

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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.1552**
- 2. Temporary resource number: **N/A**
- 3. County: **San Miguel**
- 4. City: **Telluride**
- 5. Historic Building Name: **Saloon**
- 6. Current Building Name: **Down to Earth**
- 7. Building Address: **124 E. Colorado Avenue**
- 8. Owner Name and Address: **Robert C- and Bruce E. Millar
901 Calle De Julio
Green Valley, AZ 85614**

Parcel number(s):

477901123003



THLD RATING:	Contributing to District
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II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **New Mexico** Township: **42N** Range: **9W**
 $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1
10. UTM reference (Datum: NAD27)
 Zone: **13** **253077 mE** **4202315 mN**
11. USGS quad name: **Telluride, Colorado**
 Year: **1955** Map scale: **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **Lot 72, Block 8**
 Addition: **Telluride Original Townsite** Year of addition:
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: **Length: 100 feet x Width: 15 feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
18. Roof configuration: **Flat Roof**
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
20. Special features: **Roof Treatment/Decorative Cornice
Window/Stained Glass**
21. General architectural description:
This single-story brick commercial building measures 100' N-S (deep) by just 15' E-W (across). Containing a single storefront, the building's façade fronts directly onto the concrete sidewalk which parallels Colorado Avenue on the north elevation. A painted black wood-paneled door, with one upper sash light, and with sidelights and a transom light, enters the building from within a recessed entryway at the west end of the façade. Two additional windows are located above the transom light. The entryway is flanked on its east side by a round, painted turquoise, cast iron column, and on its west side by a square, fluted, painted turquoise cast iron column. A plate at the base of the square column is stamped "TELLURIDE IRON WORKS." A large 4-light fixed-pane display window, with a leaded and stained glass transom light, penetrates the façade wall to the east of the entry. The wood-paneled kickplate below the window is penetrated by a painted black metal coal chute cover. A painted turquoise cornice, with painted buff red accents, and with a dentil course, extends along the top of the entryway and window. Above this cornice, the upper façade wall is made of red brick laid in running bond, with corbelling near the top. Exposed concrete appears along the top of the façade wall, where a cornice which apparently once existed has been removed. The building's long west (side) elevation is fully exposed, and is made of red brick laid in running bond. The west (side) elevation is not exposed. A tall, 2-story, wood-frame, shed-roofed addition to the south (rear) elevation measures approximately 38' N-S by 15' E-W. It is supported by a high painted white concrete block foundation, and its exterior walls are made of unpainted board and batten. A set of paired 1/1 double-hung sash windows penetrate the addition's west elevation, and another 1/1 double-hung window penetrates its east elevation. Service doors enter the addition's first and second stories. A wooden staircase ascends to the second story door .

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22. Architectural style: **Late 19th And Early 20th Century American Movements/Commercial Style**
 Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:
This building is located on the south side of Colorado Avenue in downtown Telluride, in the block between Spruce and Pine Streets.

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

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of construction: Estimate: **1900** Actual:
 Source of information: **Sanborn Insurance maps, December 1899 and July 1904; San Miguel County Assessor records.**

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 building was probably constructed between 1899 and 1904, Earlier Sanborn maps, produced in 1886, 1890, 1893, and 1899, depict a smaller building on this lot, which does not extend as far to the south (rear) as the building depicted on the 1904, 1908 and 1922 Sanborn maps. The original building was probably of wood frame construction, and was most likely replaced by the extant brick building between 1899 and 1904. A two-story, shed-roofed, wood frame addition has been built onto the rear of the historic brick building.

30. Original location: Moved: Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Bar**
 32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Bar**
 33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade/Specialty Store**
 34. Site type(s): **One-story, single-storefront, late 19th or early 20th century brick commercial building.**

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35. Historical background:

Sanborn Insurance maps indicate that this building was probably erected between 1899 and 1904, and that it served as a saloon until Prohibition when it became a "soft drinks" parlor. It likely became a saloon again after the end of prohibition. The Belmont Liquor Store was located in the building in the 1980s. Presently (in 2007), it is occupied by "Down to Earth" offering "eco-friendly and handmade gifts, jewelry and clothing."

36. Sources of information:

Colorado Business Directory listings for Telluride, 1881-1950.

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.

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).

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: **Architecture, Commerce, Settlement**

40. Period of significance: **1878-1913**

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

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42. Statement of significance:

This building is architecturally significant as good local example of a reasonably intact, small, single-story, brick commercial building. It is also architecturally notable for such details as its cast iron columns (manufactured locally by the Telluride Iron Works), and the corbelled brickwork along the top of the façade wall. It is also historically significant for its association with Telluride's commercial development. The building, therefore, may be considered a contributing resource within the Telluride National Historic Landmark District.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This building 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. A rear addition diminishes the historic building's integrity to some extent.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: **Not 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:

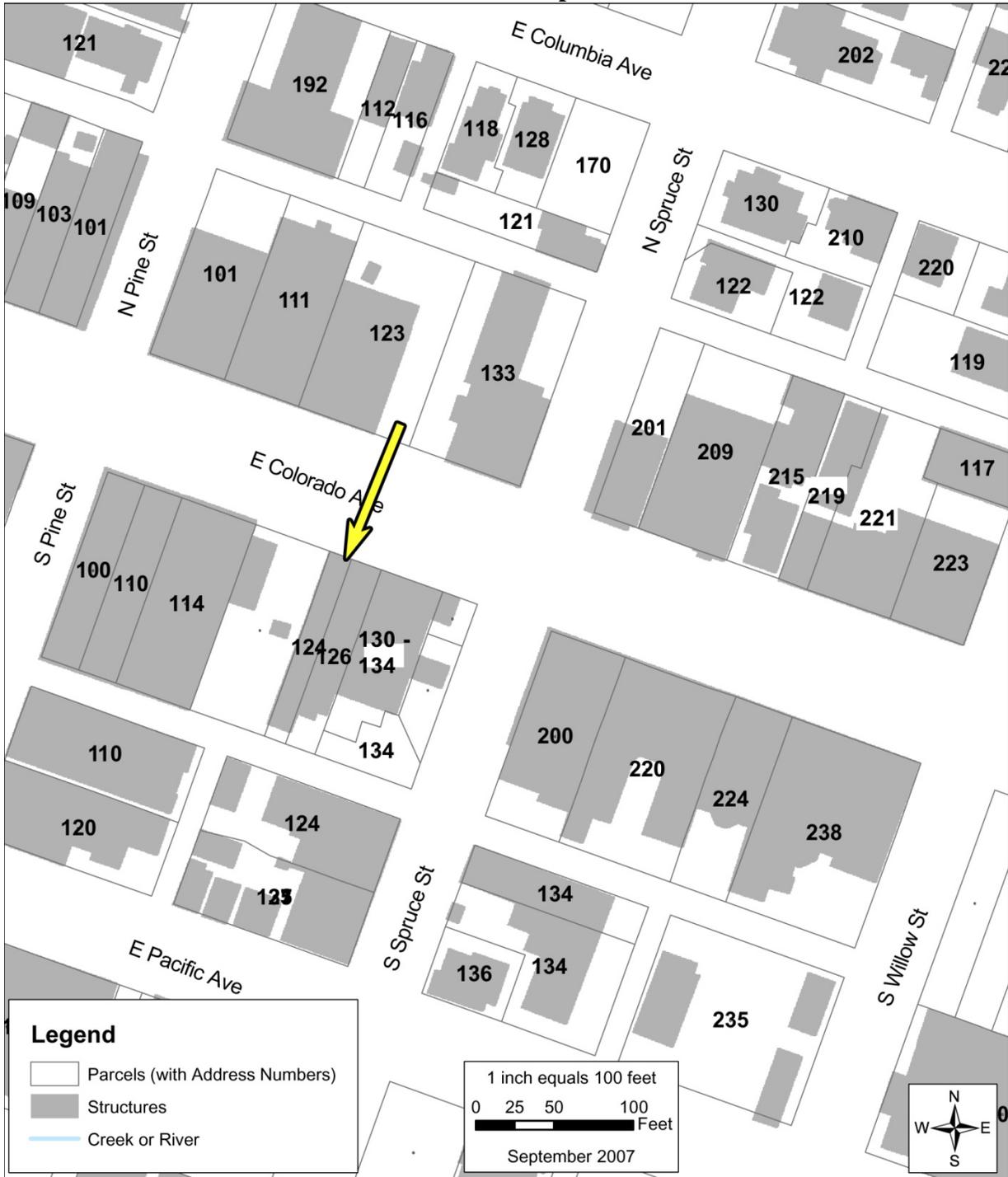
46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing Noncontributing N/A:

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph number(s):	CD #3, Images 88-93	CDs filed at:	Town of Telluride
48. Report title:	Town of Telluride Re-Survey of Historic Structures		Planning and Building Department
49. Date(s):	06/30/07; revised 4/10/2012		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

