 7. Building Address: **321 N. Willow Street (Shed on 329 N. Willow)**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Donald Herman Smith and Jeanne Koppen Smith Trust
P.O. Box 36
Telluride, CO 81435**

Parcel number(s): **456536419012**



THLD RATING:	Primary - Contributing to District Shed - Contributing to District –Move to 329 N. Willow
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **43N** Range: **9W**
NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 036
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **253263 mE** **4202533 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 5, 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): **Irregular Plan**
15. Dimensions in feet: **1525 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Wood/Horizontal Siding**
18. Roof configuration: **Hipped Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Metal Roof**
20. Special features: **Porch, Chimney**
21. General architectural description:
This single-family residence consists of the following elements: a main (original) two-story hipped-roof section which measures 26½' N-S by 28' E-W; a lower hipped-roof addition, with a walkout basement-level garage, to the west (rear) elevation which measures 16' N-S by 20½' E-W; a small, 5½' N-S by 9' E-W, shed-roofed addition to the north elevation of the main two-story section; a shed-roofed addition to the north elevation of the lower hipped-roof section, which measures 10' N-S by 18½' E-W; a section of rough-formed concrete construction which extends from the north end of the west elevation and measures 11' N-S by 24½' E-W. (Historically detached from the dwelling, this concrete structure was built at the same time as the original house, and was used primarily as a coal shed.)

The main two-story section is of wood frame construction, supported by a concrete and stone foundation, with a stone floor in the basement. Its exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood siding, with painted brown 1" by 4" corner boards. The hipped roof is steeply-pitched, with metal roofing material, and with painted yellow and brown boxed eaves. A boxed chimney is located on the roof ridge. This section's windows are entirely single or paired 1/1 double-hung sash with painted brown wood surrounds. A symmetrical façade faces toward Willow Street on the east elevation. A painted cream white wood-paneled front door, with one upper sash light and a transom light, and covered by a painted cream white wood screen door, enters the center of the façade

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from a full-width open front porch. This porch measures 26½' N-S by 6' E-W, and features a concrete floor, painted brown and cream white turned columns and engaged columns, and a low-pitched hipped roof. Interestingly, the interior walls upstairs are made of 1" by 12" planks with no studs or other framing.

The walkout basement level garage in the lower hipped-roof section (which extends from the west elevation of the main two-story section) has a concrete floor and concrete walls. The upper section of this extension is of wood frame construction. Its exterior walls are clad with painted yellow horizontal wood exterior siding, with painted brown 1" by 4" corner boards. This section's hipped roof is less steeply pitched, but is also covered with metal roofing material with painted yellow and brown boxed eaves. A painted cream white wood-paneled door, with two upper sash lights, and covered by a silver aluminum storm door, enters this section's south elevation from an uncovered wood deck. This deck measures 8' N-S by 15' E-W, and is approached by 14 wooden steps at its west end. Two sets of paired, painted yellow and brown, garage doors enter the basement-level garage on the west elevation. These garage doors are side hinged with metal strap hinges. Windows on this section are primarily single, paired, and tripled single-light fixed frames.

The 11' by 24½' concrete section at the north end of the west elevation has a rough-formed concrete floor, walls and roof. The roof is nearly flat, but slightly convex. A stovepipe flue extended through the west end of the roof at an earlier point in time. A side-hinged door, of plywood construction, enters the south end of this section's west elevation. Two 4-light windows and one plywood-filled window penetrate the south elevation of this section. A vertical wood plank filled window penetrates its west elevation. A historic electric motor is located inside the concrete section. It is stamped:

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL MFG CO
CANEDY OTTO
NEW NO. 16
REPULSION INDUCTION MOTOR."

A drill press and a forge with accommodation for a set of bellows are also located within the concrete section.

Some years ago, the property's owners discovered a "secret room" beneath the basement floor. This room has a domed ceiling of concrete construction with timber supports, and it contains historic mining and/or milling equipment perhaps including a small ball mill. A closed arched doorway at the west end of the room perhaps once provided access to a tunnel which led to the west.

The small shed-roofed extension to the main north elevation was reportedly built as part of a bathroom, but later converted to other uses. Its foundation, walls, and roof materials are similar to that of the main section of the house.

22. Architectural style:

Building type: **Foursquare**

23. Landscape or special setting features:

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This property is located on the west side of Willow Street, the third house north of (above) Galena Avenue. The house is sited below street level behind a stone retaining wall. The site is marked by mature natural landscaping features.

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24. Associated buildings, features or objects:

Shed (THAS #120)

A small historic shed (THAS #120) of wood frame construction is located northwest of this dwelling, and was historically associated with this property. The shed is now under separate ownership, however, since the property was subdivided and a modern residence, with the address 329 N. Willow Street was erected next door to the south. Although it was historically associated with this property at 321 N. Willow Street, the shed, thus, is now part of the property with the new house, next door at 329 N. Willow Street. The shed is supported by wood timbers on a low random stone foundation, and its exterior walls are made of unpainted horizontal weatherboard. The shed is covered by a steeply-pitched front gable roof, with wood shingles and boxed eaves. An unpainted wood-paneled door enters the east end of the south elevation. A 2/2 double-hung sash window, with its panes missing, penetrates the south elevation west of the entry door. A metal-covered opening penetrates the west elevation.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: Actual: **1899**
 Source of information: *Telluride Journal*, April 8, 1899; Sanborn Insurance maps
26. Architect: **Frank Margowski**
 Source of information: *Telluride Journal*, April 8, 1899
27. Builder: **Frank Margowski**
 Source of information: *Telluride Journal*, April 8, 1899
28. Original owner: **Frank Margowski**
 Source of information: *Telluride Journal*, April 8, 1899

29. Construction history:

Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that this house was built between February 1893 and December 1899. Further, the 1900 U.S. census indicates that the Margowski family resided at this address in Telluride, and an article in the *Telluride Journal* documents that the house was built in the spring of 1899. On April 8th of that year, the *Journal* reported:

Quality Hill is having a building boom of considerable proportions. Frank Margowski has almost enclosed his new two-story, eight-room residence, and J.S. Obert has a ten-room house well underway at the corner of Willow Street and Galena Avenue. Grades and foundations for several more residences in this vicinity are in progress. At least half a dozen new homes will be built there this spring.

The December 1899 Sanborn map depicts this dwelling without its additions, and with the concrete structure to the rear (now connected to the dwelling) as detached. The 1904 and 1908 Sanborn maps depict the house with a small addition to the north end of its west elevation, and they depict the concrete coal shed structure with an extension to its east elevation facing toward the alley. The 1922 Sanborn map depicts the house with a somewhat larger rear addition, and with a shed-roofed addition to its north elevation. The 1922 Sanborn map also depicts the coal shed with a larger extension to its east elevation, labeled "A" for Automobile, indicating it was used as a garage.

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The 1899, 1904, and 1908 Sanborn maps all depict a secondary structure at or near the present location of the shed (THAS #120, described above in section 24). The 1922 Sanborn map, however, depicts a dwelling, adjacent to the alley, at that location. The alley dwelling no longer exists, and thus the extant shed (THAS #120) was apparently erected sometime after the alley house was removed subsequent to 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:

This house was built in 1899, and was originally owned and occupied by the family of Frank and Eliza "Lizzie" Margowski. Of Polish/German ancestry, Frank Margowski was born in Illinois in September of 1857. Eliza Margowski (nee Graham) was also born in Illinois, in August of 1860, to parents of Irish heritage. Frank and Eliza were married in 1886, and within a year they had moved to Colorado. A son, Francis G. (also known as Frank G.) was born in September of 1887, followed by another son, William S., born in February of 1895. Mr. Margowski worked as a miner, in and around Telluride and Ouray, during the late 1890s and early 1900s. By 1904, son Frank G. had obtained employment as a pastry cook at the Tomboy and Smuggler Mines. The 1900 U.S. census lists the Margowski family at this address, along with two "lodgers" Thomas H. McCabe, age 29, and Eliza McCabe, age 40. The census lists Mr. Margowski's occupation as "miner" while the McCabes' occupations are listed respectively as "tailor" and "tailoress." Thomas and Eliza McCabe were perhaps brother and sister, as the census also indicates they were both unmarried.

By 1910, the Margowskis had moved from Telluride and had sold this house to the family of Paul and Dominica Nardin. The 1910 U.S. census lists Lizzie A. Margowski, age 49, and sons Francis G., age 22, and William S., age 15, as residing at 923 Stout Street in Denver. Lizzie's occupation is listed as "Milliner Shop" while son Francis is listed as employed by the Teamster Paint Company. Mr. Margowski was not located in the 1910 census; however, the 1920 census lists him, at age 63, as widowed and residing at 2818 S. Bannock Street in Englewood. The 1920 census also lists his son, Frank G. Margowski (Francis), then age 31, and his family, living nearby at 2410 S. Lincoln Street, in south Denver. Frank G. and his wife Lola, age 24, were the parents of two children: a son Frank G. Jr., born on July 28, 1917 and a daughter, June R., born in late 1918 or early 1919. Frank's occupation is listed as "Creditman Paint Store" perhaps indicating he was still employed with the Teamster Paint Company. His son, Frank G. Margowski, Jr., served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He passed away on April 7, 1996 and is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Members of the Nardin family owned and occupied this house from circa 1908 until sometime in the late 1950s or into the 1960s. Of Austrian/Italian heritage, Paul Nardin was born on July 3, 1873. He immigrated to America in 1898, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1904. (Early census records show his name as "Parlo Nardine.") Dominica Nardin (maiden name unknown) was born in Italy on October 18, 1883, and immigrated to America in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Nardin were married in 1903, and within a few years they were living in this home in Telluride.

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They had three children: Emma, born in 1905, William L., born in 1906, and Esther, born in 1910. Paul Nardin and his brother Louis Nardin operated a retail liquor business together in Telluride during the early 1900s. By 1930, though, Paul Nardin worked as a miner as that year's census lists his occupation as "Miner / Quartz Mine."

Earlier, in 1900, the Louis Nardin family resided in Pueblo (according to that year's census). Members of the Louis Nardin family at that time were: Louis (born in Austria or Italy in 1867); his wife, Ida (born in Austria or Italy in 1867), a son Julises [sp?] (born March 1892), a son Jemmine [sp?] (born August 1886), a son Richard (born June 1898), a daughter Elmeria (born March 1900).

Paul Nardin died in February 1958 at the age of 85. Dominica, his widow, passed away, in Grand Junction, in November of 1975 at the age of 92. Their son William Louis, who had been born in 1906, and who grew up in Telluride was married in October of 1931. Louis' son, Paul (apparently named for his grandfather), was born on July 3, 1932. He lived in Telluride for much of his life before he passed away in 1985. He is interred at the Cedar Cemetery in Montrose.

From 1970 to the present (2010) this property has been owned by Donald H. and Jeanne K. Smith. The Smiths acquired the property from "Whispering Jim" Dalpaz in the fall of 1970. They used it as a family vacation home for many years before moving here permanently in 2000.

36. Sources of information:

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

Telluride Daily Journal, April 8, 1899, p. 5.

Telluride Daily Journal, September 16, 1899, p. 5.

Telluride Daily Journal, August 19, 1899, p. 2.

Fourteenth Census of the United States, Ward 1, Englewood, Arapahoe County, Colorado (reference Margowski).

Fourteenth Census of the United States, Ward 3, Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado (reference Nardin[e]).

Thirteenth Census of the United States, Ward 5, Denver County, Colorado (reference Margowski).

Thirteenth Census of the United States, Precinct 1, Northeast Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado (reference Nardin).

Twelfth Census of the United States, Precinct 1, East Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado (reference Margowski).

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.

Smith, Jeanne, and Smith, Donald. Oral interview with Carl McWilliams, November 2009.

Telluride Museum Digital Photo Collection: <http://www.telluridemuseum.org>

Trommer, Rosemary Wahtola. *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Walking Tour*. Telluride: Telluride Historical Museum, 2001.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This property displays an overall 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. Although the dwelling was somewhat altered during the early decades of the 1900s, it has been minimally changed during the last half century. A sense of time and place of a turn of the twentieth century dwelling, dating from Telluride's mining boom days, 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

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| 47. Photograph number(s): | CD #6; Images 176-181 | CDs filed at: | Town of Telluride |
| 48. Report title: | Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures | | Planning and Building Dept. |
| 49. Date(s): | December 20, 2010 | | 113 West Columbia Avenue |
| 50. Recorder(s): | Carl McWilliams, Karen McWilliams | | 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

